Cytotoxic Cembranes from Indonesian Specimens of the Soft Coral Nephthea sp.

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Abstract: Methanol extracts of two specimens of the soft coral Nephthea sp. collected from the Seribu Islands, Indonesia, were active in an anticancer bioassay. One new (1) and four known diterpenes (2–5) based on the cembrane carbon skeleton were isolated from these extracts, as was arachidonic acid (8). The structures of all compounds were elucidated using NMR, including 1,1-ADEQUATE and 1D gradient selective NOESY where applicable to determine the relative stereochemistry. Spectroscopic data, including 1H and 13C NMR, UV, IR and optical rotations are reported when enough material was available and where this has not been done previously. Inhibition assays employing three cancer cell lines; SF-268 (CNS), MCF-7 (breast), and H460 (lung) were used to guide the isolation of all compounds.

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1. Introduction

A large diversity of marine organisms have been shown to produce secondary metabolites as a means of defense [1–4], many of these compounds also possess interesting biological activities [5–7]. Soft corals are no exception [8–12]. Investigations of soft corals from Indonesian waters have been limited with only six such reports on six unrelated soft coral species [13–18], the first of these appearing in 1997 [13]. Since 2002 [15,16], aside from the research undertaken by Fattorusso et al. [17], Wang et al. [18], and the current authors [19–22], there is little work being done with soft corals from this region of the world, even though they are likely to be rich sources of biologically active secondary metabolites. The information presented here resulted from a formal cooperation between the Indonesia Research Center for Marine and Fisheries Product Processing and Biotechnology, and the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), funded by an AusAID PSLP Indonesia grant. The investigation of two Nephthea (Alcyonacea, Nephtheidae) species, whose methanol (MeOH) extracts exhibited anticancer properties, resulted in the isolation of a new cembrane 3,4-epoxy-nephthenol acetate (1) along with five known compounds: decaryiol (2), 15-hydroxy-cembrenene (3), 2-hydroxy-nephthenol (4), nephthenol (5) and arachidonic acid (8). This report describes the structural elucidation of (1) and clearly shows that soft corals of Indonesian origin have significant potential as sources of biologically active and drug development lead compounds.

2. Results and Discussion

Compound 1 was isolated as a yellow oil from Nephthea sp. specimen A. Mass spectrometric analysis of the compound showed it to have the molecular formula C_{22}H_{36}O_{3} and therefore have five double bond equivalents of unsaturation. From the $^1$H and $^{13}$C NMR data of 1, it was evident that the molecule contained two C=C double bonds ($\delta_C 123.6$ d, 126.2 d, 132.4 s, 134.9 s) and one C=O ($\delta_C 170.2$ s) double bond as the only multiple bonds establishing it as bicyclic. The 1D and 2D NMR data of 1 also revealed the presence of an acetate ($\delta_C 170.2$ s, 85.6 s, 22.8 q, 1.98 s [C-21, 22 and 15, respectively]) and an ether ($\delta_C 63.4$ d and 61.5 s, $\delta_H 2.84$ [dd, 9.4, 3.4 Hz], [C-3 and C-4, respectively]). From the $^1$H-$^1$H COSY spectrum of 1, three continuous chains of coupling were discerned; from H2-13 to H-3 via H2-14, H-1 and H2-2, respectively; from H2-5 to H3-19, via H2-6 and H-7; and from H2-9 to H3-20, via H2-10, and H-11, respectively. From long-range $^1$H-$^{13}$C couplings observed between H3-18 and C-3, C-4 and C-5; between H3-19 and C-7, C-8 and C-9; and between H3-20 and C-11, C-12 and C-13, and from 1,1-ADEQUATE cross-peaks [23] (See Table 1), it was possible to link together the three proton spin systems into a continuous carbon chain to form the first ring within 1. The chemical shifts associated with C-3, C-4 and H-3 indicated the ether functionality was in fact an epoxide, and hence formed the second ring within 1, fulfilling the requirement for five double bond equivalents of unsaturation. The protons associated with two of the three unassigned methyl groups demonstrated long-range $^1$H-$^{13}$C couplings between each others carbon and, C-1 and C-15, giving rise to a gem-dimethyl constellation attached to C-1, leaving the acetate function to reside at C-15, leading to the planar structure of 1. The geometry of the two C=C double bonds within 1 were both deduced to be E based on the $^{13}$C NMR chemical shifts of C-19 and C-20 ($\delta_C 16.7$ and 15.3, respectively). Based on the observation that the $^{12}$C NMR signals for C-2 and C-18 ($\delta_C 30.8$ and 16.6, respectively) occurred significantly upfield of that for C-5 ($\delta_C 39.3$), resulting from steric compression...
due to their cis orientation, the relative stereochemistry of the epoxide is as shown in 1 [24]. This
deduction was further supported by comparison of the $^{13}$C NMR chemical shift data for C-3, C-4 and
C-18 in 1 with those for 6, as well as the $^1$H NMR data associated with H-3 in both compounds.
Selective 1D NOESY excitation of the epoxide proton H-3 ($\delta$ 2.84) gave rise to signals corresponding
to H-1 ($\delta$ 2.22), H-2 ($\delta$ 1.56), H-5 ($\delta$ 1.13), H-7 ($\delta$ 5.23) and H-11 ($\delta$ 5.13); this information, and
comparison of both $^1$H and $^{13}$C NMR data with those for 6 confirmed the relative configuration at C-1,
3 and 4 to be deduced as shown in 1. Unfortunately, the absolute stereochemistry of 1 could not be
determined as the compound was unstable and degraded before an optical rotation could be obtained.

