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4 **A new lanostane triterpenoid from the mushroom *Hypholoma fasciculare***

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15 **ABSTRACT**

16 A novel compound (**1**) and three known compounds (**2–4**) were isolated from the

17 fruiting bodies of *Hypholoma fasciculare*. The structure of **1** was determined by the

18 interpretation of spectroscopic data. Compounds **2–4** were identified by comparing the

19 spectra data of known compounds. In the bioassay examining growth inhibitory activity

20 against phytopathogenic bacteria *Clavibacter michiganensis*, *Burkholderia glumae* and

21 *Peptobacterium carotovorum*, compounds **1**, **2** and **4** showed inhibition effects on *C.*

22 *michiganensis* only.

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24 **Keywords:** structural determination, mushroom, *Hypholoma fasciculare*, isolation,

25 phytopathogenic bacterial activity

26 *Hypholoma fasciculare* (Japanese name: Nigakuritake) is a small, bitter
27 poisonous mushroom of the genus *Hypholoma*. The mushroom is widely distributed
28 worldwide and grows on the stumps of old trees in tufts (Shiono *et al.* 2004). This
29 mushroom is known to produce diverse compounds including steroids, triterpenoids
30 and sesquiterpenoids, and the toxic components have been identified as lanostane
31 triterpenoids. (Kim *et al.* 1997; Ikeda *et al.* 1997; Kubo *et al.* 1985; Suzuki *et al.* 1983;
32 Takahashi *et al.* 1989; Doi *et al.* 1990). Fasciculols A–F inhibited the growth of Chinese
33 cabbage seedlings (Ikeda *et al.* 1997a-c). Fasciculol D also showed antimicrobial
34 activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (Ikeda *et al.* 1997a).
35 Moreover, fasciculols E and F paralyzed the respiratory center of mice and caused death
36 (Suzuki *et al.* 1983). Fasciculic acids A–C have been isolated as calmodulin inhibitors
37 (Takahashi *et al.* 1989).

38 Phytopathogenic fungi and bacteria can reduce crop yields and cause extensive
39 damage (Dang *et al.* 2014). Among the phytopathogenic bacteria, most are Gram-
40 negative, however, of some Gram-positive phytopathogens sometimes can also cause
41 significant losses in crop cultivation (Gartemann *et al.* 2003). To control the plant
42 disease rapidly and effectively, one generally achieved way is using synthetic pesticides
43 and antibiotics (Kotan *et al.* 2014). However, these chemicals are associated with
44 undesirable effects on the environment due to their slow biodegradation in the
45 environment and some toxic residues in the degraded products for mammalian health
46 (Barnard *et al.* 1997; Isman *et al.* 2000). Therefore, it is important to look for effective
47 chemicals from natural sources that can be used against phytopathogenic bacteria

48 without affecting the environment. Although the lanostane triterpenoids from this
49 mushroom have been reported many biological activities, any research based on the
50 aspect mentioned above has not been carried out. In this study, we describe the isolation,
51 structural determination, and anti-phytopathogenic bacterial activity of the compounds.
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53 **Results and discussion**

54 The fresh fruiting bodies of *H. fasciculare* were extracted with EtOH and
55 acetone. The solutions were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure. The
56 concentrated extracts were partitioned between *n*-hexane and water, and then EtOAc
57 and water, successively. The water soluble part was dried under reduced pressure, and
58 then extracted with EtOH. The EtOAc soluble part was fractionated by repeated
59 chromatography and four compounds (**1–4**) were purified (**Figure 1**).

