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Expanding the Repertoire of Spongian-16-One Derivatives in Australian Nudibranchs of the Genus *Goniobranchus* and Evaluation of Their Anatomical Distribution

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Abstract: Extracts of the mantle and viscera of the Indo-Pacific nudibranchs *Goniobranchus aureopurpureus* and *Goniobranchus* sp. 1 afforded 11 new diterpenoids (1–11), all of which possess a tetracyclic spongian-16-one scaffold with extensive oxidation at C-6, C-7, C-11, C-12, C-13, and/or C-20. The structures and relative configuration were investigated by NMR experiments, while X-ray crystallography provided the absolute configuration of **1**, including a 2'S configuration for the 2-methylbutanoate substituent located at C-7. Dissection of animal tissue revealed that the mantle and viscera tissues differed in their metabolite composition with diterpenes 1–11 present in the mantle tissue of the two nudibranch species.



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1. Introduction

Spongian diterpenes are bioactive natural products isolated from sponges of the orders *Dictyoceratida* and *Dendroceratida*, and nudibranchs (shell-less mollusc) predators [1,2]. The first example of the spongian diterpene scaffold was isoagatholactone, isolated from the Mediterranean sponge *Spongia officinalis* by Cimino et al., and with the structure and absolute configuration established through chemical correlation with grindelic acid [3]. The metabolites spongian-16-one and spongian-15,16-dione were isolated from the New Zealand sponge *Dictyodendrilla cavernosa* [4]. The structure of spongian-16-one was determined through exhaustive nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) studies carried out independently by two groups, those of Kernan et al. [4] and Hambley et al. [5]. Spongian-16-one has also been isolated from several nudibranch species, including *Chromodoris obsoleta* and exhibits moderate anti-neoplastic activity against L1210 (IC₅₀ = 5.0 µg mL⁻¹) and KB (IC₅₀ = 9.2 µg mL⁻¹) cell lines [6]. In this group of tetracyclic diterpenes, further oxidation is commonly seen at C-7, C-11, C-12, C-13, C-15, C-17, and/or C-20 [7].

The current study, which forms part of our comprehensive study on nudibranchs of the genus *Goniobranchus* [7–19], represents the first chemical report on the secondary metabolite profile of the two nudibranch species, *Goniobranchus aureopurpureus* and *Goniobranchus* sp. 1 [20], each reassigned from an earlier taxonomic classification as *Chromodoris* species [21]. The structures and relative configuration of eleven isolated diterpene metabolites were determined by analysis of their two-dimensional NMR spectra as well as where applicable by X-ray crystallography to determine the absolute configuration. Our study also investigated the anatomical location of the terpenes and compared this with the distribution of metabolites in other *Goniobranchus* species.

2. Results and Discussions

2.1. Diterpenes from *Goniobranchus aureopurpureus*

Six specimens of *G. aureopurpureus* were collected from Nelson Bay (New South Wales, Australia) in March 2016. Specimens were dissected into their mantle and viscera and each body part was finely chopped, extracted with acetone and the extract concentrated under vacuum. The aqueous residues were partitioned with diethyl ether to yield an orange oil from the mantles and a green oil from the viscera. The individual mantle extracts were combined, as were the individual viscera extracts prior to fractionation by silica-flash chromatography. Subsequent normal phase high-performance liquid chromatography (NP-HPLC) yielded terpenes 1–5. The known compounds macfarlandin E [22], aplyviolene [23], polyrhaphin B [24], shahamin C [25], and secoshahamin [26] were also isolated from the mantle extract, while the viscera provided luffarin-X [27], spongian-16-one [4,5], 7 α -acetoxyspongian-16-one [28], polyrhaphin A [24], 15,16-diacetoxysahamin B [25], and 12-desacetoxypolyrhaphin A [29]. The known terpenes spongian-16-one, 7 α -acetoxyspongian-16-one, macfarlandin E, aplyviolene, polyrhaphin B, and secoshahamin were isolated from both tissues. The new spongian diterpenes (1–5) show varying levels of oxidation, particularly at positions C-6, C-7, C-13 and C-20 (Figure 1).

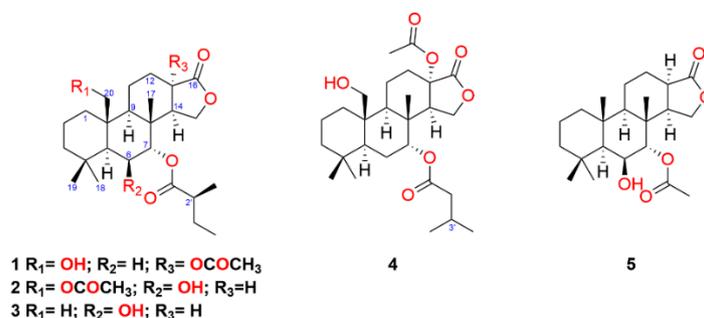


Figure 1. Structures of diterpenes 1–5.

Metabolite **1** was isolated as a colourless oil and displayed a sodiated ion at m/z 501.2829 $[M + Na]^+$ from high-resolution electrospray ionisation mass spectrometry (HRES-IMS) for $C_{27}H_{42}O_7$. These data indicated an additional seven carbons and five oxygens when compared to spongian-16-one. The 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data (Tables 1 and 2; see Supplementary Material) also supported a substituted spongian-16-one skeleton [4,5] but with a methyl singlet at δ_H 2.04 and a triplet signal at δ_H 4.85, suggesting additional functionality, namely an acetate group and substitution at C-7, respectively. Doublet and triplet signals at δ_H 1.15 ($J = 6.9$ Hz) and δ_H 0.89 ($J = 7.4$ Hz), respectively, were attributed to the methyl groups of a 2-methylbutanoate ester, accounting for the remaining five carbon atoms, with gCOSY and HSQC data further validating the $CH_3(CH_3CH_2)CH$ -substructure. Signals for three ester carbonyls (δ_C 169.7, 174.0, and 175.4) validated six of the oxygen atoms present in the molecular formula. HMBC correlations from the signals at δ_H 4.85 (H-7, t, $J = 2.8$ Hz) and 1.15 (7-OCOCH $_2$ CH $_2$ CH $_3$, d) to the signal at δ_C 175.4 confirmed the 2-methylbutanoate group at C-7. Noting that the J values of H-14 (δ_H 2.92, dd, $J = 1.5, 6.5$ Hz) for **1** were different from those observed in spongian-16-one (Kernan et al.: 2.07, dd, $J = 5.0, 8.0$ Hz; Hambley et al.: 2.09, dd, $J = 5.4, 8.0$ Hz) [4,5], HMBC correlations from H-12eq (δ_H 2.28), H-14 (δ_H 2.92) and H-15ax (δ_H 4.20), as well as the signals at δ_H 2.04 (13-OCOCH $_3$) and 2.92 (H-14) to the signal at δ_C 81.1 (C-13), located the acetate group at C-13. The signal for Me-20 of spongian-16-one [4,5] was replaced by signals for an oxymethylene H $_2$ -20 (δ_H 4.05 and δ_H 3.92) in **1**. These proton chemical shifts were inconsistent with esterification at C-20 [7,30]; therefore, a hydroxy group was located at C-20, identifying the final oxygen atom. NOESY correlations observed between H-7/Me-17 and H $_2$ -20/Me-17 confirmed the same relative configuration as spongian-16-one; however, the configuration of the acetate at C-13 and the 2'-methyl in the 2-methylbutanoate substituent could not be determined by NMR methods. Metabolite **1** was crystallized

