

## Supporting Information

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### Potent Antiplasmodial Alkaloids and Flavonoids from *Dasymaschalon acuminatum*

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### **Extraction and Isolation of the air-dried leaves of *D. acuminatum***

The air-dried leaves of *D. acuminatum* (1.0 kg) were pulverized and extracted successively with *n*-hexane, EtOAc and MeOH at room temperature. The filtered solution of each extraction was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure at temperature 40-45 °C to give the hexane extract (129.7 g), the EtOAc extract (15.74 g) and the MeOH extract (30.6 g).

#### **EtOAc extract**

The EtOAc extract (15.0 g) was fractionated by column chromatography (Merck silica gel 60, 0.063-0.200 mm, 520 g), using a gradient solvent system of *n*-hexane, *n*-hexane-EtOAc and EtOAc with increasing amounts of the more polar solvent. The eluates were examined by TLC and 7 groups of eluting fractions were obtained.

**Group 2** (247.6 mg) was separated on Sephadex LH-20 eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH to afford 3,5,7-trimethoxyflavone (**6**) as pale yellow amorphous solid (131.1 mg).

**Group 3** (806.0 mg) was separated by Sephadex LH-20 eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH to give four fractions (fr.3.1-3.4). Fraction 3.2 (338.9 mg) was subjected to repeated column chromatography eluting under isocratic condition of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (98:2) to yield 5,7-dimethoxy-3-hydroxyflavone (**5**) as white amorphous solid (273.5 mg). Fraction 3.3 (411.3 mg) was separated by column chromatography using by isocratic solvent system of *n*-hexane-EtOAc (80:20) to yield galangin 5-methyl ether (**4**) as pale yellow amorphous solid (68.0 mg).

**Group 7** (1.84 g) was chromatographed and eluted under isocratic condition of *n*-hexane-EtOAc (80:20), followed by Sephadex LH-20 eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (20:80) to give three fractions (fr.7.1-7.3). Fraction 7.2 was chromatographed over silica gel and eluted under isocratic condition of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (98:2) to afford 3 subfractions (fr.7.2.1- fr.7.2.3). Subfraction 7.2.2 (723.0 mg) was separated on Sephadex LH-20 eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (20:80) to yield dicentrinone (**2**) as pale yellow amorphous solid (7.1 mg).

#### **MeOH extract**

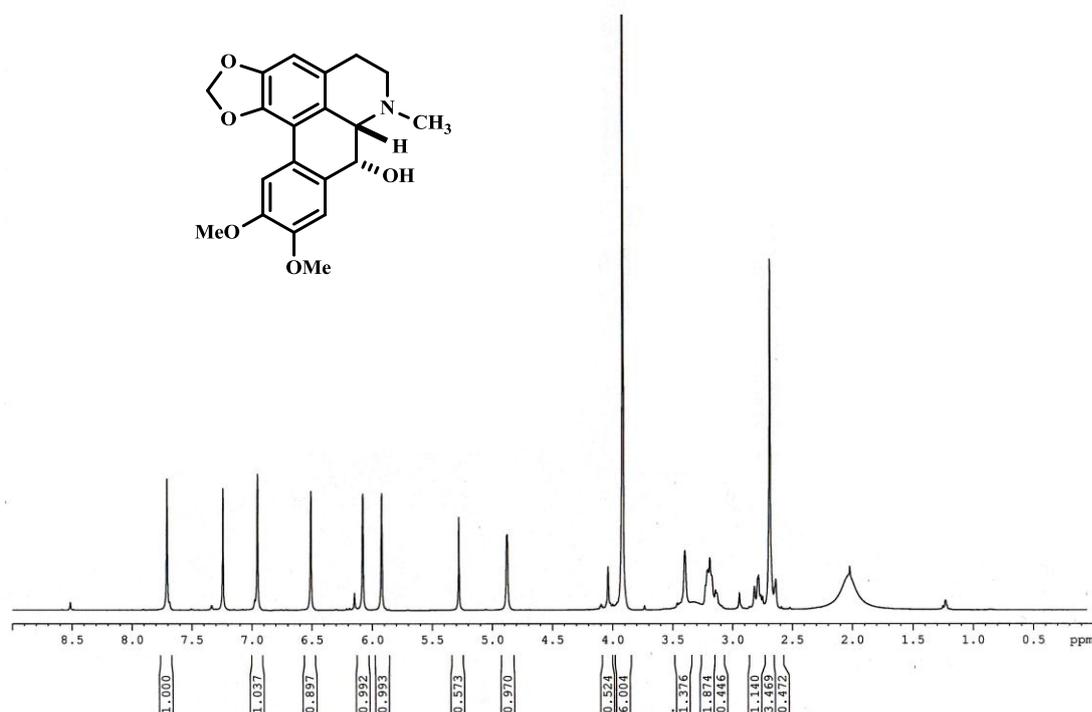
The MeOH extract (30.0 g) was fractionated by column chromatography (Merck silica gel 60, 0.063-0.200 mm, 520 g), using a gradient solvent system of *n*-hexane, *n*-hexane-EtOAc and EtOAc with increasing amounts of the more polar solvent. The eluates were examined by TLC and 6 groups of eluting fractions were obtained.

**Group 3** (3.45 g) was separated on Sephadex LH-20 eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (20:80) to give three fractions (fr.3.1-3.3). Fraction 3.2 (2.54 mg) was subjected to repeated column chromatography eluting under isocratic condition of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (97:3) to yield

