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## Assignment of $^{13}\text{C}$ and $^1\text{H}$ Chemical Shifts of Cyclovirobuxinum D

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**Abstract:** Cyclovirobuxinum D was isolated from traditional Chinese medicine *Buxus icrophylla* Sieb. et Zucc, for treating coronary heart disease and arrhythmias. High performance liquid preparation chromatography was used for separation and purification.  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shifts of the compound were assigned using 1D and 2D NMR techniques including  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, COSY, DEPT, HMQC and HMBC. The structure of the compound was determined from the NMR data.

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### Introduction

A number of *Buxus* alkaloids from *Buxus microphylla* Sieb. et Zucc, such as one of the oral preparations known as huang-yangning tablet in traditional Chinese medicine, are used to treat coronary heart disease and arrhythmias<sup>[1-4]</sup>. Previously, we have examined raw cyclovirobuxinum D brought from market by HPLC method<sup>[5]</sup>, the content of which is between 55% to 85%. In fact, it was the Buxus alkaloids extractive (Huangyangning), not a pure compound. Here, we obtained pure cyclovirobuxinum D (the purity > 98%), through high performance preparation liquid chromatography. 2D NMR experimental techniques including  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, DEPT, COSY, HSQC and HMBC<sup>[6, 7]</sup>, were used to study its structure and complete assignments of its  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$

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chemical shifts are reported for the first time. The molecular structure is depicted in Fig. 1.

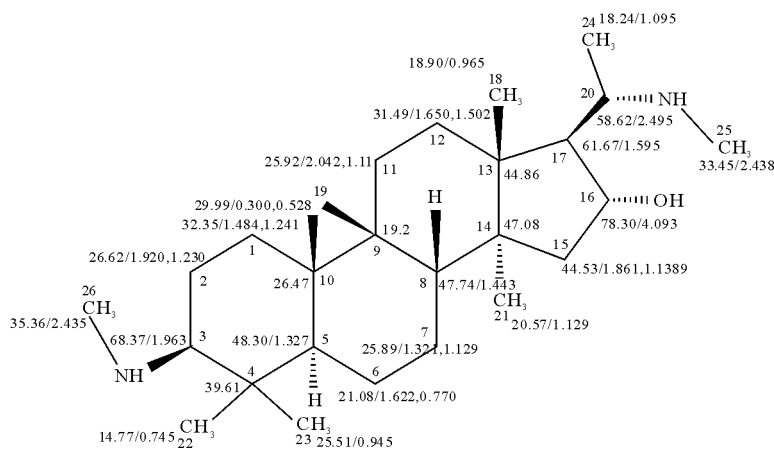


Fig. 1 Structure of cyclovirobuxinum D

## 1 Experiment

### 1.1 Material

Buxus alkaloids extractive (Huangyangning) was provided by xiaoying pharmacy factory. All the solvents used were commercially available reagents (AR).

### 1.2 Purification

We have established a high performance preparation liquid chromatography method. Cyclovirobuxinum D was purified on a Lichrospher-SiO<sub>2</sub> (250 mm × 18 mm, 5 μm) column with a mobile phase of methoxy- hexamethylene- acetone- ethanediamine(100 : 50 : 50 : 2) and a flow rate of 5 mL · min<sup>-1</sup> with the ELSD detection.

### 1.3 Purity test method

HPLC method was performed using Agilent 1100 series, Lichrospher-NH<sub>2</sub> (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 μm) column with a mobile phase of acetonitrile-0.4% dipotassium hydrogen phosphate solution(70 : 30) and a flow rate of 1 mL · min<sup>-1</sup> at 40 °C with the UV detection at 210 nm.

### 1.4 Sample preparation and Apparatus

20 mg Cyclovirobuxinum D was dissolved in 0.5 mL CDCl<sub>3</sub>, which was used as the internal reference at the same time. in a 5 mm NMR tube for experiments. All the experiments were performed on a Bruker advance DRX500 spectrometer equipped with TBI tube, a temperature control system.

### 1.5 NMR Experiment

All the NMR experiments were conducted at room temperature, the main parameters are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1** Experimental parameters

Experiment	SW (kHz)	TD	SI	NS
$^1\text{H}$ NMR	4.5	32 k	32 k	8
$^{13}\text{C}$ NMR	31.5	32 k	32 k	2 k
DEPT	31.5	32 k	32 k	2 k
COSY	4.5/4.5	1 024×256	512×512	4
NMQC	4.5/31.5	1 024×128	512×512	8
HMBC	4.5/31.5	1 024×128	512×512	8

## 2 Results and Discussion

The cyclovirobuxinum D obtained is some what white crystalline powder. The molecular formula  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  was determined 402.359 4 by TOF-MS, which was supported by  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum. Its purity was 98.65%.

From  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum, it can be concluded that the cyclovirobuxinum D has forty-three protons in sixteen different circumstances, expect for solvent peaks. The ratio of their integral is (from high magnetic field to low magnetic field) 1 : 1 : 6 : 1 : 3 : 3 : 3 : 1 : 2 : 2 : 4 : 4 : 6 : 4 : 1 : 1. From  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchanged  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra, we can conclude that the cyclovirobuxinum D has three active protons 16-OH ( $\delta$  4.1), 3-NH ( $\delta$  1.4) and 20-NH ( $\delta$  1.9). The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of cyclovirobuxinum D displayed signals of twenty-six carbons in twenty-six different circumstances, expect for solvent peaks. The DEPT spectrum indicated that the cyclovirobuxinum D has seven methyl carbons ( $\delta$  35.36,  $\delta$  33.45,  $\delta$  25.51,  $\delta$  20.57,  $\delta$  18.90,  $\delta$  18.24,  $\delta$  14.77), eight methylene carbons ( $\delta$  44.53,  $\delta$  32.35,  $\delta$  31.49,  $\delta$  29.99,  $\delta$  26.62,  $\delta$  25.92,  $\delta$  25.89,  $\delta$  21.08), six methane carbons ( $\delta$  78.30,  $\delta$  68.37,  $\delta$  61.67,  $\delta$  58.62,  $\delta$  48.30,  $\delta$  47.74), and five quaternary carbons ( $\delta$  47.08,  $\delta$  44.86,  $\delta$  39.61,  $\delta$  26.47,  $\delta$  19.20). Total carbon number and the carbon's type agreed with the cyclovirobuxinum D structure. All direct connections between protons and carbons were identified with HMQC spectra (see Table 2).