from 10% EtOAc/hexanes, producing small needle-shaped crystals which were suitable for diffraction. The resulting crystal structure obtained established the overall relative configuration. The absolute configuration was assigned as 5*S*, 7*R*, 8*R*, 9*R*, 10*R*, 13*S*, 14*R*, 2'*S*; within naturally-occurring 2-alkylalkanoic acid derivatives, the 2'*S* configuration is favoured [31]. In **1**, the cyclohexane rings A, B, and C each adopt a chair conformation. As a result, adjacent molecules interact through hydrogen bonds O(7)H•••O(4) = 2.17 Å, 167°, resulting in the formation of an undulating one-dimensional polymeric chain that extends down parallel to the crystallographic *a*-axis (Figure 2). The name of compound **1** was assigned as (-)-13-acetoxy-20-hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate.

Table 1. ¹H NMR assignments for spongian-16-one analogues **1–5**^a.

Position	δ_H , mult., J (Hz)				
	1 ^b	2 ^c	3 ^{c,e}	4 ^c	5 ^b
1 eq	2.22, br d (12.5)	2.34, m	1.75, m	2.22, m	1.74, m
1ax	0.89, m	0.78, m	0.86, m	0.89, m	0.86, m
2 eq	1.60, m	1.61, m	1.73, m	1.61, m	1.71, m
2ax	1.51, m	1.46, m	1.46, m	1.51, m	1.46, m
3eq	1.49, m	1.45, m	1.39, m	1.48, m	1.39, m
3ax	1.23, m	1.24, m	1.19, m	1.24, m	1.20, m
4	-	-	-	-	-
5	1.45, m	1.38, br s	1.16, m	1.50, m	1.16, d (2.0)
6eq	1.81, m	4.17, br s	4.18, br s	1.81, m	4.19, br s
6ax	1.63, m	-	-	1.63, m	-
7eq	4.85, t (2.8)	4.87, d (3.2)	4.84, d (2.6)	4.86, t (2.6)	4.84, d (3.1)
7ax	-	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-	-
9	1.49, m	1.14, m	1.05, m	1.44, m	1.05, dd(2.2, 12.5)
10	-	-	-	-	-
11eq	1.92, m	1.80, m	1.58, m	1.88, m	1.57, m
11ax	1.89, m	1.58, m	1.47, m	1.88, m	1.45, m
12eq	2.28, dt(13.9, 5.8)	2.31, m	2.32, m	2.32, dt(14.1, 5.6)	2.32, m
12ax	2.02, m	1.55, m	1.60, m	1.99, m	1.60, m
13	-	2.57, t (7.9)	2.57, t (7.8)	-	2.60, t (8.2)
14	2.92, dd (1.5, 6.5)	2.49, m	2.44, dd (5.6, 7.8)	2.91, dd (1.2, 6.3)	2.43, dd (5.6, 8.2)
15eq	4.22, dd (6.5, 9.9)	4.25, d (10.2)	4.27, d (10.1)	4.25, dd (6.3, 9.9)	4.26, d (10.2)
15ax	4.20, dd(1.5, 9.9)	3.94, dd (5.5, 10.2)	3.95, dd (5.6, 10.1)	4.20, dd (1.2, 9.9)	3.98, dd (5.6, 10.2)
16	-	-	-	-	-
17	1.10, s	1.27, s	1.22, s	1.09, s	1.21, s
18eq	0.81, s	0.90, s	0.90, s	0.81, s	0.90, s
19ax	0.81, s	1.18, s	1.19, s	0.80, s	1.19, s
20a	4.05, d (11.8)	4.79, m	1.19, s	4.04, d (11.8)	1.19, s
20b	3.92, d (11.8)	4.73, m	-	3.91, d (11.8)	-
6-OH	-	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	-	<i>d</i>
7-CO ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	2.09, s
7-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	2.22, m	-
7-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	2.22, m	-
7-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	2.11, m	-
7-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	0.95, d (6.6)	-
7-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	0.96, d (6.6)	-
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	2.40, m (7.1)	2.41, q (6.9)	2.45, m	-	-
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	1.15, d (6.9)	1.15, d (6.9)	1.15, d (7.2)	-	-
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	1.68, dt (13.6, 7.4)	1.68, dt (13.6, 7.4)	1.68, m	-	-
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	1.48, m	1.50, m	1.49, m	-	-
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	0.89, t (7.4)	0.91, t (7.4)	0.90, t (7.2)	-	-
13-CO ₂ CH ₃	2.04, s	-	-	2.04, s	-
20-CO ₂ CH ₃	-	2.03, s	-	-	-
20-OH	<i>d</i>	-	-	<i>d</i>	-

^a Chemical shifts (ppm) referenced to CHCl₃ (δ_H 7.26, δ_C 77.16). ^b At 500 MHz. ^c At 700 MHz. ^d Not observed. ^e Data acquired using a Shigemi NMR tube.

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR assignments for spongian-16-one analogues 1–5^a.