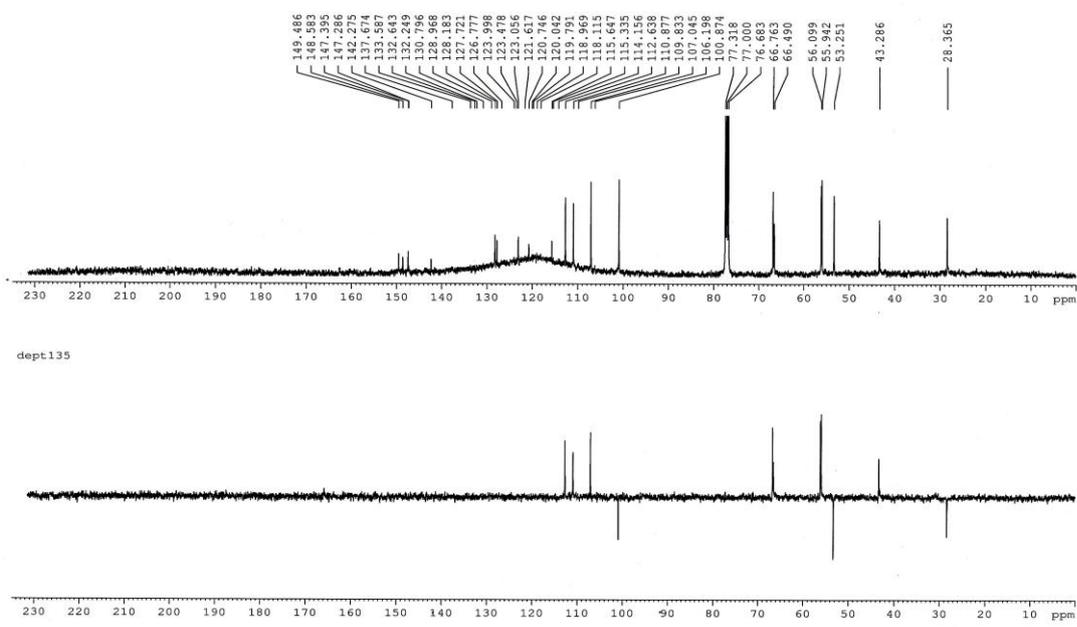
galangin 5-methyl ether (**4**) (321.4 mg) and 5,7-dimethoxy-3-hydroxyflavone (**5**) (1.35 g) similar to EtOAc extract.

**Group 5** (10.3 g) was separated on Sephadex LH-20 eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (20:80) to give three subfractions (fr.5.1-5.3). Fraction 5.2 (2.73 g) was subjected to repeated column chromatography eluting under isocratic condition of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (98:2) to give four subfractions (fr.5.2.1-5.2.4). Subfraction 5.2.2 (51.5 mg) was further purified by column chromatography over silica gel RP-18 with MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (80:20) as eluting solvent to obtain 7-*epi*-duguetine (**1**) (46.8 mg). Subfraction 5.2.4 (1.00 g) was further purified by column chromatography over silica gel RP-18 with MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (80:20) as eluting solvent to give quercetin 3,7-dimethyl ether 3'-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**) as pale yellow amorphous solid (7.3 mg).

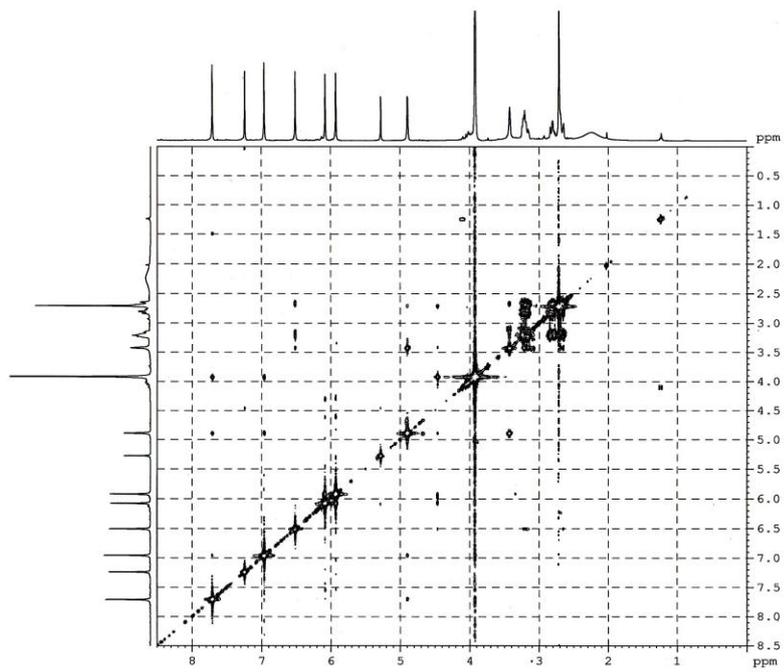
*Compound 1*: 7-*epi*-duguetine; Pale yellow amorphous solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{32} -46.6^\circ$  (*c* 0.59, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3439, 1607, 1585, 1519, 1457, 1408, 1391, 1345, 1268, 1246, 1217, 1167, 1127, 1096, 1047, 1032, 969, 935 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESIMS *m/z*: 356.1447 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>, 356.1492).



