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# Sulfated phenolic compounds from *Limonium caspium*: Isolation, structural elucidation, and biological evaluation

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# Abstract

Three new compounds, (2S,3S)-5-methyldihydromyricetin (1), (2S,3S)-5-

methyldihydromyricetin-3'-O-sulfate (2) and  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3-methyl, but-3-en-1-yl 4-Oα-L-rhamnopyranosyl (3) have been isolated from the *Limonium caspium*, together with dihydromyricetin (4), dihydromyricetin-3'-O-sulfate (5), myricetin-3'-O-sulfate (6), 5methylmyricetin (7), myricetin (8), myricetin-3-O- $\beta$ -glucoside (9), as well as phloridzin (10), and tyramine (11). Compounds 5 and 6 were isolated for the first time as acids. This is the first report of all these compounds from this plant. Their structures were established by extensive NMR studies (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, DEPT, <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC, HMBC) as well as HRESIMS. All isolated compounds were evaluated for their antibacterial, antifungal, antimalarial and antileishmanial activities. Compounds 7, 8 and 9 exhibited good antifungal activity against *Candida glabrata* with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.79, 15.37 and 8.53 µg/mL, respectively. Compound 8 displayed significant antimalarial activity against resistant and sensitive strains of *Plasmodium falciparum* with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.82 and 1.51 µg/mL, respectively. Compounds 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9 showed excellent activity against *Trypanosoma brucei* with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.93, 9.65, 8.52, 7.67 and 6.31 µg/mL, respectively. To date, this is the first report on the phytochemical and biological activity of secondary metabolites from *L. caspium*.

## Keywords

*Limonium caspium*; Sulfated flavonoids; Myricetin; Dihydromyricetin; Antimalarial; Antifungal; Antileishmanial

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# 1. Introduction

Ethnopharmacology, the study of plants traditionally used for medical purposes with the aim of discovering their pharmacological properties, is a promising area for the discovery of novel medicinal compounds [1]. Salt tolerant plants, known as halophytes, for example, have traditionally been used to treat a wide variety of medical conditions, including viruses and other diseases and symptoms of aging, and continue to be used in rural areas for these therapeutic purposes [2]. Among the more than 2500 known salt-tolerant halophytes there are several that could be useful as cash crops. *Cakile maritima* has various potential medical uses, including antiscorbutic, diuretic, purgative and digestive properties [3]. The Limonium genus of salt-tolerant halophytes has a number of potentially useful species. As examples, *Limonium brasiliense* has been reported to treat arthritis and fever [5], *Limonium tetragonum* and *Limonium sinense* have been reported to possess antiviral properties [6], and *Limonium axillare* and *Limonium californicum* have been shown to possess antibacterial and cytotoxic effects [7].

As a part of our search for novel, plant-derived biological agents, *Limonium caspium* was studied. Previous phytochemical studies of Limonium revealed the presence of several kinds of active chemical components such as polysaccharides, tannins, alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenes, aliphatic compounds, amino acids, and minerals [8]. The present study was aimed to investigate the constituent of *L. caspium* aerial parts. The fractionation, isolation and structural elucidation yielded a total of **11** compounds, which are shown in Fig. 1. All isolated compounds were evaluated for their antimalarial, antileishmanial, antifungal and antimicrobial activities.

## 2. Results and discussion

In this study the ethanolic extract derived from the aerial parts of *L. caspium* was subjected to multiple chromatographic fractionations over silica gel yielding a series of myricetin derivatives including two new dihydromyricetins: (2S,3S)-5-methyldihydromyricetin (1), and (2S,3S)-5-methyldihydromyricetin-3'-*O*-sulfate (2), six previously reported myricetins; dihydromyricetin (4) [9], dihydromyricetin-3'-*O*-sulfate (5) [11], myricetin-3'-*O*-sulfate (6) [11], 5-methylmyricetin (7), myricetin (8) [10], myricetin-3- $\beta$ -glucoside (9) [12], and a new  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3-methyl, but-3-en-1-yl 4-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl (3), phloridzin (10) [13], and tyramine (11) [14] (Fig. 1).