Position	δ_{C} , mult.				
	1 ^b	2 ^c	3 ^{c,d}	4 ^c	5 ^b
1	34.6, CH ₂	36.6, CH ₂	42.4, CH ₂	34.9, CH ₂	42.4, CH ₂
2	18.7, CH ₂	18.6, CH ₂	18.7, CH ₂	18.8, CH ₂	18.7, CH ₂
3	41.7, CH ₂	43.4, CH ₂	44.1, CH ₂	41.7, CH ₂	43.9, CH ₂
4	32.2, C	33.5, C	33.7, C	32.3, C	33.2, C
5	48.1, CH	51.8, CH	51.3, CH	47.9, CH	51.2, CH
6	23.1, CH ₂	69.6, CH	70.6, CH	23.1, CH ₂	70.5, CH
7	73.4, CH	75.2, CH	75.7, CH	73.6, CH	76.1, CH
8	39.5, C	37.9, C	37.7, C	39.3, C	37.7, C
9	50.1, CH	52.4, CH	51.9, CH	50.3, CH	51.8, CH
10	39.5, C	40.8, C	36.8, C	41.5, C	36.7, C
11	18.7, CH ₂	19.1, CH ₂	17.4, CH ₂	18.8, CH ₂	17.4, CH ₂
12	27.3, CH ₂	22.5, CH ₂	21.8, CH ₂	27.5, CH ₂	22.0, CH ₂
13	81.1, C	36.9, CH	37.0, CH	81.0, CH	37.0, CH
14	45.9, CH	41.9, CH	41.6, CH	45.9, CH	41.9, CH
15	66.9, CH ₂	67.1, CH ₂	67.2, CH ₂	66.9, CH ₂	67.4, CH ₂
16	174.0, C	178.5, C	178.9, C	173.7, C	178.9, C
17	16.1, CH ₃	15.1, CH ₃	15.0, CH ₃	15.9, CH ₃	14.9, CH ₃
18eq	33.4, CH ₃	33.8, CH ₃	33.2, CH ₃	33.6, CH ₃	33.4, CH ₃
19ax	21.8, CH ₃	24.6, CH ₃	24.3, CH ₃	21.9, CH ₃	24.5, CH ₃
20	62.1, CH ₂	64.1, CH ₂	17.6, CH ₃	62.1, CH ₂	18.0, CH ₃
	-	-	-	-	-
7-CO ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	169.7, C
7-CO ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	21.4, CH ₃
7-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	171.9, C	-
7-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	44.0, CH ₂	-
7-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	25.7, CH	-
7-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	22.5, CH ₃	-
				22.5, CH ₃	
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	175.4, C	174.9, C	175.3, C	-	-
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	41.8, CH	41.2, CH	41.6, CH	-	-
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	16.9, CH ₃	16.9, CH ₃	16.9, CH ₃	-	-
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	26.8, CH ₂	26.8, CH ₂	26.9, CH ₂	-	-
7-CO ₂ CHCH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	11.8, CH ₃	11.8, CH ₃	11.7, CH ₃	-	-
13-CO ₂ CH ₃	169.7, C	-	-	169.6, C	-
13-CO ₂ CH ₃	21.5, CH ₃	-	-	21.6, CH ₃	-
20-CO ₂ CH ₃	-	170.6, C	-	-	-
20-CO ₂ CH ₃	-	21.2, CH ₃	-	-	-

^a Chemical shifts (ppm) referenced to CHCl₃ (δ_{H} 7.26, δ_{C} 77.16). ^b At 500 MHz. ^c At 700 MHz. ^d Data acquired using a Shigemi NMR tube.

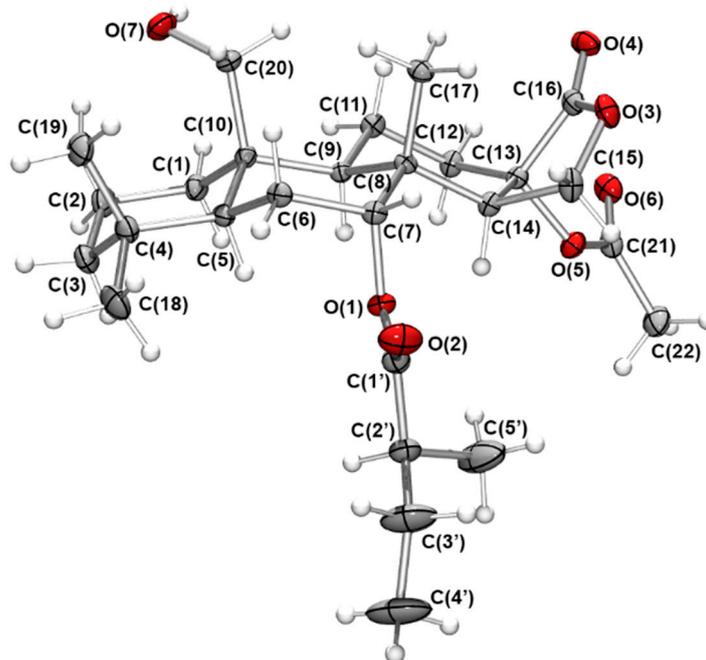


Figure 2. Oak Ridge Thermal Ellipsoid Plot (ORTEP) [32] representation of the crystal structure of (5*S*, 7*R*, 8*R*, 9*R*, 10*R*, 13*S*, 14*R*, 2'*S*)-13-acetoxy-20-hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate (**1**) shown with 30% probability ellipsoids.

Diterpene **2** was isolated as a colourless oil and found to have the same $C_{27}H_{42}O_7$ molecular formula as **1** inferred from HRESIMS (m/z 501.2824 $[M + Na]^+$). Examination of the 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data (Tables 1 and 2) revealed similar signals to those of **1**, including a methyl doublet at δ_H 1.15 ($J = 6.9$ Hz) and a methyl triplet at δ_H 0.91 ($J = 7.4$ Hz) for the methyl groups of a 2-methylbutanoate ester; there was also an acetate methyl singlet at δ_H 2.03. HMBC correlations from the signals at δ_H 4.87 (H-7, d, $J = 3.2$ Hz) and 1.15 (7-OCOCH $_2$ CH $_3$ CH $_2$ CH $_3$, d) to the signal at δ_C 174.9 confirmed the 2-methylbutanoate group at C-7. The configuration of the 2'-methyl in the ester sidechain could not be established further, owing to the small sample size, but was selected as identical to that in **1** on biogenetic considerations. HMBC correlations from H-20a (δ_H 4.79) and H-20b (δ_H 4.73) to the signal at δ_C 170.6 confirmed the position of the acetoxy group at C-20; there were NOESY correlations between H $_2$ -20/Me-17 and H-20b/Me-19. The doublet appearance of H-7 ($J = 3.2$ Hz) was initially considered consistent with an equatorial OH group at C-6; however, the signal for H-5 was a broadened singlet rather than the doublet with a large J value anticipated if H-6 was axial, (cf. aplyroseol-19 from *Chromodoris reticulata* [33]). The NOESY correlation between H-6/Me-18 supported an equatorial H-6, while the absence of an NOE between H-6 and Me-17, although not diagnostic, was also consistent with the changed configuration at C-6 compared to that in aplyroseol-19 [33]. The NOESY correlation between H-7/Me-17 placed the C-7 ester substituent on the opposite face to Me-17. Compound **2** was assigned the systematic name (-)-20-acetoxy-6 β -hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate.

Metabolite **3**, also isolated as a colourless oil, displayed an adduct ion at m/z 443.2779 $[M + Na]^+$ in HRESIMS analysis, which established the molecular formula as $C_{25}H_{40}O_5$ with an additional five carbons and three oxygens compared with spongian-16-one. Due to the small sample quantity (<0.1 mg), a Shigemi tube was employed to increase the sensitivity of NMR signal detection [34]. The spectroscopic data again revealed a 2-methylbutanoate moiety, located at C-7 from the identical HMBC correlations for H-7 to those in **1** and **2**. NOESY data could not be obtained, but the similar appearance of the signals for H-6 (δ_H 4.18, br s) and H-7 (δ_H 4.84, $J = 2.6$ Hz) compared to **2** established the axial hydroxy group at C-6 and the equatorial ester group at C-7. The 7.8 Hz coupling

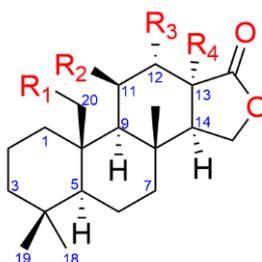
between H-13 and H-14 assigned the *cis* C/D ring junction. The name of compound **3** was assigned as (-)-6 β -hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate.