Literature searches for this molecule revealed it to be a new compound and the acetylated derivative of
3,4-epoxy-nephthenol, 6 [28].

HRESIMS of 2, also isolated from Nephthea sp. specimen A, resulted in an [M + Na]$^+$ ion
corresponding to a molecular formula of C$_{20}$H$_{34}$O$_2$ and hence four degrees of double bond
unsaturation. The $^1$H and $^{13}$C NMR data of 2 revealed the presence of two C=C double bonds ($\delta$C 132.6 s, 132.1 s, 128.0 d and 127.7 d) as the only multiple bonds within the molecule indicating a
bicyclic structure. Carbon chemical shifts indicated the presence of three oxygenated carbons ($\delta$C 76.8 s, 75.1 s and 70.3 d), two of which formed an ether linkage accounting for one of the rings
within 2, and the third an alcohol ($\delta$H 4.20 [dd, 11.7, 5.6 Hz, axial proton]). Database and literature
searches using this information and comparison of spectroscopic data with literature values confirmed
2 to be the known compound decaryiol [28]. Selective 1D NOESY experiments enabled the relative
configuration of 2 to be determined as shown; NOESY correlations were observed from H-3 to H-1, H-2, H-5, H-6, H-7 and H-11; from H-7 to H-3, H-5, H-6 ($\delta$H 2.62 br and 1.88 s) and H-9 ($\delta$H 2.20 br
and 2.17 s); from H-11 to H-1, H-2, H-3, H-9, H-10 and H-13; and from H-18 to H-2.

Accurate mass measurement of 3 showed it to have the molecular formula C$_{20}$H$_{32}$O and to contain
five double bond equivalents of unsaturation. From the $^1$H and $^{13}$C NMR data of 3 it was evident that
the molecule contained four C=C double bonds ($\delta$C 134.6 s, 133.4 d, 132.1 s, 131.5 s, 127.9 d, 127.3 d,
126.3 d and 126.2 d), revealing it to be monocyclic. It was also evident from this data that 3 had one
carbon attached to an oxygen, therefore an hydroxyl, functionality ($\delta$C 72.3 s). As for 1, three chains of
$^1$H-$^1$H coupling were discerned from the COSY spectrum of 3; from H$_2$-13 to H-3 via H$_2$-14, H-1 and
H$_2$-2, respectively; from H$_2$-18 to H$_2$-19, via H-5, H$_2$-6 and H-7; and from H$_2$-9 to H$_2$-20, via H$_2$-10,
and H-11, respectively. From long-range $^1$H-$^{13}$C couplings observed between H$_3$-18 ($\delta$C 19.9, $\Delta^4$ Z
configuration) and C-4 and C-5; between H$_3$-19 ($\delta$C 14.5, $\Delta^7$ E configuration) and C-7, C-8 and C-9;
and between H$_3$-20 ($\delta$C 14.3, $\Delta^{11}$ E configuration) and C-11, C-12 and C-13, and 1,1-ADEQUATE [23]
cross-peaks (Figure 1), it was possible to link together the three proton spin systems into a continuous
carbon chain to form the one ring within 3. HMBC and COSY correlations also confirmed two of the
C=C double bonds ($\Delta^2$ and $\Delta^4$) were conjugated; H-2 to C-4, H-3 to C-4 and C-5, and H-5 to C-3, and
that $\Delta^2$ had E configuration (H-2: $\delta$H 5.20 [dd, 15.3, 10.0 Hz]; H-3: $\delta$H 6.20 [d, 15.3 Hz]). Comparison
of these data with literature values for cembrenene (7) previously isolated from Simularia mayi [26],
(Table 2) indicated the structures to be similar. The protons associated with the two remaining methyl
groups CH$_3$-16 and CH$_3$-17 demonstrated long-range $^1$H-$^{13}$C couplings to each others protons and
carbon and to C-1 and C-15 giving rise to a gem-dimethyl constellation attached to C-1 with the
hydroxyl moiety residing at C-15, and the planar structure as shown in 3, 15-hydroxy-cembrenene.
Literature searches for this molecule yielded a report detailing the synthetic dehydration of 2-hydroxy-
nepthenol to give 3 [27]. The current report, however, is the first time 3 has been isolated from a natural source.