Compound 1 was isolated as a yellowish amorphous solid. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed a three proton singlet signal at  $\delta_H$  3.75, suggesting one methoxy group, and two protons resonating at  $\delta_H$  6.38 (2H, d, J = 2.16 Hz) related to the B-ring (H-2' and H-6'). A dihydromyricetin skeleton was evident from the coupling pattern of C-3 and C-2, which resonate at  $\delta_H$  4.16 (1H, d, J = 10.6), and  $\delta_H$  4.81 (1H, d, J = 10.45). Analysis of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum and DEPT experiments, confirmed a dihydromyricetin moiety with the presence of a ketone carbonyl signal at  $\delta_C$  189.8, and a typical non-substituted A-ring with signals at  $\delta_C$  93.3 and 95.5 for C-8 and C-6, respectively. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopic data of 1 were found to be similar to those of dihydromyricetin (4) [9] except for the presence of a methoxy

group (Table 1). The nature and identity of this dihydromyricetin were deduced from the NMR experiments (COSY, NOESY, TOCSY, and HSQC). HMBC correlations allowed the complete assignments: the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.81 (1H, d, J = 10.45 Hz, H-2) showed strong correlation with the carbon at  $\delta_C$  106.9 (C-2') and a weak one with  $\delta_C$  127.5 (C-1'), as well as, the correlation between the signal at  $\delta_H$  6.38 (2H, s) and the signals at  $\delta_C$  82.7 (C-2),  $\delta_C$ 145.8 (C-3'), and  $\delta_{\rm C}$  133.4 (C-4') (Table 1). The position of the methoxy group assigned through the strong correlation of the signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.75 with the carbon C-5 resonating at  $\delta_{\rm C}$ 162.2, which together with published data [9], identified this compound (1) as 4H-1benzopyran-4-one, 2,3-dihydro-3,5-dihydroxy-5-methoxy-2-(3,4,5-trihydroxyphenyl). Compound 1 had  $[M + H]^+$  and  $[M - H]^-$  ions in the HRESIMS at m/z 335.0750 and 333.0393 respectively, which is consistent with the molecular formula  $C_{16}H_{14}O_8$ . To determine the absolute configuration of the stereogenic center at C-2 and C-3, its ECD spectrum was measured and compared to calculated values for the 2R,3R and 2S,3S enantiomers. While both 2R,3S and 2S,3R enantiomers were eliminated based on the coupling constant of the signals for H-2 and H-3. The two proton signals of 1 were double and double peaks: 4.81 (1H, J = 10.45 Hz, 2-H), 4.16 (1H, J = 10.6 Hz, 3-H), whereas in its 2R,3S isomer they were both single peaks, which indicated that 2-H and 3-H are either 2R, 3R or 2S, 3S enantiomers [27]. The experimental ECD spectrum showed a positive Cotton effect at 197 nm and a negative Cotton effect at 217 nm (Fig. 2). The B3LYP/6-31G simulated ECD spectrum [28] for 2S, 3S enantiomer, generated from 40 excited states using Gaussian band shapes for the peaks, had peaks at 197 and 217 nm. The calculated ECD of the 2S,3S enantiomer showed excellent agreement with the experimental data. The compound 1 is a newly reported dihydromyricetin-5-methyl ether, and is named (2S,3S)-5methylampelopsin.