Diterpene **4**, a colourless oil, exhibited an adduct ion at m/z 501.2831 [M + Na]⁺ in the HRESIMS, corresponding to a molecular formula of C₂₇H₄₂O₇, which was the same molecular formula observed for **1** and **2**. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data revealed an acetate methyl singlet at δ_H 2.04 as well as oxymethylene signals at δ_H 4.04 (d, J = 11.8 Hz) and 3.91 (d, J = 11.8 Hz) for H₂-20, similar to comparable signals for **1**, and suggesting a C-20 hydroxy group. The major difference compared to the data for **1** was the presence of two methyl doublets at δ_H 0.95 (d, J = 6.6 Hz) and 0.96 (d, J = 6.6 Hz) suggesting a 3-methylbutanoate substituent. There were gCOSY correlations from the H-3' methine (δ_H 2.11, m) to both Me-4' and Me-5' and H₂-2' (δ_H 2.22, m, 2H). HMBC correlations from the signals at δ_H 4.86 (H-7, t, J = 2.6 Hz), 2.11 (7-OCOCH₂CH(CH₃)₂, m, H-3') and the methylene signals at δ_H 2.22 (7-OCOCH₂CH(CH₃)₂, m, H₂-2') to the carbon at δ_C 171.9 confirmed the 3-methylbutanoate group was attached at C-7. These ¹H chemical shifts and HMBC correlations were comparable to those of 7 α -11 α -dioxyspongian-16-one-7 α -isopentanoate-11 α -propionate [7]. The similarity of the signal pattern and chemical shift of H-14 (δ_H 2.91, dd, J = 1.2, 6.3 Hz) to that in **1**, together with HMBC correlations from the signals at δ_H 2.04 (13-OCOCH₃) and 2.91 (H-14) to the carbon at δ_C 81.0 (C-13) confirmed an acetate group at C-13. NOESY correlations determined the relative configuration of C-7 and C-10 to be identical to those of **1** and **2**. X-ray studies (See Supplementary Materials) supported the configuration of C-13 to be the same as in **1**. Compound **4** was assigned the name (-)-13-acetoxy-20-hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(3-methyl)-butanoate.

Diterpene **5** was isolated as a colourless oil and displayed a sodiated molecular ion peak by HRESIMS at m/z 401.2293 [M + Na]⁺, corresponding to a molecular formula of C₂₂H₃₄O₅. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (Tables 1 and 2) showed an acetoxy methyl singlet at δ_H 2.09 and associated carbonyl signal at δ_C 169.7, comparable to those in the NMR data of 7 α -acetoxy-spongian-16-one [28]. HMBC correlations from the signals at δ_H 2.09 and 4.84 (H-7, d, J = 3.1 Hz) to the carbonyl at δ_C 169.7 confirmed the position of the acetoxy group at C-7. The doublet appearance of H-7 suggested hydroxy substitution at C-6. The relative configuration of **5** was identical to that of **2** from the NOESY correlations between H-6/Me-18, H-7/Me-17, H-5/H-9, and H-9/H-14. Compound **5** was assigned the systematic name (-)-7 α -acetoxy-6 β -hydroxyspongian-16-one.

2.2. Diterpenes from *Goniobranthus* sp. 1

Three specimens of *Goniobranthus* sp. 1 were collected from Mudjimba and Gneerings Reefs, South East Queensland, Australia. The extraction and chemical profile of the metabolites from the mantle and viscera tissue were carried out based on the previously described procedures. A total of fifteen spongian diterpene metabolites were isolated from *Goniobranthus* sp 1, including the new spongian-16-one analogues **6–11**. From the mantle isoagatholactone [3], 12 α -acetoxy-spongian-16-one [30], 20-acetoxy-spongian-16-one [30], 20-oxyspongian-16-one-propionate [30], 12 α ,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-dipropionate [30], 12 α ,20-diacetoxy-spongian-16-one [7], 12 α -acetoxy-20-oxyspongian-16-one-20-propionate [7], 20-acetoxy-12 α -oxyspongian-16-one-12 α -propionate (**6**), 20-acetoxy-13-hydroxyspongian-16-one (**7**), 12-hydroxyspongian-16-one (**8**), 12-hydroxy-20-oxyspongian-16-one-20-propionate (**9**), 12-hydroxy-11,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-11,20-dipropionate (**10**), and 11-hydroxy-12,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-12,20-dipropionate (**11**) were also isolated, while the viscera contained spongian-16-one [4,5] and 7 α -acetoxy-spongian-16-one [28]. The known metabolites isoagatholactone, 12 α -acetoxy-spongian-16-one [30], 20-acetoxy-spongian-16-one [30], and 12 α -acetoxy,20-oxyspongian-16-one-20-propionate [7] were isolated from both tissues. The new compounds (**6–11**) demonstrate a high level of oxidation, in particular at positions C-11, C-12, C-13 and/or C-20 (Figure 3).



- 6** R₁= OCOCH₃; R₂= H; R₃= OCOCH₂CH₃; R₄= H
7 R₁= OCOCH₃; R₂= H; R₃=H; R₄= OH
8 R₁= H; R₂= H; R₃= OH; R₄= H
9 R₁= OCOCH₂CH₃; R₂= H; R₃= OH; R₄= H
10 R₁= OCOCH₂CH₃; R₂= OCOCH₂CH₃; R₃= OH; R₄= H
11 R₁= OCOCH₂CH₃; R₂= OH; R₃= OCOCH₂CH₃; R₄= H

Figure 3. Chemical structures of 6–11.

Diterpene **6** was obtained as a colourless oil from NP-HPLC and exhibited a sodiated molecular ion peak in the HRESIMS at m/z 457.2566 $[M + Na]^+$ ($C_{25}H_{38}O_6$). The 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data (Tables 3 and 4) indicated an acetate group (δ_H 2.03, δ_C 21.2, 170.8) while a quartet (2H) at δ_H 2.33, a triplet at δ_H 1.16 and a carbonyl resonance at δ_C 173.0 were assigned to a propionate group. The NMR data of **6** were found to be similar to those of 12 α -acetoxo-20-oxyspongian-16-one-20-propionate; however, there were some obvious differences in the location of substituents [7]. Oxymethylene signals at δ_H 4.56 (d) and 4.13 (m) corresponded to those of H₂-20 in 20-acetoxyspongian-16-one [30]. These two signals, plus the acetate methyl signal at δ_H 2.03 (s), all correlated to the carbon signal at δ_C 170.8 and C-10 (δ_C 39.8), confirming the position of an acetate group at C-20. The chemical shift values, in particular those of H₂-11 and H-13, as well as C-12, were comparable to those in the 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of 12 α ,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-dipropionate [30] thereby establishing the propionate group at C-12. NOESY correlations between H-5/H-9, H-9/H-14, Hb-20/Me-17, H-20a/Me-19 and H-12/Me-17 placed H-12 and H₂-20 on the same face as Me-17. Compound **6** was named (-)-20-acetoxo-12 α -oxyspongian-16-one-12 α -propionate.