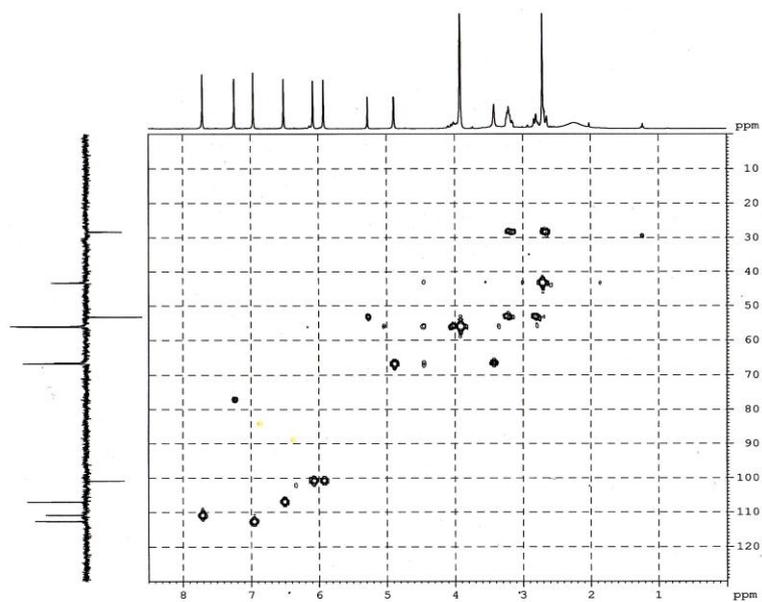
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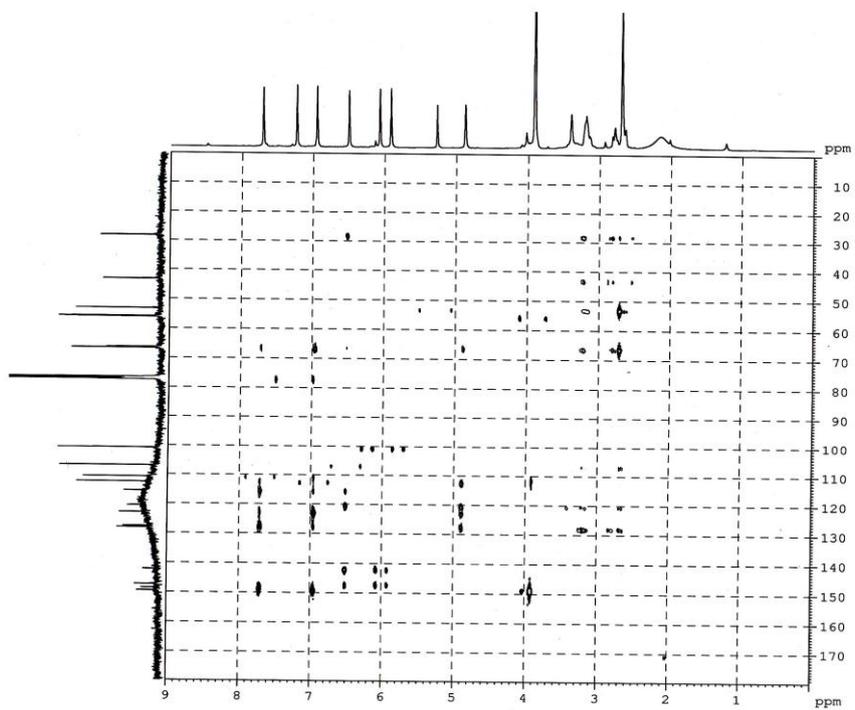
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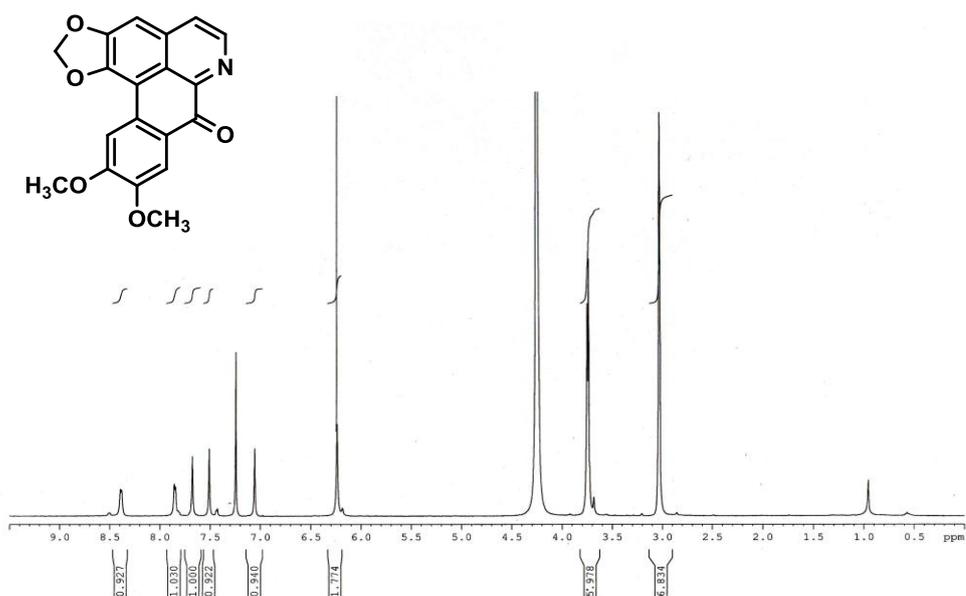
S3. COSY spectrum of 7-*epi*-duguetine (**1**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



S4. HMQC spectrum of 7-*epi*-duguetine (**1**) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

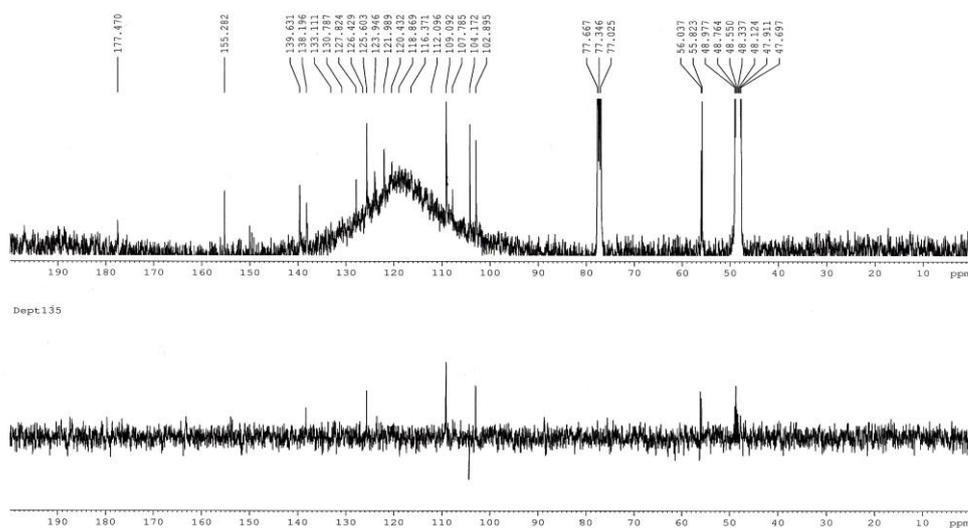


S5. HMBC spectrum of 7-*epi*-duguetine (**1**) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