A second *Nephthea* sp., specimen B, was investigated for its anticancer activity with one of the active fractions yielding 4, having the same molecular formula as 2, C_{20}H_{34}O_{2}. Comparison of the $^1$H and $^{13}$C NMR data of 4 with those of 2 showed it to contain only two oxygenated carbons ($\delta_C$ 71.1 d and 74.6 s) as compared to the three in 2, and three C=C double bonds ($\delta_C$ 139.5 s, 135.4 s, 133.3 s, 127.9 d, 124.9 d and 123.9 d) rather than two as found in 2, confirming it to be a monocyclic diol. Its 1D and 2D NMR data confirmed it to be 2-hydroxy-nephthenol [27]. After leaving 4 to stand for one week in CDCl$_3$, it was found to have quantitatively rearranged to 3. Given this result, it is unclear whether 3, previously reported synthetically [27] and reported here from *Nephthea* sp. specimen A, was in fact a natural product, or a by-product of the isolation process [27]. However, close inspection of fractions from specimen A shortly after they were prepared did not reveal the presence of any 4, leading us to believe that 3 is in actual fact naturally occurring.

Scheme 1. Structures of compounds 1–8 referred to throughout the publication.

A second active compound, 5, was isolated from specimen B. The mass spectrum of 5 showed an [M + Na]$^+$ ion in its HRESIMS consistent with the molecular formula C$_{20}$H$_{34}$O and four degrees of C=C unsaturation. The $^1$H and $^{13}$C NMR data of 5 showed it to contain three C=C double bonds ($\delta_C$ 134.1 s, 133.4 s, 133.0 s, 125.9 d, 125.8 d and 125.0 d) as well as one hydroxyl group ($\delta_C$ 75.1 s),
making it a monocyclic alcohol. Comparison of its spectroscopic data with literature values confirmed 5 to be nephthenol [28].

### Table 1

| No. | δ_C, mult. | δ_H (mult., J in Hz) | COSY (1) | gHMBC (1) | 1,1-Adequate (1) | δ_C, mult. (6) |
|-----|------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1   | 39.5 d     | 2.22 (m)              | 2, 14    | 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, 17 | 2, 14, 15     | 44.1 d        |
| 2   | 30.8 t     | 1.56 (m)              | 1, 3     | 3, 4, 14, 15          |                | 29.7 t        |
| 3   | 63.4 d     | 2.84 (dd, 9.4, 4.4)   | 2        | 1, 2, 4, 5            | 2              | 63.0 d        |
| 4   | 61.5 s     |                       |          |                        |                | 61.9 s        |
| 5   | 39.3 t     | 2.06 (ddd, 13.3, 5.4, 2.9) | 5b, 6    | 4, 7       | 4, 6, 7, 18     | 4, 6          |
| 6   | 23.8 t     | 2.26 (m)              | 5, 6b, 7 | 4, 5, 7, 8            | 7              | 23.6 t        |
| 7   | 123.6 d    | 5.23 (bbr, 7.6)       | 6a, 6b, 19 | 6, 9, 19           | 6, 7          | 125.9 d *     |
| 8   | 134.9 s    |                       |          |                        |                | 133.8 s *     |
| 9   | 39.8 t     | 2.03 (m)              | 7, 8, 10, 11, 19 | 10       | 8, 10          | 36.6 t *      |
| 10  | 25.0 t     | 2.17 (m)              | 11       | 8, 9, 11             |                | 24.9 t        |
| 11  | 126.2 d    | 5.13 (bbr, 7.5)       | 10, 20   | 10, 13, 20           | 10, 11, 13     | 123.9 d *     |
| 12  | 132.4 s    |                       |          |                        |                | 134.9 s *     |
| 13  | 35.6 t     | 2.19 (m)              | 14a, 14b | 11, 12              | 12, 14         | 39.1 t *      |
| 14  | 28.9 t     | 1.89 (m)              | 1, 13, 14b | 1, 2, 12, 13,15, 17 | 12, 15, 17     | 28.1 t        |
| 15  | 85.6 s     |                       |          |                        |                | 73.3 s        |
| 16  | 23.5 q     | 1.45 (s)              | 1, 15, 17 | 15       |                | 26.6 q        |
| 17  | 23.4 q     | 1.43 (s)              | 1, 15, 16 | 15       |                | 28.6 q        |
| 18  | 16.7 q     | 1.31 (s)              | 3, 4, 5   | 4         |                | 16.9 q        |
| 19  | 15.3 q     | 1.62 (brs)            | 7        | 7, 8, 9              | 8              | 16.0 q *      |
| 20  | 15.8 q     | 1.58 (brs)            | 11       | 11, 12, 13           | 12              | 15.5 q *      |
| 21  | 170.2 s    |                       |          |                        |                |               |
| 22  | 22.8 q     | 1.98 (s)              | 21       | 21       |                |               |