Table 3. 1H NMR assignments for sponganin-16-one analogues 6–11 ^a.

Position	δ_H , mult., J (Hz)					
	6 ^c	7 ^c	8 ^b	9 ^b	10 ^c	11 ^c
1 eq	2.03, m	2.12, m	1.68, br d (12.8)	2.07, br d (13.2)	2.03, br d (13.4)	2.02, br d (13.6)
1ax	0.62, m	0.80, m	0.83, m	0.79, td (13.2, 2.3)	0.75, m	1.15, m
2 eq	1.54, m	1.56, m	1.61, m	1.57, m	1.61, m	1.62, m
2ax	1.43, m	1.45, m	1.42, m	1.46, m	1.47, m	1.50, m
3eq	1.45, m	1.45, m	1.38, m	1.45, m	1.45, m	1.45, br d (12.9)
3ax	1.16, m	1.17, m	1.15, td (13.2, 3.7)	1.19, m	1.16, m	1.18, m
4	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	1.03, m	1.01, dd (12.4, 2.1)	0.89, m	1.08, dd (12.3, 1.7)	1.05, dd (12.7, 2.4)	1.11, m
6eq	1.57, m	1.56, m	1.55, m	1.58, m	1.66, m	1.63, m
6ax	1.40, m	1.38, m	1.35, m	1.39, m	1.45, m	1.49, m
7eq	1.92, m	1.88, m	1.82, dt (12.8, 3.3)	1.91, dt (12.8, 3.3)	1.76, dt (12.6, 3.1)	1.76, dt (12.6, 3.2)
7ax	1.16, m	1.16, m	1.09, dt (12.8, 3.5)	1.17, m	1.06, m	1.06, td (12.6, 3.7)
8	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	1.33, m	1.04, m	1.32, dd (9.1, 6.3)	1.51, m	1.35, d (2.9)	1.34, d (3.0)
10	-	-	-	-	-	-
11eq	2.00, m	1.88, m	1.63, m	1.87, m	5.95, t (3.4)	4.46, t (3.0)
11ax	1.80, dd (13.2, 3.4)	1.49, m	1.63, m	1.85, m	-	-
12eq	5.44, br s	2.63, m	4.52, br s	4.49, br s	4.36, m	5.54, dd (9.2, 3.0)
12ax	-	1.62, m	-	-	-	-
13	2.67, dt (8.0, 1.5)	-	2.66, d (8.0)	2.65, d (7.9)	2.84, dd (10.9, 9.4)	3.00, dd (10.6, 9.2)
14	2.29, dd (8.0, 5.2)	1.94, dd (7.8, 5.6)	2.33, dd (8.0, 5.4)	2.37, dd (7.9, 5.4)	2.44, m	2.44, m

Table 3. Cont.

Position	δ_H , mult., J (Hz)					
	6 ^c	7 ^c	8 ^b	9 ^b	10 ^c	11 ^c
15eq	4.26, d (9.9)	4.42, dd (9.4, 5.6)	4.23, d (9.7)	4.26, d (9.9)	4.33, m	4.28, m
15ax	4.12, m	4.13, dd (9.4, 7.8)	4.11, dd (9.7, 5.4)	4.13, dd (9.9, 5.4)	4.33, m	4.28, m
16	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	0.90, s	0.88, s	0.82, s	0.89, s	0.95, s	0.94, s
18eq	0.89, s	0.89, s	0.86, s	0.90, s	0.87, s	0.87, s
19ax	0.83, s	0.83, s	0.81, s	0.85, s	0.81, s	0.82, s
20a	4.56, d (12.4)	4.55, d (13.1)	0.82, s	4.59, d (12.1)	4.74, d (12.0)	4.61, d (12.2)
20b	4.13, m	4.14, d (13.1)	-	4.17, d (12.1)	3.96, dd (12.0, 1.9)	4.02, dd (12.2, 1.8)
11-OH	-	-	-	-	-	2.08, br s
11-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	2.34, m	-
11-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	2.34, m	-
12-OH	-	-	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	2.79, br s	-
12-OCOCH ₃	-	-	-	-	-	-
12-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	2.33, q (7.6)	-	-	-	-	2.46, m
12-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	2.33, q (7.6)	-	-	-	-	2.40, m
12-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	1.16, t (7.7)	-	-	-	-	1.18, t (7.6)
13-OH	-	<i>d</i>	-	-	-	-
20-OCOCH ₃	2.03, s	2.02, s	-	-	-	-
20-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	2.31, q (7.7)	2.46, m	2.50, m
20-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	2.31, q (7.7)	2.46, m	2.45, m
20-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	1.13, t (7.7)	1.18, t (7.7)	1.12, t (7.5)

^a Chemical shifts (ppm) referenced to CHCl₃ (δ_H 7.26, δ_C 77.16). ^b At 500 MHz. ^c At 700 MHz. ^d Not observed.

Table 4. ¹³C NMR assignments for spongian-16-one analogues 6–11^a.

Position	δ_C , mult.					
	6 ^c	7 ^c	8 ^b	9 ^b	10 ^c	11 ^c
1	35.1, CH ₂	35.4, CH ₂	39.9, CH ₂	35.1, CH ₂	33.8, CH ₂	33.8, CH ₂
2	18.3, CH ₂	18.5, CH ₂	18.5, CH ₂	18.4, CH ₂	18.2, CH ₂	18.2, CH ₂
3	41.5, CH ₂	41.6, CH ₂	42.1, CH ₂	41.7, CH ₂	41.3, CH ₂	41.5, CH ₂
4	32.8, C	33.0, C	33.1, C	33.1, C	33.0, C	32.9, C
5	57.1, CH	57.0, CH	56.8, CH	56.9, CH	58.0, CH	58.2, CH
6	17.8, CH ₂	17.9, CH ₂	18.1, CH ₂	17.9, CH ₂	17.6, CH ₂	18.1, CH ₂
7	42.2, CH ₂	42.8, CH ₂	42.0, CH ₂	42.2, CH ₂	42.1, CH ₂	41.9, CH ₂
8	35.6, C	36.3, C	35.5, C	36.0, C	35.1, C	33.2, C
9	50.0, CH	56.7, CH	48.8, CH	49.0, CH	62.6, CH	64.2, CH
10	39.8, C	40.4, C	36.1, C	40.2, C	41.2, C	40.7, C
11	25.6, CH ₂	19.4, CH ₂	27.1, CH ₂	29.2, CH ₂	70.4, CH	67.7, CH
12	67.9, CH	28.1, CH ₂	65.1, CH	64.9, CH	66.4, CH	69.5, CH
13	43.1, CH	83.7, C	45.5, CH	45.6, CH	41.6, CH	38.7, CH
14	49.1, CH	54.5, CH	48.3, CH	48.6, CH	47.6, CH	47.7, CH
15	67.7, CH ₂	67.1, CH ₂	67.9, CH ₂	68.0, CH ₂	67.7, CH ₂	66.9, CH ₂
16	174.9, C	173.6, C	176.3, C	176.4, C	180.3, C	178.2, C
17	15.3, CH ₃	15.5, CH ₃	15.4, CH ₃	15.2, CH ₃	17.7, CH ₃	17.6, CH ₃
18eq	33.9, CH ₃	33.9, CH ₃	33.5, CH ₃	33.9, CH ₃	33.6, CH ₃	33.6, CH ₃
19ax	22.1, CH ₃	22.0, CH ₃	21.6, CH ₃	21.9, CH ₃	21.9, CH ₃	21.7, CH ₃
20	64.3, CH ₂	64.3, CH ₂	16.5, CH ₃	64.5, CH ₂	64.4, CH ₂	64.7, CH ₂
11-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	173.6, C	-
11-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	27.9, CH ₂	-
11-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	9.2, CH ₃	-
12-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	173.0, C	-	-	174.5, C	-	172.6, C
12-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	28.0, CH ₂	-	-	27.9, CH ₂	-	27.7, CH ₂
12-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	9.4, CH ₃	-	-	9.3, CH ₃	-	9.1, CH ₃
20-CO ₂ CH ₃	170.8, C	170.8, C	-	-	-	-
20-CO ₂ CH ₃	21.2, CH ₃	21.2, CH ₃	-	-	-	-
20-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	174.2, C	175.5, C
20-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	27.6, CH ₂	27.4, CH ₂
20-CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	-	-	-	-	9.0, CH ₃	9.4, CH ₃