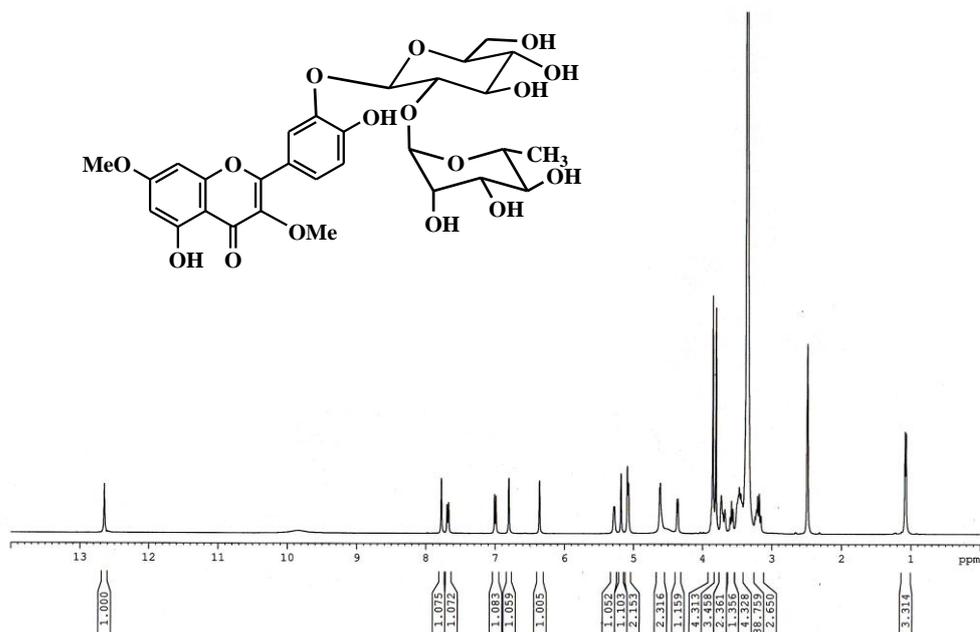
**S6.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of dicentrinone (**2**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3+8$  drops  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$

*Dicentrinone* (**2**):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3+8$  drops  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 400 MHz),  $\delta$ : 8.38 (1H, *d*,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, H-5), 7.84 (1H, *d*,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, H-4), 7.67 (1H, *s*, H-11), 7.50 (1H, *s*, H-8), 7.05 (1H, *s*, H-3), 6.23 (2H, *s*, O- $\text{CH}_2$ -O), 3.75 (3H, *s*, 10-O $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.73 (3H, *s*, 9-O $\text{CH}_3$ ).



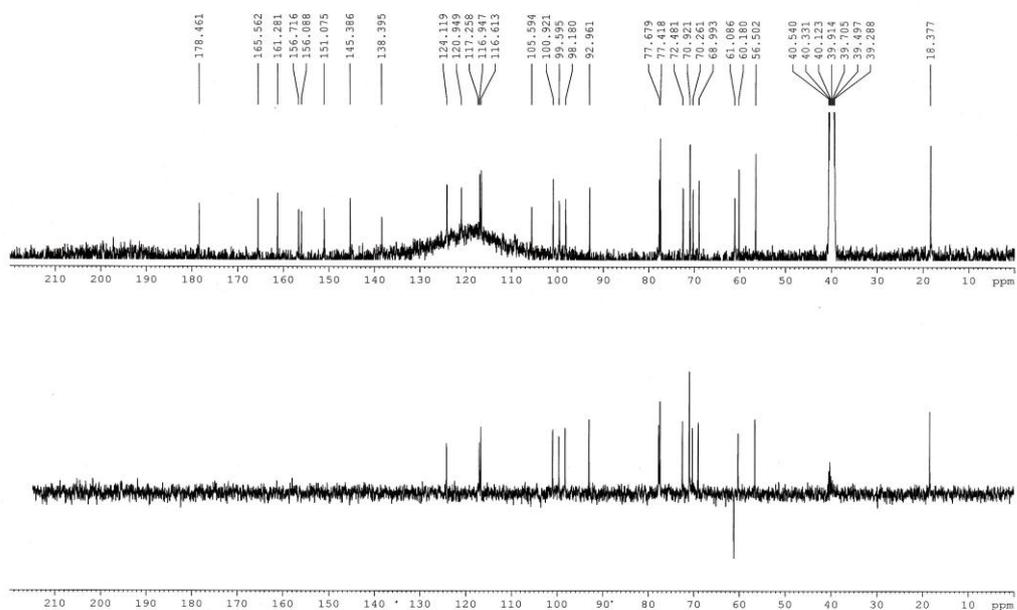
**S7.**  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  and DEPT 135 spectra of dicentrinone (**2**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3+8$  drops  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$

*Dicentrinone* (**2**):  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3+8$  drops  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  177.4 (C-7), 155.2 (C-10), 155.1 (C-1), 150.0 (C-6a), 149.5 (C-2), 149.1 (C-9), 139.6 (C-3a), 138.1 (C-5), 127.8 (C-11a), 125.6 (C-4), 123.9 (C-1a), 121.9 (C-1b), 109.0 (C-8), 109.0 (C-11), 107.7 (C-7a), 104.1 (O- $\text{CH}_2$ -O), 102.8 (C-3), 56.0 (C-9O $\text{CH}_3$ ), 55.8 (C-10O $\text{CH}_3$ ).



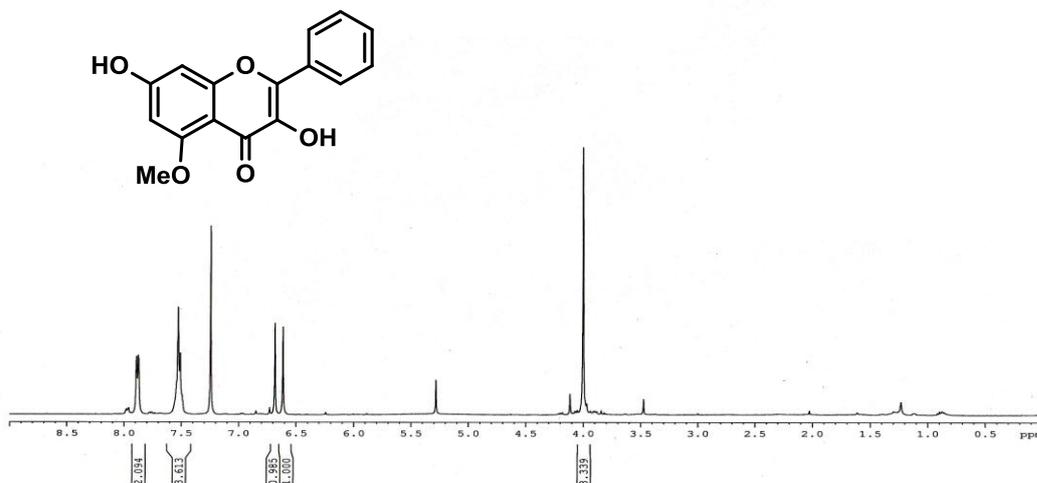
**S8.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of quercetin 3,7-dimethyl ether 3'-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**) in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$