Compound 2 was obtained as a pale yellow, amorphous powder. Treating compound 2 with 10%  $H_2SO_4$  and heating on TLC gave a yellowish pink color. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Table 2) of **2** showed a meta-coupled two doublet proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.10 (*J* = 1.96 Hz) and 5.98 (*J* = 1.64 Hz) corresponding to the C-6 and C-8 protons of a flavonoid skeleton. Protons at  $\delta_H$ 7.05 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-1') and 6.87 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-6') showed meta-coupled doublets related to a flavonoid B-ring, which suggests that this ring possesses an unsymmetrical 3',4',5'-trisubstituted pattern. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2** revealed 15 carbon signals, including & 82.9 (C-2), 72.9 (C-3), and 191.4 (C-4), which are characteristic features of a flavanonol moiety. Dihydromyricetin (4) showed good agreement with the carbon chemical shifts of 2 (Table 2), except those of the B-ring [& 128.0 (C-1'), 113.3 (C-2'), 146.3 (C-3'), 138.0 (C-4'), 140.2 (C-5'), and 112.0 (C-6')] and the C-5 of the A-ring. Compound 2 has  $[M + H]^-$  ion in the HRESIMS at m/z 414.02053 consistent with the molecular formula  $C_{16}H_{14}O_{11}S$ . The structure of 2 was suggested to be 3'-O-sulfatemethyldihydromyricetin. The effect of O-sulfate as an electron-withdrawing group was observed in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum [15]. The carbon atoms ortho to the sulfate group show a down-field shift of 5.1–6.9 ppm, which is the result of decreased electron density. This contrasts with the up-field shift of 3.7 ppm shown by the carbon atom bound to the sulfate group, which results from an increased electron density. These are in line with the chemical shifts calculated in the past for quercetin-3'-sulfate and phloroglucinol sulfates [16]. The experimental ECD spectrum showed a negative Cotton effect peak at 217 nm and a positive

Cotton effect peak at 197 nm (Fig. 2) which is similar to that of **1**. Based on these results, (2S,3S)-3'-O-sulfate-5-O-methyldihyd-romyricetin was assigned as the structure of **2**. Two other sulfate flavonoids, **5** and **6**, were isolated in acidic form for the first time and were identified by spectroscopic analysis and comparison of the resulting data with the literature [11]. Although sulfated compounds occur ubiquitously in higher plants, it is unclear what physiological significance these compounds have in plants. It is possible that they play a role in neutralizing reactive hydroxyl groups. In addition, because these compounds accumulate in plants which grow in saline conditions, it is possible that they play a role in sequestering sulfate ions [17]. The presence of many sulfated-form flavonoids is well-known in plants [15]. Lignan, (+)-isoloarisiresinol-3 $\alpha$ -O-sulfate [18], and the coumarin sulfates [19], both containing sulfated alcohol groups, are examples of other types of phenolic sulfates.

Compound 3 gave  $[M + Na]^+$  and  $[M + Cl]^-$  ions in the HRESIMS at m/z 417.1737 and 429.1544 respectively, consistent with the molecular formula  $C_{17}H_{30}O_{10}$ . The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum displayed two anomeric proton signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.19 (1H, s br) and 4.36 (1H, d, J=7.6 Hz), corresponding to rhamnose and glucose anomeric protons, respectively. The  ${}^{13}C$ NMR displayed signals at 16.6 (C-6"; q), 68.3 (C-5"; d), 72.6 (C-4"; d) 70.4 (C-3"; d), 70.9 (C-2"; d) and 100.8 (C-1"; d) attributable to a terminal  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnose, while the  $\delta_C$  61.3 (C-6'; t), 76.3 (C-5'; d), 77.9 (C-4'; d), 77.7 (C-3'; d), 70.8 (C-2'; d) and 101.6 (C-1'; d) illustrated the inner  $\beta$ -D-glucose (Table 3). The glycosylation shift of the C-4' [20,21] suggested that the terminal rhamnose unit is connected to the C-4' of the glucose moiety. In addition to the signals for the sugars, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed signals representative of one methyl at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.75 (3H, s), one aliphatic methylene at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.36 (2H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), one hydroxyl methylene at  $\delta_{H}$  4.0 (1H, m) and 3.6 (1H, m) and an exomethylene at  $\delta H$  1.75 (2H, d, J = 6.9 Hz). Their <sup>13</sup>C NMR signals appeared at  $\delta_C$  21.5 (C-5; q), 37.3 (C-2; t) 67.8 (C-1; t), 110.7 (C-4; t) and 142.3 (C-3; s), respectively, suggesting the presence of CH<sub>2</sub>==C(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-. In the HMBC experiment H-1' showed a clear correlation with C-1, and H-1" with C-3' and C-2'. In the HMBC experiment the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.75 (3H, s) showed strong correlations with the carbon at  $\delta_C$  142.3 (C-3), 110.7 (C-4) and 37.3 (C-2), as well as, the correlations between the signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.36 (1H, t, J=7.6) and the signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$ 142.3 (C-3), 110.7 (C-4) and 67.8 (C-1). The assignments were based on COSY, HMBC and HMQC correlations. The above evidence was used to propose the structure of compound **3** which is  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3-methyl, but-3-en-1-yl 4-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl (Fig. 1).