^a Chemical shifts (ppm) referenced to CHCl₃ (δ_H 7.26, δ_C 77.16). ^b At 500 MHz. ^c At 700 MHz.

Metabolite **7**, which was isolated as a colourless oil, exhibited an adduct ion at m/z 401.2291 $[M + Na]^+$ from HRESIMS, which corresponded to the same molecular formula as **5**. The 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data again revealed an acetate group (δ_H 2.02, δ_C 21.2, 170.8) while oxymethylene signals at δ_H 4.55 (d, $J = 13.1$ Hz) and 4.14 (d, $J = 13.1$ Hz) were consistent with those of H₂-20 in **6**. HMBC correlations from the signals at δ_H 4.55 and 4.14 as well as from δ_H 2.02 to the carbon at δ_C 170.8 and to C-10 (δ_C 40.4) confirmed the position of the acetate group at C-20. NOE correlations between H-20a/Me-19 and H-20b/Me-17 again placed the C-20 acetate on the same face as Me-17. The upfield chemical shift for H-14 (δ_H 1.94, dd, $J = 5.6, 7.8$ Hz), together with HMBC correlations from signals at δ_H 1.94 (H-14) and 4.13 (H-15ax) to the quaternary carbon at δ_C 83.7 (C-13), confirmed a hydroxy group at C-13. The configuration at C-13 was not explored further, owing to the small quantity (0.2 mg) of the sample, and was provisionally assigned by comparison with **1** and **3**. NOESY correlations between H-5/H-9 and H-9/H-14 confirmed the remaining stereochemistry. Compound **7** was assigned the systematic name (-)-20-acetoxy-13-hydroxyspongian-16-one.

Metabolite **8** was isolated as a colourless oil and displayed a sodiated ion at m/z 343.2245 $[M + Na]^+$ from HRESIMS for C₂₀H₃₂O₃ suggesting an extra hydroxy group compared to spongian-16-one. gCOSY correlations from the oxygenated methine proton signal at δ_H 4.52 (H-12, br s) to δ_H 1.63 (H₂-11) and 2.66 (H-13) established the hydroxy group at the C-12 position, further confirmed by HMBC correlations. NOESY correlations observed between H-5/H-9, H-9/H-14, and H-12/Me-17 confirmed the overall stereochemistry. Compound **8** was named as (-)-12 α -hydroxyspongian-16-one.

Diterpene **9** was isolated as a colourless oil and produced an adduct ion at m/z 415.2458 $[M+Na]^+$ from HRESIMS for C₂₃H₃₆O₅. The 1H NMR spectrum indicated a quartet (2H) at δ_H 2.31 and a triplet at δ_H 1.13, corresponding to propionate methylene and methyl signals. Oxymethylene signals at δ_H 4.59 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz) and 4.17 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz) corresponded to those of H₂-20 in 20-oxyspongian-16-one-propionate [30]. HMBC correlations from the signals at δ_H 4.59 and 4.17, as well as from δ_H 2.31 (2H) and 1.13 to the carbon at δ_C 174.5 and C-10 (δ_C 40.2) confirmed the propionate group at C-20. The signals at δ_H 4.49 (H-12, br s) and 2.65 (H-13) were comparable to those in the 1H NMR spectrum of **8**, positioning a hydroxy group at C-12. NOE correlations between Me-17, H-12 and H₂-20 positioned the propionate group on the same face and the 12-OH on the opposite face to Me-17. The name of compound **9** was assigned as (-)-12 α -hydroxy-20-oxyspongian-16-one-20-propionate.

Metabolite **10**, a colourless oil, exhibited an adduct ion at m/z 487.2668 $[M + Na]^+$ in the HRESIMS, corresponding to a molecular formula of C₂₆H₄₀O₇, and 16 mass units larger than that of 12 α , 20-dioxyspongian-16-one-dipropionate [30]. The 1H NMR spectrum revealed two multiplets at δ_H 2.34 (2H) and 2.46 (2H) and two methyl triplets at δ_H 1.15 ($J = 7.7$ Hz) and 1.18 ($J = 7.7$ Hz). The addition of two ester carbonyls (δ_C 173.6 and 174.2) and the lactone carbonyl (δ_C 180.3) located six of the oxygen atoms, with the seventh oxygen atom inferred to be an additional hydroxy group. Oxymethylene signals at δ_H 4.74 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz) and 3.96 (dd, $J = 1.9, 12.0$ Hz) corresponded to those of H₂-20 in **9** and 20-oxyspongian-16-one-propionate [30]. HMBC correlations from the signals at δ_H 4.74 and 3.96 as well as from the signals at δ_H 2.46 (2H) and 1.18 to the carbon at δ_C 174.2 and to C-10 (δ_C 41.2) confirmed a propionate group at C-20. The multiplicity of the H-9 signal at δ_H 1.35 was a doublet rather than the doublet of doublets observed for **8**. HMBC correlations from H-11 (δ_H 5.95) and 11-OCOCH₂CH₃ (δ_H 2.34 and 1.15) to the propionate carbonyl at δ_C 173.6 located the second propionate group at C-11. gCOSY correlations from H-11 and H-13 (δ_H 2.84) to H-12 (δ_H 2.79) confirmed the hydroxy group at C-12. The 9.4 Hz coupling between H-12ax and H-13 established a boat conformation for ring C [7]. NOESY correlations observed between H-5/H-9, H-9/H-14, H-20b/Me-17, and H-12/Me-17 confirmed the overall stereochemistry. Compound **10** was named systematically as (-)-12 α -hydroxy-11 β ,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-11 β ,20-dipropionate.