**Quercetin 3,7-dimethyl ether 3'-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**):**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ , 400 MHz),  $\delta$ : 12.6 (1H, *br s*, 5-OH), 7.77 (1H, *s*, H-2'), 7.68 (1H, *d*,  $J = 8.5$ , Hz, H-6'), 6.99 (1H, *d*,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, H-5'), 6.80 (1H, *d*,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, H-8), 6.36 (1H, *d*,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, H-6), 3.85 (3H, *s*, 7-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.81 (3H, *s*, 3-OCH<sub>3</sub>), glucose unit; 5.08 (1H, *d*,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, H-1''), 3.68 (1H, *br s*, H-6''b), 3.58 (1H, *t*,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, H-5''), 3.50 (1H, *m*, H-6''a), 3.47 (1H, *m*, H-2''), 3.47 (1H, *m*, H-3''), 3.22 (1H, *m*, H-4''), rhamnose unit; 5.18 (1H, *s*, H-1'''), 3.85 (1H, *s*, H-5'''), 3.73 (1H, *m*, H-2'''), 3.48 (1H, *m*, H-3'''), 3.18 (1H, *m*, H-4'''), 1.08 (1H, *d*,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, H-6''').



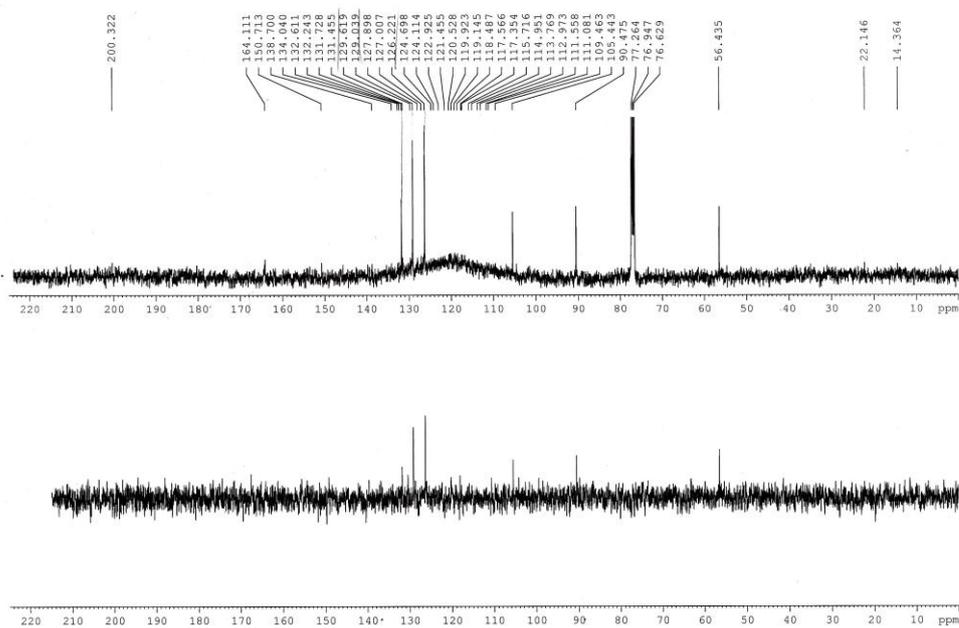
**S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR and DEPT 135 spectra of quercetin 3,7-dimethyl ether 3'-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**) in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$

**Quercetin 3,7-dimethyl ether 3'-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**):**  
 $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR ( $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  178.4 (C-4), 165.5 (C-7), 161.2 (C-5), 156.7 (C-9), 156.0 (C-2), 151.0 (C-4'), 145.3 (C-3'), 138.4 (C-3), 123.1 (C-6'), 120.9 (C-1'), 116.9 (C-2'), 116.6 (C-5'), 105.5 (C-10), 98.9 (C-8), 98.1 (C-6), 60.1 (C-3OCH<sub>3</sub>), 56.5 (C-7OCH<sub>3</sub>), glucose unit; 99.6 (C-1''), 77.6 (C-5''), 77.4 (C-2''), 77.4 (C-3''), 77.2 (C-4''), 61.0 (C-6''), rhamnose unit; 100.92 (C-1'''), 72.4 (C-4'''), 70.9 (C-2'''), 70.9 (C-3'''), 68.9 (C-5'''), 18.3 (C-6''').



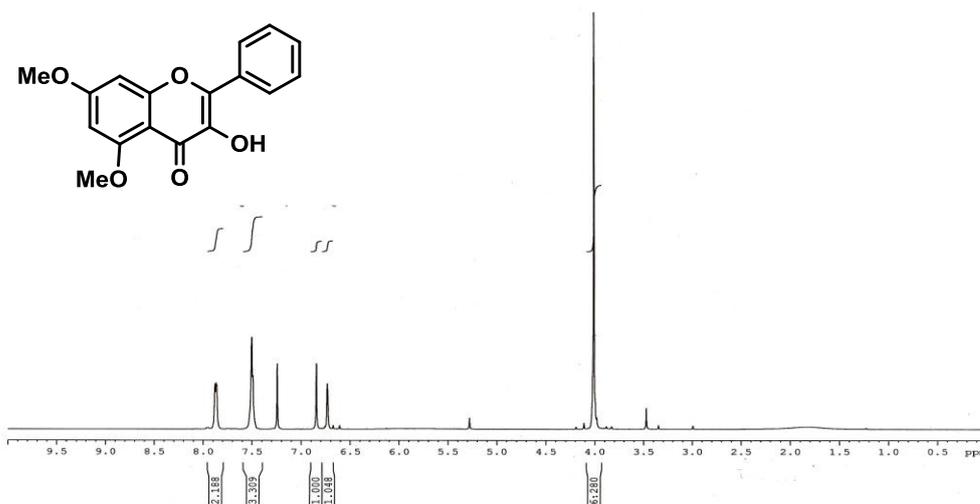
**S10.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of galangin 5-methyl ether (**4**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

**Galangin 5-methyl ether (4):**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz),  $\delta$ : 7.88 (2H, *d*,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, H-2', 6'), 7.51 (3H, *m*, H-3', 4',5'), 6.72 (1H, *s*, H-8), 6.61 (1H, *s*, H-6), 3.96 (3H, *s*, 5- $\text{OCH}_3$ ).