60 Compound **1** was obtained as a colorless gum with a molecular formula of
61 C₄₀H₆₇NO₁₀ deduced by the molecular ion peak [M + Na]⁺ at *m/z* 744.4650 (calcd for
62 C₄₀H₆₇NO₁₀Na, 744.4657) in the HRESIMS. The structure of **1** was elucidated by
63 interpretation of NMR spectra (**Table 1**) including DEPT, COSY, HMQC, and HMBC
64 (**Figures S1-5**). The ¹³C NMR, DEPT and HMQC data established the presence of 10
65 methyls, 12 methylenes, 7 methines and 11 tetrasubstituted carbons, including two
66 olefinic carbons [δ_C 133.7 and 136.7], two oxygenated tetrasubstituted carbons [δ_C 71.6
67 and 73.9], and three carboxy groups [δ_C 171.3, 173.1 and 174.0]. The ¹H NMR showed
68 the presence of signals due to nine methyls [δ_H 0.65 (s), 0.91 (s), 0.91 (s), 1.08 (s), 1.11
69 (s), 1.13 (s), 1.16 (s), 1.26 (t) and 1.41 (s)], a secondary methyl [δ_H 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz)],
70 and four oxygenated methines [δ_H 3.22 (m), 3.82 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 10.1, 4.6 Hz), 4.00 (d,
71 *J* = 7.8 Hz), and 4.57 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz)]. All these data showed that **1** is a lanostane
72 triterpenoid. The lanostane skeleton was elucidated by the HMBC correlations (H-1/C-
73 2, 3, 5, 10; H-3/C-2, 4, 28, 29; H-5/C-3, 4, 6, 7, 10; H-7/C-5, 8, 9, 14; H-11/C-8, 9, 12;
74 H-12/C-9, 13, 14, 18; H-15/C-13, 14, 16, 30; H-17/C-13, 14, 20; H-18/C-13, 14, 17; H-

75 19/C-1, 5, 9, 10; H-21/C-20, 22; H-22/C-21; H-23/C-22; H-24/C-22, 23, 25, 26; H-
76 26/C-24, 25, 27; H-27/C-24, 25, 26) and the COSY correlations (H-1/H-2, H-2/H-3, H-
77 5/H-6, H-6/H-7, H-11/H-12, H-16/H-17, H-17/H-20, H-23/H-24) (**Figure 2**). Moreover,
78 the HMBC correlations (H-3/C-1') confirmed the presence of the side chain is
79 combined with C-3. The structure of side chain was elucidated by the HMBC
80 correlations (H-2'/C-1', 3', 4', 5'; H-4'/C-2', 3', 5'; H-5'/C-2', 3', 4', 6'; H-7'/C-6', 8';
81 H-9'/C-8', 10'; H-10'/C-9') (**Figure 2**). As a result, the plane structure of **1** was
82 determined as shown in **Figure 1**, which is similar to fasciculol G (**2**) except an ethoxy
83 group at C-8'. The absolute configuration except for C-3' of **1** was determined by the
84 comparison of NMR chemical shift (Kim *et al.* 2013) and the CD spectrum of **2**
85 (**Figure S6**), however, the absolute configuration at C-3' remains unknown (**Figure 1**).

86 Since EtOH was used for the extraction and fractionation, there is a possibility
87 that **1** is an artifact. To confirm that **1** is a natural product, the fruiting bodies of *H.*
88 *fasciculare* were extracted with MeOH and fractionated by middle pressure liquid
89 chromatography not using EtOH. As a result, LC-MS/MS analysis showed the
90 existence of **1** in a fraction (**Figure S7**).

91 Compound **2** was identified as fasciculol G, which has significant selective
92 cytotoxicity against the SK-MEL-2 cell line of malignant melanoma ($IC_{50}=8.60 \mu M$)
93 (Kim *et al.* 2013) (**Figures S8-12**). Compound **3** was identified as fasciculic acid B,
94 which showed inhibition activity of plant growth (Takahashi *et al.* 1989) (**Figures S13-**
95 **17**). Compound **4** has been isolated from the mushroom of *Naematoloma sublateritium*
96 as fasciculol B (Bernardi *et al.* 1981) (**Figures S18-22**), which has the activity to inhibit

97 the root elongation of the plant (Ikeda *et al.* 1977c) (**Figure 1**).