The spongian-16-one analogue **11** was isolated as a colourless oil and produced an adduct ion at m/z 487.2667 $[M + Na]^+$, giving the same molecular formula as **10**, implying two propionate groups and a hydroxy group. The 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data

revealed signals for two propionate groups. Similar to **10**, two ester carbonyls (δ_C 172.6 and 175.5) and a lactone carbonyl (δ_C 178.2) were identified. HMBC correlations from the signals at δ_H 4.61 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz) and 4.02 (dd, $J = 1.8, 12.2$ Hz) as well as from δ_H 2.50, 2.45 and 1.12 to the carbon at δ_C 175.5 and C-10 (δ_C 40.7) confirmed a propionate group at C-20. HMBC correlations from the signal at δ_H 5.54 (H-12, dd, $J = 3.0, 9.2$ Hz) to the signal at δ_C 172.6 located the second propionate group at C-12. Lastly, the occurrence of a signal at δ_H 1.34 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz) for H-9, together with gCOSY correlations from H-12 and H-9 to H-11 (δ_H 4.46), established a hydroxy group at C-11. The 9.2 Hz coupling between H-12ax and H-13 again established a boat conformation for ring C [7]. The NOESY correlations observed between H-5/H-9, H-9/H-14, H-20b/Me-17, and H-12/Me-17 confirmed the overall stereochemistry. Compound **11** was named as (-)-11 β -hydroxy-12 α ,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-12 α ,20-dipropionate.

2.3. Anatomical Distribution of Metabolites

Comparison of individual body parts by ^1H NMR spectroscopy, together with subsequent isolation work, revealed that new metabolites **1–5** were solely isolated from the mantle tissue of *G. aureopurpureus*. Likewise, new metabolites **6–11** were isolated only from the mantle tissue of *Goniobranchus* sp. 1. We also found that both species had more chemical diversity of metabolites in the mantle relative to the viscera. A full list of metabolites found in each body part is provided in the Supplementary Material. This pattern of anatomical distribution matches that of four *Goniobranchus* species that we previously studied (*G. tinctorius*, *G. tasmaniensis*, *G. collingwoodi*, and *G. splendidus*) [7,35]. These species may accumulate compounds in the mantle as they feed on a variety of sponge species with different chemistry. Compounds in the mantle are thought to be used for defensive purposes, and complex defensive mixtures may provide protection from a range of predators [10]. In contrast, we previously found two species (*G. hunterae* and *G. verrieri*) with the same metabolites in the mantle and viscera tissue, and one species (*G. daphne*) with fewer compounds in the mantle compared to the viscera [35].

3. Conclusions

In conclusion, the isolation work was conducted on two *Goniobranchus* species and afforded eleven new spongian diterpenes with oxidation at various positions, such as C-6, C-7, C-11, C-12, C-13, and/or C-20. The X-ray structure of **1** provided insight into the absolute configuration of the parent spongian-16-one [4,5]. Many of these highly oxygenated spongian diterpenes were only isolated from the mantle tissue, where they may play a role in deterring predators.

4. Materials and Methods

4.1. General Experimental Procedure

Specific rotations were measured at 23 °C on a Jasco P-2000 polarimeter for solutions in CHCl_3 using a 1-millilitre cell (10-centimetre path length). NMR spectroscopic data were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer using a 5-millimetre SEI probe or a Bruker Avance DRX 700 MHz spectrometer with a 5-millimetre TXI Zgrad probe for solutions in CDCl_3 at 298K. Heteronuclear single quantum correlation (HSQC) and heteronuclear multiple bond correlation (HMBC) data were acquired using a $^1\text{J}_{\text{C-H}}$ of 145 Hz, while HMBC spectra were acquired using $^n\text{J}_{\text{C-H}}$ of 8 Hz. Positive and negative ion electrospray mass spectra were determined using either a Bruker Esquire HCT 3D ion trap instrument for low-resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (LRESIMS) or a MicroTOF-Q or an Orbitrap Elite instrument for high-resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (HRESIMS) with MeOH as solvent. Normal-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (NP-HPLC) was undertaken using a Waters 515 pump connected to a Gilson 132 series refractive index detector with a Phenomenex Luna (5 μm , 10 \times 250 mm) column, using isocratic elution conditions at flow rates between 1–2 mL/min. Silica gel 60 G and silica

TLC plates F₂₅₄ were purchased from Merck. Solvents were either distilled or were HPLC grade.

4.2. Biological Material

Six individuals of *Goniobranchus aureopurpureus* were collected from Nelson Bay (#1469-1474), New South Wales in March 2016. Three individuals of *Goniobranchus (Chromodoris)* sp. 1 were collected from Mudjimba (#1368 and #1563) and Gneerings Reefs (#1575) (Mooloolaba, Queensland) in October 2015 and October 2016. All collections were stored in individual containers at -20°C until dissection into mantle and gut prior to extraction.

4.3. Extraction and Purification

The mantle and viscera tissue of each specimen of *G. aureopurpureus* and *G. sp 1* were extracted in acetone (3×2 mL) and sonicated (5 min) separately. The extracts were reduced to aqueous suspensions, extracted with Et₂O (3×3 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under N₂ to give an orange oil (mantle tissue) or a green oil (viscera). The ¹H NMR profile of the mantle and viscera extracts were compared between the specimens of each species and showed similar chemistry; for *G. aureopurpureus* (specimens #1469-1474) the mantle extracts were combined (51.9 mg) and the viscera extracts combined (56.1 mg) to produce two extracts. For *G. sp 1* (specimens #1563, 1368 and 1575), the mantle extracts were combined (96.8 mg), as were the viscera extracts (71.2 mg). The extracts were further separated by NP-flash column chromatography with a stepwise solvent gradient from 100% hexanes to 100% MeOH.

Mantle fractions of *G. aureopurpureus* were further separated by NP-HPLC (25–30% EtOAc in hexanes) to yield 15-desacetoxy-12-acetoxylendrillaolide A (0.4 mg), spongian-16-one (2.5 mg), macfarlandin E (1.8 mg), aplyviolene (1.6 mg), 7 α -acetoxyspongian-16-one (0.6 mg), polyrhaphin B (0.1 mg), secoshahamin (0.1 mg), shahamin C (0.1 mg), 7 α -acetoxylendrillaolide A (5: 0.22 mg), 13-acetoxy-20-hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate (1: 1.2 mg), 6 β -hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate (3: 0.06 mg), 20-acetoxy-6 β -hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate (2: 0.07 mg), and 13-acetoxy-20-hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(3-methyl)-butanoate (4: 0.8 mg). Viscera fractions of *G. aureopurpureus* were further separated by NP-HPLC (25–30% EtOAc in hexanes) to yield luffarin-X (0.22 mg), spongian-16-one (0.43 mg) macfarlandin E (0.46 mg), polyrhaphin B (0.1 mg), secoshahamin (0.12 mg), polyrhaphin A (0.32 mg), 12-desacetoxypolyrhaphin A (0.14 mg), 15,16-diacetoxysahamin B (0.14 mg), aplyviolene (0.79 mg), and 7 α -acetoxyspongian-16-one (0.44 mg).