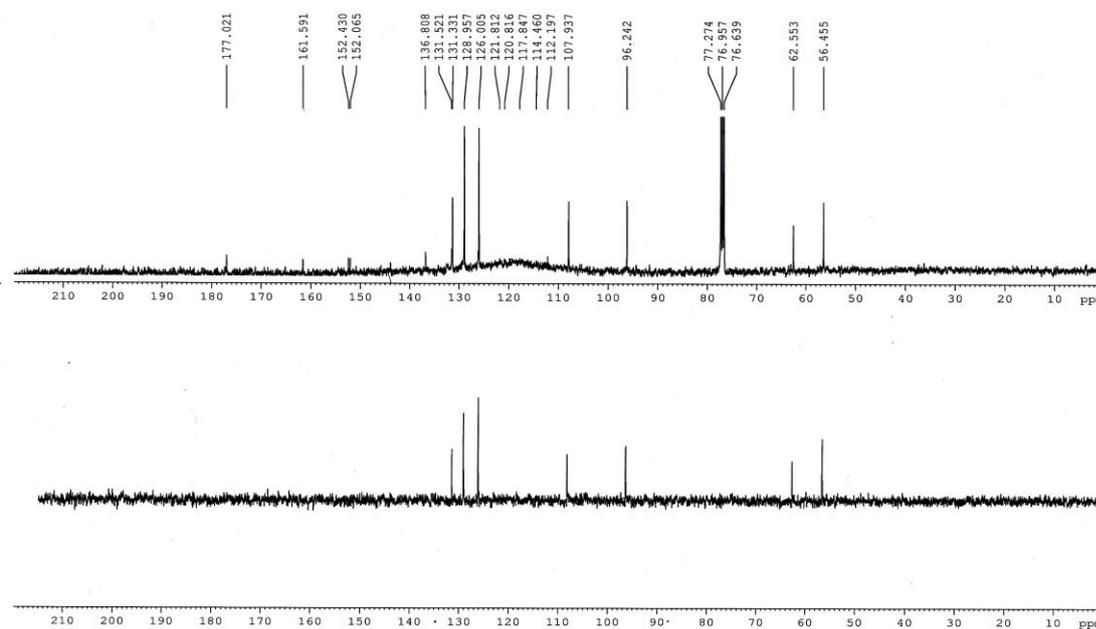
**S11.**  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  and DEPT 135 spectra of galangin 5-methyl ether (**4**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

**Galangin 5-methyl ether (4):**  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz),  $\delta$ : 183.0 (C-4), 168.0 (C-9), 164.1 (C-2), 153.1 (C-5), 150.7 (C-7), 136.8 (C-1'), 129.6 (C-4'), 129.0 (C-3',5'), 126.2 (C-2',6'), 106.5 (C-10), 105.4 (C-8), 90.4 (C-6), 56.4 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ , C-5).



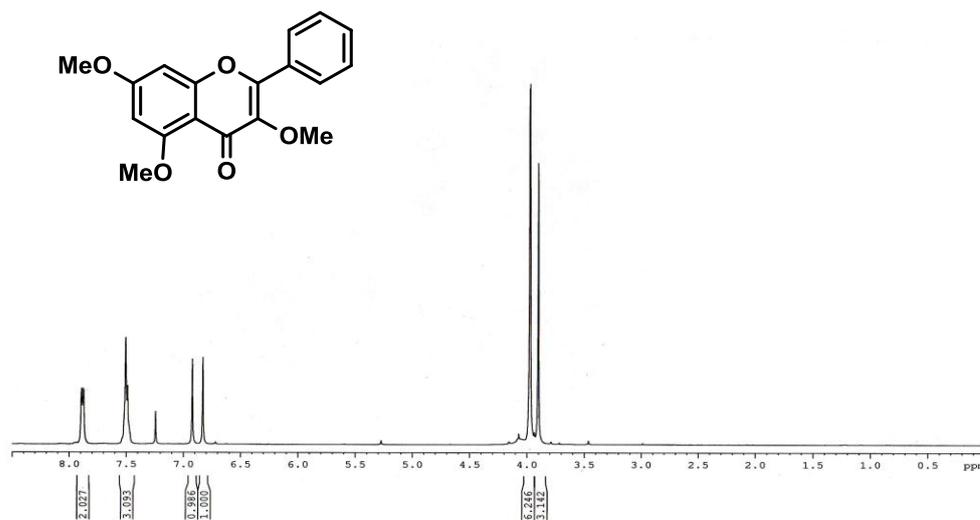
S12.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of 5,7-dimethoxy-3-hydroxyflavone (**5**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

*5,7-Dimethoxy-3-hydroxyflavone* (**5**):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz),  $\delta$ : 7.86 (2H, *dd*,  $J = 7.5$ , 2.8 Hz, H-2', 6'), 7.49 (3H, *m*, H-3', 4', 5'), 6.84 (1H, *s*, H-6), 6.73 (1H, *s*, H-8), 4.01 (3H, *s*, 7-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.01 (3H, *s*, 5-OCH<sub>3</sub>).