* Based on the shifts found for I, these carbon resonances probably need reassignment.

* Correlations are from proton to carbon; b Multiplicities determined by DEPT.

Compound 8 was isolated as a yellow oil with the molecular formula of C_{20}H_{32}O_{2}, as determined by HRESIMS measurement of its [M – H]^- ion. Analysis of the ^1H and ^13C NMR spectral data of 8 in CDCl_3 revealed signals consistent with the presence of a carboxyl group (δ_C 177.9 s) and eight sp^2 methine carbons (δ_C 130.5 d, 129.0 d, 128.8 d, 128.6 d, 128.3 d, 128.1 d, 127.9 d and 127.5 d) accounting for all five of the C=C double bond equivalents of unsaturation within the molecule and showing it to be acyclic. Signals from three methylene carbons adjacent to cis double bonds were observed at δ_C 25.6, 25.6 and 25.6, as well as for seven other methylene carbons and one methyl group (δ_C 14.0). Comparison of these values with literature values confirmed 8 as the fatty acid arachidonic (20:4n-6) acid [29].
Compounds 1–5, and 8 were screened for their whole cell anticancer activity against three human tumor cell lines (SF-268 [CNS], MCF-7 [breast], H460 [lung]). All compounds demonstrated weak (GI50 > 100 μM) non-selective activity towards the three cell lines.

Table 2. 1H and 13C NMR data (125 MHz, CDCl3) for 15-hydroxy-cembrenene (3); 13C NMR data (125 MHz, CDCl3) for decaryiol (2), 2-hydroxy-nephthenol (4) and nephthenol (5); (22.6 MHz, CDCl3) for 3,4-epoxy-nephthenol (6), cembrenene (7) and arachidonic acid (8).