The structures of the known compounds were confirmed by comparison of their spectroscopic properties with published data. To date, this is the first phytochemical and biological evaluation of *L. caspium*. The isolated compounds **1–11** (Fig. 1) were evaluated for their antibacterial, antifungal, antimalarial and antileishmanial activities. The antibacterial activities were evaluated using *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Methicillin-resistant S. aureus* (*MRSA*), *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa, and Mycobacterium intracellulare*. None of these compounds showed in vitro antibacterial activity. The antifungal activities were evaluated against a panel of pathogenic fungi (*Candida albicans, Candida glabrata, Candida krusei, Cryptococcus neoformans*, and *Aspergillus fumigatus*) associated with opportunistic infections. Compounds **7**, **8** and **9** exhibited good antifungal activity against *C. glabrata* with an IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.79, 15.37 and 8.53 µg/mL, respectively.

Compound **8** showed potent antimalarial activity against both resistant and sensitive strains of *Plasmodium falciparum* with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.82 and 1.51 µg/mL, respectively. Compounds **1**, **4**, **6**, **8** and **9** showed significant activity against *Trypanosoma brucei* with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.93, 9.65, 8.52, 7.67 and 6.31 µg/mL, respectively. Compounds **1**–**11** were evaluated at a concentration of 10 µM for their affinity to bind with cannabinoid (CB1 and CB2) and opioid (mu, kappa and delta) receptors. None of these compounds showed affinity for these receptors.

# 3. Experimental

#### 3.1. Plant material and extraction

The plant, *L. caspium* (Willd), was collected during its flowering stage on July, 29th 2004 in the piedmont steppe of the Ulytau Mountains and identified by Botanical Garden, Institute of Botany and Phytointroduction, Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The aerial parts (0.24 kg) were air-dried followed by grinding in a Willey-Mill plant grinder. Ground plant material was extracted at room temperature using two different solvents, methylene chloride (1.7 L) and ethanol (2.2 L) provided 7.4 g and 11.3 g respectively of the crude extracts after evaporation of the solvents. Lastly, extraction with water (2.5 L) provided 17.8 g of extract after lyophilization to remove the water.