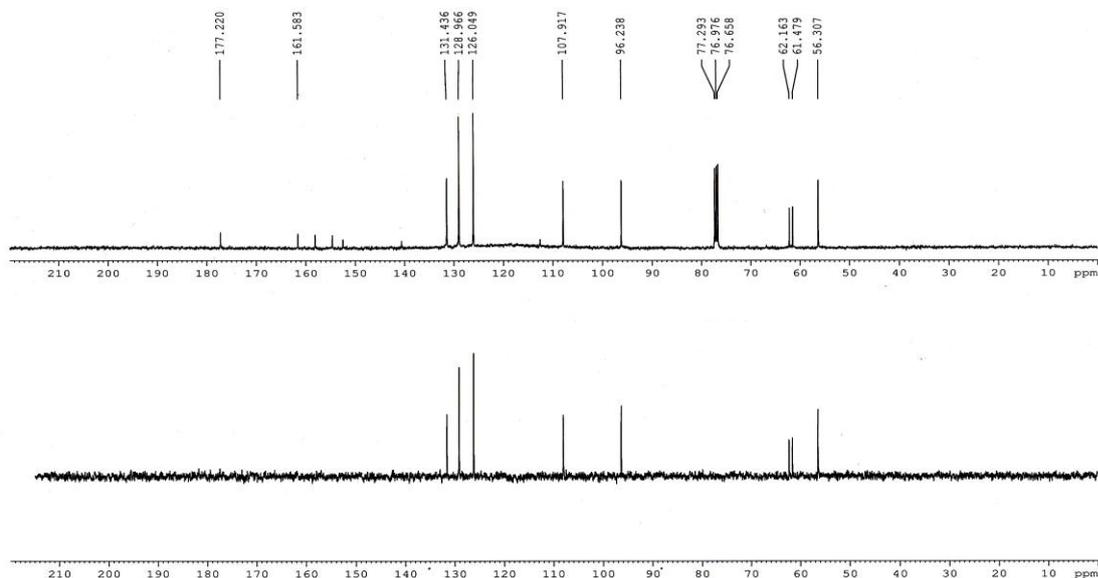
S13.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  and DEPT 135 spectra of 5,7-dimethoxy-3-hydroxyflavone (**5**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

*5,7-Dimethoxy-3-hydroxyflavone* (**5**):  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz),  $\delta$ : 177.0 (C-4), 165.3 (C-9), 161.5 (C-2), 152.4 (C-5), 152.0 (C-7), 136.8 (C-1'), 131.3 (C-4'), 128.9 (C-3', 5'), 126.0 (C-2', 6'), 112.1 (C-10), 107.9 (C-8), 96.2 (C-6), 62.5 (OCH<sub>3</sub>, C-5), 56.4 (OCH<sub>3</sub>, C-7).



**S14.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of 3,5,7-trimethoxyflavone (**6**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

**3,5,7-Trimethoxyflavone (6):**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz),  $\delta$ : 7.87 (2H, *dd*,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, H-2', 6'), 7.49 (3H, *m*, H-3',4',5'), 6.91 (1H, *s*, H-6), 6.82 (1H, *s*, H-8), 3.97 (3H, *s*, 7-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.97 (3H, *s*, 5-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.90 (3H, *s*, 3-OCH<sub>3</sub>).



**S15.**  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  and DEPT 135 spectra of 3,5,7-trimethoxyflavone (**6**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

**3,5,7-Trimethoxyflavone (6):**  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  177.2 (C-4), 161.5 (C-9), 158.2 (C-1'), 154.8 (C-7), 152.5 (C-2), 144.6 (C-5), 131.4 (C-4'), 128.9 (C-3',5'), 126.0 (C-2',6'), 112.9 (C-10), 109.9 (C-8), 96.2 (C-6), 62.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>, C-7), 61.4 (OCH<sub>3</sub>, C-3), 56.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>, C-5).

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**Abstract:** A new aporphine alkaloid, 7-*epi*-duguetine (**1**) together with one known alkaloid, dicentrinone (**2**), and four known flavonoids, quercetin 3,7-dimethyl ether 3'-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**), galangin 5-methyl ether (**4**), 5,7-dimethoxy-3-hydroxyflavone (**5**), and 3,5,7-trimethoxyflavone (**6**), were isolated from the leaves of *Dasymaschalon acuminatum*, a new plant species which has not been investigated phytochemically before. The structures of the isolated compounds were elucidated through extensive NMR spectroscopic analysis. All isolates were evaluated for antiplasmodial activity against *Plasmodium falciparum* strain K1 and 7-*epi*-duguetine was found to exhibit potent activity with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 0.385  $\mu$ g/ml.

**Keywords:** *Dasymaschalon acuminatum*; Annonaceae; alkaloid; flavonoid; antiplasmodial activity.

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### 1. Plant Source

*Dasymaschalon acuminatum* Jing Wang & R.M.K. Saunders (Annonaceae) is known in Thai as "Bu-rong Dok Laem" [1]. The leaves of this plant species were collected from Khao Yai National Park, Nakorn Ratchasima province, Thailand in August 2010 and the plant species was identified by Dr. Piya Chalermglin, Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research, Bangkok, Thailand. The voucher specimen (C. Phengkklai 3272) is deposited at The Forest Herbarium, Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Chatuchak, Bangkok, Thailand.

### 2. Previous Studies

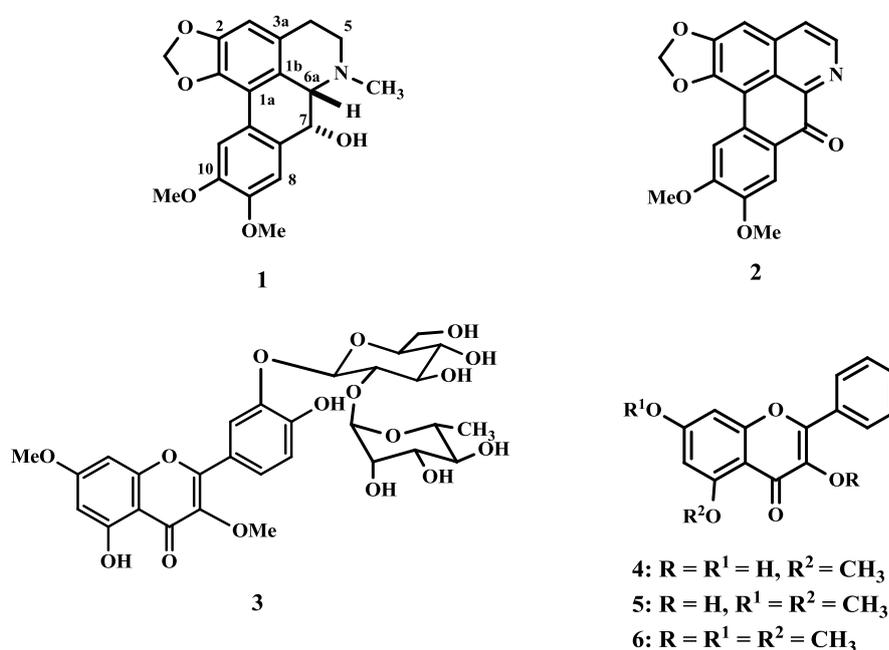
*Dasymaschalon* is a genus which includes over 30 species distributed in South-East Asia, particularly in Thailand and Malaysia. In Thailand, 12 species have been reported; *D. acuminatum*, *D. angustifolium*, *D. dasymaschalum*, *D. echinatum*, *D. filipes*, *D. glaucum*, *D. grandiflorum*, *D. lomentaceum*, *D. macrocalyx*, *D. obtusipetalum*, *D. sootepense*, and *D. wallichii* [1]. The phytochemical investigations of various *Dasymaschalon* species revealed the presence of alkaloids [2], acetogenins [3], xanthenes [4], and flavonol glycosides [5]. Some of the compounds have shown promising

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cytotoxic activity [3,4]. Since *D. acuminatum* is recognized as a new species of *Dasymaschalon* [1], no phytochemical investigation of this plant species has been reported.