| No. | 2       | 3       | 3       | 7       | 4       | 5       | 8       |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1   | 39.9 d  | 53.5 d  | 1.85 (ddd, 2.5, 9.9, 12.3) | 49.0 s  | 53.8 d  | 48.3 d  | 177.0 s |
| 2   | 28.8 t  | 127.9 d | 5.21 (dd, 9.9, 15.5) | 130.5 d | 71.1 d  | 28.4 t  | 33.0 t  |
| 3   | 70.3 d  | 133.4 d | 6.21 (brd, 15.5) | 132.3 d | 127.9 d | 126.0 d | 24.5 t  |
| 4   | 76.8 q  | 134.6 s |         | 135.1 s | 139.5 s | 134.1 s | 26.4 t  |
| 5   | 37.9 t  | 127.3 d | 5.61 (brdd, 6.9, 9.0) | 126.7 d | 39.4 t  | 38.5 t  | 129.0 d |
| 6   | 23.6 t  | 26.2 t  | 2.43 (brdd, 3.7, 9.0, 15.3) | 3.06 (brdd, 6.9, 10.9, 15.3) | 29.1 t  | 24.5 t  | 24.7 t  | 128.2 d |
| 7   | 127.7 d | 126.3 d | 5.09 (brdd, 3.7, 10.9) | 126.3 d | 124.9 d | 125.9 d | 25.6 t  |
| 8   | 132.1 s | 131.5 s |         | 130.5 s | 133.3 s | 133.2 s | 128.8 d |
| 9   | 39.2 t  | 38.8 t  | 2.04 (m) | 2.19 (m) | 38.9 t  | 39.7 t  | 39.5 t  | 127.9 d |
| 10  | 25.1 t  | 23.5 t  | 2.28 (m) | 2.01 (m) | 23.5 t  | 23.4 t  | 24.1 t  | 25.6 t  |
| 11  | 128.0 d | 126.2 d | 4.85 (brdd, 4.2, 7.4) | 126.3 d | 123.9 d | 125.0 d | 128.1 d |
| 12  | 132.6 s | 132.1 s |         | 131.4 s | 135.4 s | 133.1 s | 128.6 d |
| 13  | 36.3 t  | 36.3 t  | 1.95 (dt, 6.7, 3.9) | 2.08 (m) | 36.4 t  | 39.8 t  | 37.5 t  | 25.6 t  |
| 14  | 25.2 t  | 24.9 t  | 1.80 (m) | 2.07 (m) | 26.3 t  | 28.9 t  | 28.2 t  | 127.5 d |
| 15  | 75.1 s  | 72.3 s  |         |         | 149.7 s | 74.6 s  | 73.4 s  | 130.5 d |
| 16  | 29.5 q  | 27.3 q  | 1.19 (s) |         | 108.8 t | 29.9 q  | 27.6 q  | 27.3 t  |
| 17  | 22.2 q  | 26.9 q  | 1.13 (s) |         | 21.5 q  | 24.6 q  | 27.6 q  | 29.3 t  |
| 18  | 24.2 q  | 19.9 q  | 1.80 (t, 1.5) |         | 19.8 q  | 15.4 q  | 15.6 q  | 31.5 t  |
| 19  | 14.8 q  | 14.5 q  | 1.59 (brs) |         | 14.4 q  | 15.2 q  | 15.3 q  | 22.6 t  |
| 20  | 15.0 q  | 14.3 q  | 1.53 (brs) |         | 14.4 q  | 15.8 q  | 15.6 q  | 14.0 q  |

* Multiplicities determined by DEPT.

3. Experimental Section

3.1. General experimental

C18 flash vacuum chromatography was performed using Phenomenex C18 (50 μm). HPLC was performed employing a Phenomenex Luna C18 column (250 × 21 mm) attached to a Shimadzu HPLC system consisting of a Shimadzu SCL-10Avp system controller equipped with a Shimadzu LC-10AT pump, Shimadzu SPD-M10Avp photodiode array detector, Shimadzu FRC-10A fraction collector and
Shimadzu SIL-10A auto sampler using Shimadzu Class-VP software. IR spectra were measured on a Nicolet Nexus FTIR. Optical rotations were collected on a Jasco 715 CD polarimeter. All NMR spectra were recorded on either a Bruker Avance 600 MHz NMR spectrometer complete with cryoprobe, or a Bruker Avance 300 MHz NMR spectrometer, with spectra referenced to residual $^1$H and $^{13}$C resonances in the deuterated solvents. Accurate mass spectrometric data were measured using a Bruker BioApex 47 FT mass spectrometer. All other details as previously published [30].

3.2. Animal material

*Nephthea* sp. specimen A was collected from Seribu Islands, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia, at a depth of 10 m, at 10:21 am, on the 22 July 2005; *Nephthea* sp. specimen B was collected from Seribu Islands, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia, at a depth of 15 m, at 1:10 pm, on the 22 June, 2005. Soft coral taxonomy was undertaken by K. Fabricius, AIMS. A voucher sample for each specimen has been lodged with the Indonesia Research Center for Marine and Fisheries Product Processing and Biotechnology, Jakarta, Indonesia.

![Figure 1. 1,1-ADEQUATE spectrum of 3 (600 MHz basic frequency, CDCl$_3$).](image)

X: Residual solvents.

Numbered correlations—e.g., 2, 3—are from carbon (e.g., 2) to proton (e.g., 3).

3.3. Bioassay

Natural product samples were assayed against three cell lines; SF-268, MCF-7 and H460 cells, as described in a previous study [31]. In brief, natural product samples, solubilized in DMSO and serially diluted in RPMI 1640 medium, were added to SF-268, MCF-7 and H460 cells so that the final doses
ranged from 1000 μg/mL to 1 μg/mL. Total cellular protein was measured using the sulforhodamine B (SRB) assay as an indicator of cell number. Inhibition of growth by 50% (GI50) was determined by comparing the sample treated values to those of vehicle only control and time 0 readings.