98 Compounds **1** to **4** were tested for effect on the growth of *Clavibacter*
99 *michiganensis*, *Burkholderia glumae*, and *Pectobacterium carotovorum*. *C.*
100 *michiganensis*, a Gram-positive plant pathogenic bacterium, is the causal agent of
101 bacterial canker disease of tomato (Davis *et al.* 1984). *B. glumae*, a Gram-negative
102 bacterium, was first described in Japan as the cause of grain rotting and seedling blight
103 on rice (Gartemann *et al.* 2003; Goto *et al.* 1956). *P. carotovorum* causes soft-rot disease
104 in diverse plants (Roh *et al.* 2010). As a result, **1**, **2** and **4** inhibited the growth of *C.*
105 *michiganensis* at 0.1 μmol /paper disc (**Figure 3**, **Table 2**), while all the compounds
106 showed no activity against the growth of *B. glumae* and *P. carotovorum*.

107 A comparison of the structures between **1** to **4** indicated that the carboxy group
108 at C-6' of **3** weakened the inhibition of the growth of *C. michiganensis*. This bacterium
109 is one of the most severe pathogens of tomato (Jacques *et al.* 2012). Control of the
110 bacterium is known to be very difficult (Fatmi *et al.* 2017). In addition, there are very
111 few control measures for gram-positive bacterial plant pathogens. **1**, **2** and **4** could be
112 leading compounds for development of specific antibacterial agents against *C.*
113 *michiganensis*.

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115 **Experimental**

116 **General Experimental procedures**

117 ¹H NMR spectra (one- and two-dimensional) were recorded on JNM-ECZ500R
118 spectrometer at 500 MHz, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on the same instrument
119 at 125 MHz (JEOL, Tokyo, Japan). HRESIMS spectra were measured on a JMS-
120 T100LP mass spectrometer (JEOL, Tokyo, Japan). An FT/IR-4100 (Jasco, Tokyo, Japan)
121 instrument was used to record the IR spectra, and the specific rotation values were
122 measured by a Jasco DIP-1000 polarimeter (Jasco, Tokyo, Japan). CD spectra was
123 recorded by J-820 Spectropolarimeter. HPLC separations were performed with a Jasco
124 Chromatography Data Station ChromNAV system using reverse-phase HPLC columns
125 (ODS-P, InertSustain, Tokyo, Japan). Silica gel plate (Merck F254), ODS gel plate
126 (Merck F254), and silica gel 60 N (Kanto Chemical, Tokyo, Japan) were used for
127 analytical TLC and for flash column chromatography. All solvents used throughout the
128 experiments were obtained from Kanto Chemical Co. (Tokyo, Japan).

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130 **Fungal Material**

131 Fresh fruiting bodies of *H. fasciculare* were collected at Narusawa village,
132 Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan, in 2018 and identified by one of the author, H. Ko.. The
133 fruiting bodies (aerial part) were cut with a knife and preserved in a refrigerator at
134 -30°C until extraction.

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136 **Extraction and Isolation**