#### 3.2. Isolation

The ethanol extract of *L. caspium* (11.3 g) was fractionated using column chromatography with reversed phase C18 silica gel stepwise from water to methanol to yield seven fractions (water; 4:1 H<sub>2</sub>O–MeOH; 3:2 H<sub>2</sub>O–MeOH; 1:1 H<sub>2</sub>O–MeOH; 2:3 H<sub>2</sub>O–MeOH; 1:4 H<sub>2</sub>O– MeOH and MeOH). The fraction eluted with water was subsequently chromatographed on an open column using reversed phase C18 silica gel starting with water and followed with a stepwise gradient elution to MeOH, yielding nine subfractions (water (1); 95:5 H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH (2); 90:10 H<sub>2</sub>O–MeOH (3); 80:20 H<sub>2</sub>O–MeOH (4); 70:30 H<sub>2</sub>O–MeOH (5); 60:40 H<sub>2</sub>O– MeOH (6); 40:60 H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH (7); 20:80 H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH (8) and MeOH (9)). The subfraction (2), eluted with 5% MeOH in water, was rechromatographed using Sephadex LH-20 eluted with methanol to afford compounds 2(22 mg) and 5(12 mg). Subfraction (3), eluted with 10% MeOH in water, was rechromatographed using Sephadex LH-20 eluted with methanol to yield compounds 1 (34 mg), 7 (33 mg) and 4 (15 mg). Subfraction (4), eluted with 20% MeOH in water, was rechromatographed using Sephadex LH-20 eluted with MeOH yielding eighteen subfractions (A-R) (50 mL each). Subfraction P and Q afforded as compound 8 (50 mg). Subfraction E was purified on Sephadex LH-20 to furnish compound **11** (6 mg). Compound 10 (25 mg) was purified with Sephadex LH-20 eluted with MeOH from subfraction (7), eluted with 60% MeOH in water. The subfraction (5), eluted with 30% MeOH in water, was rechromatographed on Sephadex LH-20 eluted with methanol to yield compounds **3** (15 mg), **6** (12 mg), and **9** (21 mg).

#### 3.3. General experimental procedures

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker model AMX 500 NMR spectrometer with standard pulse sequences, operating at 500 MHz in <sup>1</sup>H and 125 MHz in <sup>13</sup>C. The

chemical shift values were reported in parts per million units (ppm) and trimethylsilane (TMS) or known solvent shifts, used as internal chemical shift references. Coupling constants were recorded in Hertz (Hz). Standard pulse sequences were used for COSY, HMQC, HMBC, TOCSY, NOESY and DEPT. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a Micromass Q-T of Micro mass spectrometer with a lock spray source. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (70–230 mesh, Merck) and Sephadex LH-20 (Mitsubishi Kagaku, Tokyo, Japan). TLC (silica gel 60 F254) was used to monitor

fractions from column chromatography. Visualization of the TLC plates was achieved with a UV lamp (l = 254 and 365 nm) and anisaldehyde/acid spray reagent (MeOH:acetic acid:anisaldehyde:sulfuric acid, 85:9:1:5). All chemicals used were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO) with the following exceptions: for the binding experiments [3H]-CP-55,940 (174.8 Ci/mmol), [3H]-DAMGO (53.4 Ci/mmol), [3H]-U-69,593 (42.7 Ci/mmol), and [3H]-Enkephalin (45 Ci/mmol) were purchased from Perkin-Elmer Life Sciences Inc. (Boston, MA, U.S.A.). CP-55,940, DAMGO, DPDPE, nor-Binaltorphimine and Win 55,212-2 were purchased from Tocris Bioscience (Ellisville, MO, U.S.A.). CD spectra were measured on a JASCO J-715 spectrometer.

#### 3.4. In vitro antimicrobial assay

Compounds 1–11 were tested for antimicrobial activity against a panel of microorganism obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (Manassas, VA) and included *C. albicans ATCC 90028, C. glabrata ATCC 90030, C. krusei ATCC 6258, C. neoformans ATCC 90113, and A. fumigatus ATCC 204305, S. aureus ATCC 29213, methicillin-resistant S. aureus ATCC 33591 (MRSA), E. coli ATCC 35218, P. aeruginosa ATCC 27853, and Mycobacterium* intracellulare ATCC 23068. The bioassays were performed as previously described [22,24].

#### 3.5. In vitro antimalarial and antileishmanial assays

Antimalarial activity was determined in vitro against chloroquine sensitive (D6, Sierra Leone) and resistant (W2, Indo China) strains of *P. falciparum* by measuring plasmodial LDH activity, as described earlier [24]. The antileishmanial activity of the compounds was tested in vitro against a culture of *Leishmania donovani promastigotes* Pentamidine and Amphotericin B were used as positive controls [22,23].