3.4. Extraction and isolation

Extract A: The organic solubles (0.84 g), obtained by employing repeated extraction of 100.00 g wet weight of *Nephthea* sp. specimen A with MeOH, were filtered through a plug of reversed phase C18 silica using MeOH as eluent. The MeOH was removed under reduced pressure and the resultant dry extract subjected to preparative RP-HPLC (9 mL/min, gradient elution from 15% MeCN:H2O to 100% MeCN; column 250 × 20 mm RP Luna C18 (2), Phenomenex, over 70 mins) to yield 63 fractions. Three of the 63 fractions, 27, 30 and 32, were found to be active in the applied bioassay systems. ¹H NMR analysis of these fractions showed them to be a 1:1 mixture of 3 and 4 (10.0 mg, 1.19% organic extract), 8 (10.0 mg, 1.19% organic extract), and 5 (10.0 mg, 1.19% organic extract), respectively.

Extract B: The organic solubles (3.31 g), obtained by employing repeated extraction of 300.00 g wet weight of *Nephthea* sp. specimen B with MeOH, were filtered through a plug of reversed phase C18 silica using MeOH and DCM as eluents. The MeOH and DCM were removed under reduced pressure and the resultant dry extracts (1.49 g and 0.10 g, respectively) subjected to preparative RP-HPLC. The MeOH extract (9 mL/min, gradient elution from 15% MeCN:H2O to 100% MeCN; column 250 × 20 mm RP Luna C18 (2), Phenomenex, over 70 mins) yielded 57 fractions of which only one, fraction 35, was found to be active in the applied bioassay systems. ¹H NMR analysis of this fraction showed it to be 2 (57.9 mg, 1.75% organic extract). The DCM extract (9 mL/min, gradient elution from 15% MeCN:H2O to 100% MeCN; column 250 × 20 mm RP Luna C18 (2), Phenomenex, over 70 mins) yielded 55 fractions of which two, fractions 16 and 18, were found to be active in the applied bioassay systems. ¹H NMR analysis of these fractions showed them to be 3 (2.3 mg, 0.07% organic extract), and 1 (0.8 mg, 0.02% organic extract), respectively.

**Compound 1 (3,4-Epoxy-nephthenol acetate).** A yellow oil; [α]D Sample decomposed prior to measurement; ¹H (600 MHz, CDCl₃), and ¹³C (150 MHz, CDCl₃) NMR data see Table 1; HRESIMS m/z found 371.2563 for [M + Na]+ (calcd for C₂₂H₃₆O₃Na 371.2557).

**Compound 2 (Decaryiol).** A yellow oil [α]D⁰ + 27.2° (c 0.01), cf + 69.0° [25]; ¹³C (150 MHz, CDCl₃) NMR data see Table 2; HRESIMS m/z found 329.2458 for [M – H]⁺ (calcd for C₂₀H₃₄O₂Na 329.2451); and all remaining data as previously published [25].

**Compound 3 (15-Hydroxy-cembrenene).** A yellow oil; [α]D Sample decomposed prior to measurement; ¹H (600 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C (150 MHz, CDCl₃) NMR data see Table 2; HRESIMS m/z found 311.2330 for [M – H]⁺ (calcd for C₂₀H₃₂ONa 311.2345); and all remaining data as previously published [27].

**Compound 4 (2-Hydroxy-nephthenol).** A clear oil ¹³C (150 MHz, CDCl₃) NMR data see Table 2; HRESIMS m/z found 329.2452 for [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₂₀H₃₄O₂Na 329.2451); and all remaining data as previously published [27].
Compound 5 (Nephthenol). A clear oil; $^{13}$C (150 MHz, CDCl$_3$) NMR data see Table 2; HRESIMS m/z found 313.2517 for [M – H]$^+$ (calcd for C$_{20}$H$_{34}$ONa 313.2502); and all remaining data as previously published [28].

Compound 8 (Arachidonic acid). A yellow oil; $^{13}$C (150 MHz, CDCl$_3$) NMR data see Table 2; HRESIMS m/z found 303.2325 for [M – H$_2$O + Na]$^+$ (calcd for C$_{20}$H$_{31}$O$_2$ 303.2330); and all remaining data as previously published [29].

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