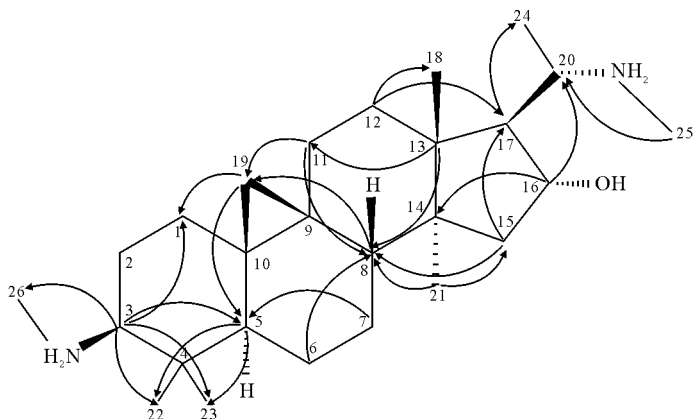


Fig. 2 Main HMBC of cyclovirobuxinum D

**Table 2** NMR data and  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  correlations of cyclovirobuxinum D (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

Position	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	DEPT	Related proton		
			$\delta_{\text{H}}(J_{\text{Hz}})$ (HMQC)	$^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ COSY	HMBC
1	32.35	$\text{CH}_2$	1.48 (d, 12), 1.24(d, 12)	H-2	H-19
2	26.62	$\text{CH}_2$	1.92, 1.28(m)	H-1, H-3	H-11, H-8
3	68.37	CH	1.96(m)	H-2	H-22, H-23, H-5, H-26, H-2, H-1
4	39.61	C	/	/	H-22, H-23, H-5, H-3
5	48.3	CH	1.33(d, 8, overlapped)	H-6	H-22, H-23
6	21.08	$\text{CH}_2$	1.62, 0.77(m)	H-5, H-7	H-5, H-7, H-8
7	25.89	$\text{CH}_2$	1.33(m, overlapped) 1.11(m, overlapped)	H-6, H-8	H-8, H-5, H-6
8	47.74	CH	1.44(m)	H-7	H-7, H-18, H-21
9	19.2	C	/	/	H-19, H-11, H-8
10	26.47	C	/	/	H-5
11	25.92	$\text{CH}_2$	2.04(m), 1.11(m, overlapped)	H-12	H-19, H-8, H-12
12	31.49	$\text{CH}_2$	1.65, 1.50(m)	H-11	H-18, H-17, H-11
13	44.86	C	/	/	H-12, H-18, H-17, H-11, H-8
14	47.08	C	/	/	H-15, H-8
15	44.53	$\text{CH}_2$	1.39(d, 9), 1.86(m)	H-16	H-17, H-8
16	78.3	CH	4.09(m)	H-15, H-17	H-20, H-17, H-15
17	61.67	CH	1.59(m)	H-20, H-16	H-18, H-20, H-24
18	18.9	$\text{CH}_3$	0.96(s)	/	H-17, H-12
19	29.99	$\text{CH}_2$	0.30(d, 10), 0.53(s)	/	H-5, H-8
20	58.62	CH	2.49(m)	H-17, H-24	H-17, H-25, H-16, H-24
21	20.56	$\text{CH}_3$	1.11(s, overlapped)	/	H-15, H-8
22	14.77	$\text{CH}_3$	0.74(s)	/	H-23, H-5, H-3
23	25.51	$\text{CH}_3$	0.94(s)	/	H-22, H-3
24	18.24	$\text{CH}_3$	1.09(m)	H-20	H-17
25	33.45	$\text{CH}_3$	2.44(m, overlapped)	/	H-20
26	35.36	$\text{CH}_3$	2.44(m, overlapped)	/	H-3

From the structure of cyclovirobuxinum D,  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  78.3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.093, m) methane carbon in lowest magnetic field (proved by DEPT) belongs to C-16 obviously, because it is connected with the strongest electron drawing group (-OH).  $\delta$  68.37 ( $\delta$  1.963, methane carbons) in the low magnetic field belongs to C-3 connected with NH, obviously.

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环维黄杨星 D  $^{13}\text{C}$  和  $^1\text{H}$  化学位移的全归属刘 洁<sup>1\*</sup>, 李 备<sup>1</sup>, 杭太俊<sup>2</sup>, 陈赞明<sup>1</sup>, 张正行<sup>2</sup>

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**摘 要:** 环维黄杨星 D 为自黄杨木中提取精制的有效生物碱, 临床上已长期用于心血管疾病的治疗. 本文用制备高效液相色谱提取、分离并纯化环维黄杨星 D, 用 1D, 2D NMR 技术 (COSY, DEPT, HMQC 和 HMBC) 对其结构进行研究, 并且首次对环维黄杨星 D 的  $^1\text{H}$  NMR 和  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR 信号进行了全归属, 同时通过 NMR 数据确证了环维黄杨星 D 的结构.

**关键词:** NMR; 归属; 2D NMR; 环维黄杨星 D; 黄杨宁生物碱