#### 3.6. Radioligand displacement for cannabinoid receptor subtypes

Compounds evaluated in the assay were run in competition experiments using both cannabinoid receptor subtypes, CB1 and CB2 [25,26]. Cannabinoid receptor binding assays were performed under the following conditions: 10  $\mu$ M of each compound was incubated with 0.5 nM [<sup>3</sup>H]-CP 55,940, a potent cannabinoid agonist with affinity to both receptor subtypes, and 10  $\mu$ g CB1 or CB2 membrane [26] for 90 min in a 96-well plate. The reaction was terminated via rapid vacuum filtration through GF/C filters presoaked with 0.3% BSA using a Perkin Elmer 96-well Unifilter (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences Inc., Boston, Mass. U.S.A.) followed by 10 washes with 50 mM Tris–EDTA buffer containing 0.2% BSA. Plates were read using a Perkin Elmer Topcount (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences Inc., Boston, Mass. U.S.A.). Total binding was defined as binding in the presence of 1.0% DMSO. Nonspecific

binding was the binding observed in the presence of  $1.0 \mu M$  CP-55,940. Specific binding was defined as the difference between total and nonspecific binding. Percent binding was calculated using the following formula:

100–(binding of compound–nonspecific binding) \* 100/specific binding.

Ki and IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated using Graph-Pad Prism 5.

#### 3.7. Radioligand displacement for opioid receptor subtypes

All compounds evaluated in the assay were run in competition binding against the opioid receptor subtypes ( $\delta$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\mu$ ), as well as the cannabinoid receptor subtypes mentioned above [26]. Saturation experiments were performed after each batch of membrane was scraped for each of the three opioid cell lines ( $\delta$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\mu$ ) to determine the optimal tritium and membrane concentration to be used in the assay. Saturation experiments determine the receptor number and radioligand affinity for the membrane. Opioid binding assays were performed under the following conditions: 10  $\mu$ M of each compound was incubated with [<sup>3</sup>H]-DAMGO ( $\mu$ ), [<sup>3</sup>H]-U-69,593 ( $\kappa$ ), or [<sup>3</sup>H]-enkephalin ( $\delta$ ) for 60 min in a 96-well plate. The reaction was terminated via rapid vacuum filtration through GF/B filters presoaked with 0.3% BSA using a Perkin Elmer 96-well Unifilter followed by 10 washes with 50 mM Tris–HCl. Plates were read using a Perkin Elmer Topcount. Total binding was defined as binding in the presence of 1.0% DMSO. Nonspecific binding was the binding observed in the presence of 10  $\mu$ M DAMGO ( $\mu$ ), nor-binaltorphimine ( $\kappa$ ), or DPDPE ( $\delta$ ). Specific binding was defined as the difference between total and nonspecific binding. Percent binding was calculated using the following formula:

100-(binding of compound-nonspecific binding) \* 100/specific binding.

Ki and IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated using Graph-Pad Prism 5.

#### 3.8. Computational

Conformational analysis of compounds 1 and 2 were performed with Schrödinger Macromodel 9.9 (Schrödinger, LLC, New York) employing the OPLS2005 (optimized potential for liquid simulations) force field in MeOH [29]. Four conformers within a 2 kcal/mol energy window from the global minimum were selected, based on Boltzmann distribution calculated from Schrödinger software [29]. The output files for these conformers were prepared by Avogadro software for Gaussian 09 calculation, geometrical optimization and energy calculation applied on these conformers at B3LYP/6-31G [30]. Vibrational evaluation was done at the same level to confirm minimal excitation energy (denoted by wavelength in nm), rotatory strength dipole, and dipole length that were calculated in MeOH by TD-DFT/B3LYP/6-31G performed by the Gaussian 09 software package [30,31]. ECD curves were obtained in the SpecDis 1.62 program [32].