### 3. Present Study

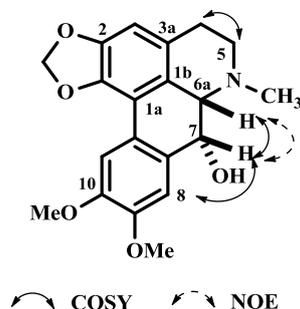
The air-dried leaves of *D. acuminatum* (1.0 kg) were pulverized and extracted successively with *n*-hexane, EtOAc and MeOH at room temperature. The filtered solution of each extract was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure at temperature 40-45 °C to give the hexane extract (129.7 g), the EtOAc extract (15.74 g) and the MeOH extract (30.6 g). The isolation details are shown in the supplementary material. Each of the extracts was purified by chromatographic techniques to yield a new aporphine alkaloid, 7-*epi*-duguetine (**1**), together with one known alkaloid, dicentrinone (**2**) [6], and four known flavonoids, quercetin 3,7-dimethyl ether 3'-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**) [5], galangin 5-methyl ether (3,7-dihydroxy-5-methoxyflavone) (**4**) [7], 5,7-dimethoxy-3-hydroxyflavone (**5**) [8], and 3,5,7-trimethoxyflavone (**6**) [9] (Figure 1). The structure of the new compound was elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic analysis, and those of known compounds were identified by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported in the literature.



**Figure 1.** Structure of alkaloids (**1-2**) and flavonoids (**3-6**) isolated from *D. acuminatum*.

Compound **1** was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid. The HRESIMS showed a pseudo-molecular ion  $[M + H]^+$  at  $m/z$  356.1447 in accordance with the molecular formula C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra showed a singlet corresponding to the protons of two OCH<sub>3</sub> groups at  $\delta_H$  3.91, which could be placed at C-9 and C-10 as evident from the HMBC correlations between 9-OCH<sub>3</sub> protons and C-9 ( $\delta_C$  149.5) and between 10-OCH<sub>3</sub> and C-10 ( $\delta_C$  148.9). Two singlets of the methylenedioxy protons were observed at  $\delta_H$  5.93 and 6.09. Three singlets at  $\delta_H$  6.51, 6.95 and 7.70 attributable to H-3, H-8 and H-11 respectively, confirmed the substitution patterns of the aromatic rings as shown. The hydroxyl proton and the N-linked methyl group appeared as singlet signals at  $\delta_H$  5.01 and 2.69. Compound **1** should therefore be an aporphine alkaloid having a 1,2-methylenedioxy and two methoxy groups. A carbinolic signal at  $\delta_H$  4.87 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz) could be placed at C-7 from the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY correlations between H-7 and H-6a (Figure 2), and the HMBC correlations between H-7 and C-1b, C-6a, C-7a C-8 and C-11a (Table 1). The absolute configuration of the chiral center C-6a of **1** was established as *R* as determined from the circular dichroism (CD) curve, which showed a negative Cotton effect at 242 nm [10]. The small  $J_{6a,7}$  of 2.1 Hz of **1** indicated the *cis*-relationship of H-6a and

H-7, which was characteristically different from that of the *trans* ( $J = 12$  Hz) C-7 isomeric form [11]. This was further confirmed by the NOE enhancement of H-6a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.39) and H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.87). The absolute configuration at C-7 was therefore established as *R*. These data, together with a comparison with those of (-)-duguetine, established the structure of compound **1** as the C-7 epimer of (-)-duguetine. Thus, compound **1** was named 7-*epi*-duguetine.



**Figure 2.** The COSY and NOE correlations of compound **1**.

**Table 1.**  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data of compound **1** (at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively, in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ ppm, $J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm	HMBC
1	-	142.7	-
1a	-	115.8	-
1b	-	120.7	-
2	-	147.3	-
3	6.51 (s)	107.0	C-1; C-1b; C-2; C-4
3a	-	128.1	-
4	3.14*, 2.66*	26.3	C-1b; C-3a; C-5
5	3.21*, 2.78 (dd, 10.4, 3.2)	53.2	C-3a; C-4; C-6a; N- $\text{CH}_3$
6a	3.39 (br s)	66.4	C-1b; N- $\text{CH}_3$
7	4.87 (d, 2.1)	65.2	C-1b; C-6a; C-7a; C-8; C-11a
7a	-	127.7	-
8	6.95 (s)	112.6	C-7; C-7a; 9- $\text{OCH}_3$
9	-	149.5	-
10	-	148.9	-
11	7.70 (s)	110.8	C-1a; C-7a; C-11a; 10- $\text{OCH}_3$
11a	-	123.0	-
N- $\text{CH}_3$	2.69 (s)	43.2	C-5; C-6a
O- $\text{CH}_2$ -O	6.09 (s), 5.93 (s)	100.8	C-1; C-2
9- $\text{OCH}_3$	3.91 (s)	56.0	C-9
10- $\text{OCH}_3$	3.91 (s)	55.9	C-10

\* partially overlapping signal

The antiplasmodial activity of all isolated compounds was determined *in vitro* against the chloroquine-resistant K1 strain of *Plasmodium falciparum* by using the microculture radioisotope method [12,13]. Compound **1** was the most active compound with an  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value of 0.385  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ , while compounds **2**, **4** and **5** showed moderate to weak activity with respective  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values of 1.23, 5.07 and 3.12  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ , whereas compounds **3** and **6** were inactive ( $\text{IC}_{50} > 10$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ). The  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value of the standard drug mefloquine was 0.011  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ .

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