The NP-flash column chromatography mantle fractions of *Goniobranchus sp 1* were separated by NP-HPLC (30% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide isoagatholactone (0.5 mg), 12 α -acetoxyspongian-16-one (0.23 mg), 20-acetoxyspongian-16-one (7.94 mg), 20-oxyspongian-16-one-propionate (0.35 mg), 12 α ,20-diacetoxyspongian-16-one (0.43 mg), 12 α ,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-dipropionate (1.30 mg), 12 α -acetoxylendrillaolide A (6: 0.21 mg), and 20-acetoxy-13-hydroxyspongian-16-one (7: 0.17 mg). Mantle fractions eluting from DCM/EtOAc 4:1 and 1:1 were separated by NP-HPLC (30% EtOAc in hexanes) to yield 12-hydroxyspongian-16-one (8: 0.08 mg), 12-hydroxy-20-oxyspongian-16-one-20-propionate (9: 0.97 mg), 12-hydroxy-11,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-11,20-dipropionate (10: 0.17 mg), and 11-hydroxy-12,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-12,20-dipropionate (11: 0.11 mg). Viscera fractions eluting from hexanes/DCM (1:1 and 1:4), 100% DCM and DCM/EtOAc 4:1 were combined and separated by NP-HPLC (30% EtOAc in hexanes), providing isoagatholactone (0.16 mg), spongian-16-one (2.59 mg), 7 α -acetoxyspongian-16-one (0.57 mg), 12 α -acetoxyspongian-16-one (1.01 mg), 20-acetoxyspongian-16-one (0.30 mg), and 12 α ,20-diacetoxyspongian-16-one (0.83 mg).

(-)-13-Acetoxy-20-hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate (1): colourless oil (1.2 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21} -12$ (c 0.12, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz), Tables 1 and 2; HRESIMS m/z 501.2829 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₇H₄₂NaO₇, 501.2823).

(-)-20-Acetoxy-6 β -hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate (**2**): colourless oil (0.07 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -71 (c 0.007, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz), Tables 1 and 2; HRESIMS *m/z* 501.2824 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₇H₄₂NaO₇, 501.2823).

(-)-6 β -Hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(2-methyl)-butanoate (**3**): colourless oil (0.06 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -167 (c 0.006, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz), Tables 1 and 2; HRESIMS *m/z* 443.2779 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₅H₄₀NaO₅, 443.2768).

(-)-13-Acetoxy-20-hydroxy-7 α -oxyspongian-16-one-7 α -(3-methyl)-butanoate (**4**): colourless oil (0.8 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -19 (c 0.08, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz), Tables 1 and 2; HRESIMS *m/z* 501.2831 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₇H₄₂NaO₇, 501.2823).

(-)-7 α -Acetoxy-6 β -hydroxyspongian-16-one (**5**): colourless oil (0.22 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -65 (c 0.022, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz), Tables 1 and 2; HRESIMS *m/z* 401.2293 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₂H₃₄NaO₅, 401.2298).

(-)-20-Acetoxy-12 α -oxyspongian-16-one-12 α -propionate (**6**): colourless oil (0.21 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -29 (c 0.021, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz), Tables 3 and 4; HRESIMS *m/z* 457.2566 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₅H₃₈NaO₆, 457.2561).

(-)-20-Acetoxy-13-hydroxyspongian-16-one (**7**): colourless oil (0.17 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -22 (c 0.017, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz), Tables 3 and 4; HRESIMS *m/z* 401.2291 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₂H₃₄NaO₅, 401.2298).

(-)-12-Hydroxyspongian-16-one (**8**): colourless oil (0.08 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -58 (c 0.01, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz), Tables 3 and 4; HRESIMS *m/z* 343.2245 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₀H₃₂NaO₃, 343.2244).

(-)-12-Hydroxy-20-oxyspongian-16-one-20-propionate (**9**): colourless oil (0.97 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -7 (c 0.097, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz), Tables 3 and 4; HRESIMS *m/z* 415.2458 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₃H₃₆NaO₅, 415.2455).

(-)-12-Hydroxy-11,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-11,20-dipropionate (**10**): colourless oil (0.17 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -35 (c 0.017, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz), Tables 3 and 4; HRESIMS *m/z* 487.2668 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₆H₄₀NaO₇, 487.2666).

(-)-11-Hydroxy-12,20-dioxyspongian-16-one-12,20-dipropionate (**11**): colourless oil (0.11 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -64 (c 0.011, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz), Tables 3 and 4; HRESIMS *m/z* 487.2667 [M + Na]⁺ (calculated for C₂₆H₄₀NaO₇, 487.2666).

4.4. X-ray Crystallographic Structure Determination

Full details of X-ray crystallography methods and data are available in the Supplementary Materials.

Crystallographic data for 1: C₂₇H₄₂O₇ (*M* = 478.60 g/mol): orthorhombic, space group P2₁2₁2₁ (no. 19), *a* = 7.9081(2) Å, *b* = 11.0710(3) Å, *c* = 30.2192(8) Å, *V* = 2645.73(12) Å³, *Z* = 4, *T* = 100.01(10) K, μ (MoK α) = 0.085 mm⁻¹, *D*_{calc} = 1.202 g/cm³, 34647 reflections measured (4.562° ≤ 2 Θ ≤ 56.56°), 6562 unique (*R*_{int} = 0.0495, *R*_{sigma} = 0.0347) which were used in all calculations. The final *R*₁ was 0.0416 (*I* > 2 σ (*I*)) and *wR*₂ was 0.1191 (all data).

Crystallographic data for 4: C₂₇H₄₂O₇ (*M* = 478.60 g/mol): orthorhombic, space group P2₁2₁2₁ (no. 19), *a* = 7.9438(3) Å, *b* = 11.2958(8) Å, *c* = 28.897(2) Å, *V* = 2593.0(3) Å³, *Z* = 4, *T* = 99.99(10) K, μ (Mo K α) = 0.087 mm⁻¹, *D*_{calc} = 1.226 g/cm³, 24810 reflections measured (4.578° ≤ 2 Θ ≤ 50.246°), 4642 unique (*R*_{int} = 0.0727, *R*_{sigma} = 0.0429) which were used in all calculations. The final *R*₁ was 0.0804 (*I* > 2 σ (*I*)) and *wR*₂ was 0.2256 (all data).

Supplementary Materials: The following are available online at <https://www.mdpi.com/article/10.3390/md19120680/s1>. Figure S1: An image of *G. aureopurpureus* and *Giniobranchus* sp. 1; Figure S2: X-ray crystallography image of diterpene **4**; Figures S3–S56: NMR and 2D NMR spectra of diterpenes **1–11** (¹H, COSY, HSQC, HMBC, and NOESY). Tables S1 and S2 and Figures S57–S62: Anatomical distribution of metabolites.

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