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Fig. 1. Compounds isolated from *Limonium caspium*.

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#### Fig. 2.

Experimental (black for 1 and green for 2) spectrum compared to the calculated (red) ECD spectrum of  $2S_3S$  enantiomer.

#### Table 1

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for **1** and **4** (in DMSO).

No.	1	4		
	$\delta_{\rm H}  ({ m mult};  { m J \ in \ Hz})^a$	$\delta c^b$	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult; J in Hz) $^a$	δc <sup>b</sup>
2	4.81 (d, 10.45)	82.7	4.91 (d, 10.8)	83.7
3	4.16 (d, 10.6)	72.9	4.42 (d, 10.72)	72.1
4		189.8		198.0
5		162.2		162.9
6	5.93 (s)	95.5	5.91 (d, 1.8)	96.4
7		164.8		167.2
8	6.08 (s)	93.3	5.86 (d, 1.76)	95.4
9		163.7		163.8
10		102.6		100.9
1′		127.5		127.7
2′	6.38 (s)	106.9	6.40 (s)	107.2
3′		145.8		146.1
4′		133.4		133.8
5'		145.8		146.1
6′	6.38 (s)	106.9	6.38 (s)	107.2
-CH <sub>3</sub>	3.75 (s)	55.8		

<sup>*a*</sup><sup>1</sup>H NMR measured at 400 MHz.

<sup>b</sup>13<sub>C NMR</sub> measured at 100 MHz [9].

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<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 2, 5, and 6 (in  $CD_3OD$ ).

No.	9		5		2	
	δ <sub>H</sub> (mult; J in Hz) <sup>a</sup>	$\delta c^b$	δ <sub>H</sub> (mult; J in Hz) <sup>a</sup>	$\delta c^b$	$\delta_{ m H}~( m mult;~J~in~Hz)^{a}$	$\delta c^b$
2		147.1	4.91 (d, 11.56)	83.5	4.86 (d, 11.68)	82.9
3		137.6	4.53 (d, 11.64)	72.3	4.38 (d, 11.72)	72.9
4		177.3		196.9		191.4
5		162.3		163.9		164.6
9	6.19 (s)	99.3	5.93 (d, 2.12)	96.0	6.10 (d, 1.96)	95.7
7		165.6		167.3		165.9
8	6.42 (s)	94.5	5.90 (d, 2.2)	94.9	5.98 (d, 1.64)	93.1
6		158.1		163.0		162.7
10		104.5		100.5		102.3
1′		123.3		127.8		128.0
2'	7.80 (s)	115.3	7.04 (d, 2.16)	113.3	7.05 (d, 1.8)	113.3
3′		147.6		146.3		146.3
4		141.1		138.0		138.0
5'		141.6		140.2		140.2
6′	7.68 (s)	113.5	6.86 (d, 2.16)	112.1	6.87 (d, 1.56)	112.0
CH <sub>3</sub>					3.83 (s)	55.0

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 $b_{1}3_{C}$  NMR measured at 100 MHz [9].

#### Table 3

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for **3** (in CD<sub>3</sub>OD).

No.	3	
	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult; <i>J</i> in Hz) <sup><i>a</i></sup>	δc <sup>b</sup>
1	4.0 (m)	67.8
	3.6 (m)	
2	2.36 (t, 7.6)	37.3
3		142.3
4	1.75 (d, 6.9).	110.7
5	1.75 (s)	21.5
1′	4.36 (d, 7.6)	101.6
2′	3.93	70.8
3′	3.40	77.7
4′	3.49	77.9
5'	3.29	76.3
6′	3.87	61.3
1 ″	5.19 (s br)	100.8
2 ″	3.97	70.9
3″	3.27	70.4
4″	3.41	72.6
5″	3.67	68.3
6″	1 23 (d. 6 1)	16.6

<sup>a</sup><sup>1</sup>H NMR measured at 400 MHz.

 $b_{13}$ C NMR measured at 100 MHz.