137 The fresh fruiting bodies of *H. fasciculare* (9.0 kg) were extracted with EtOH
138 (27 L, 3 times) and then with acetone (15 L, 3 times). The solutions were combined,
139 concentrated under reduced pressure, and partitioned between *n*-hexane and water,
140 ethyl acetate (EtOAc) and water, and the water part concentrated under reduced
141 pressure, and extracted with EtOH, successively. The EtOAc soluble part (35.7 g) was
142 fractionated by silica gel flash column chromatography (50% *n*-hexane/CH₂Cl₂,
143 CH₂Cl₂, 80%, 60%, 50%, 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% CH₂Cl₂/acetone, 70%, 50%, 40%, 30%,
144 20% CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, MeOH) to obtain 18 fractions (Fractions 1~18), and fraction 12
145 (1.0 g) was further separated by silica gel flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂, 95%,
146 90%, 85%, 80%, 75%, 70%, 65%, 60%, 55%, 50%, 45%, 40%, 35%, 30%, 25%, 20%,
147 15%, 10%, 5% CH₂Cl₂/MeOH; MeOH; acetone and MeOH; 1.5 L each) to obtain 15
148 fractions (Fractions 12-1~12-15). Fraction 12-3 (210.3 mg) was further separated by
149 reverse-phase HPLC (ODS-P, 80% MeOH) to afford compound **1** (1.9 mg). Compound
150 **2** (4.0 mg) was purified from fraction 12-2 (90.7 mg) by reverse-phase HPLC (ODS-P,
151 80% MeOH). Fraction 12-5 (48.6 mg) was separated by reverse-phase HPLC (ODS-P,
152 80% MeOH) to afford compound **3** (3.8 mg) and compound **4** (3.5 mg).

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154 Compound **1**: Colorless gum; ¹H and ¹³C NMR, see **Table 1**; [α]_D²⁵ +30 (*c* 0.20,
155 MeOH); ESIMS *m/z* 744 [M + Na]⁺; HRESIMS *m/z* 744.4650 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for
156 C₄₀H₆₇NO₁₀Na, 744. 4657).

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158 **Antibacterial Activity**

159 YP medium (yeast extract 5 g/L, peptone 10 g/L, agar 15 g/L) was mixed with
160 100 μ L of suspensions of three plant phytopathogenic bacterial (*Burkholderia glumae*
161 SUPP1744, *Peptobacterium carotovorum* SUPP8, and *Clavibacter michiganensis*
162 SUPP573). 0.1, 0.05, and 0.01 μ mol of each compound were dissolved in MeOH, and
163 40 μ L of sample was processed on paper discs. The discs were incubated at 28°C for 3
164 days and observed.

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166 **Data availability**

167 The data underlying this article are available in the article and in its online
168 supplementary material.

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170 **Author contribution**

171 H. Ka. conceived the project. H. Ka. and J. Wu designed the chemical experiments. J.
172 Wa., K. T., H. Ko. and J.-H. C. performed the experiments. Y. T. provided the bacteria
173 strains and designed the bioassay. J. Wa., J. Wu and H. Ka. wrote the manuscript. All
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187 **Disclosure statement**

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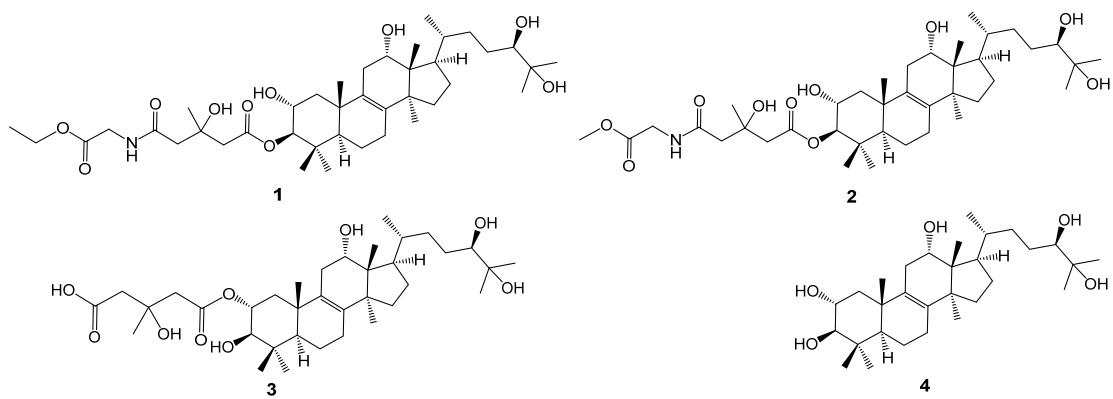


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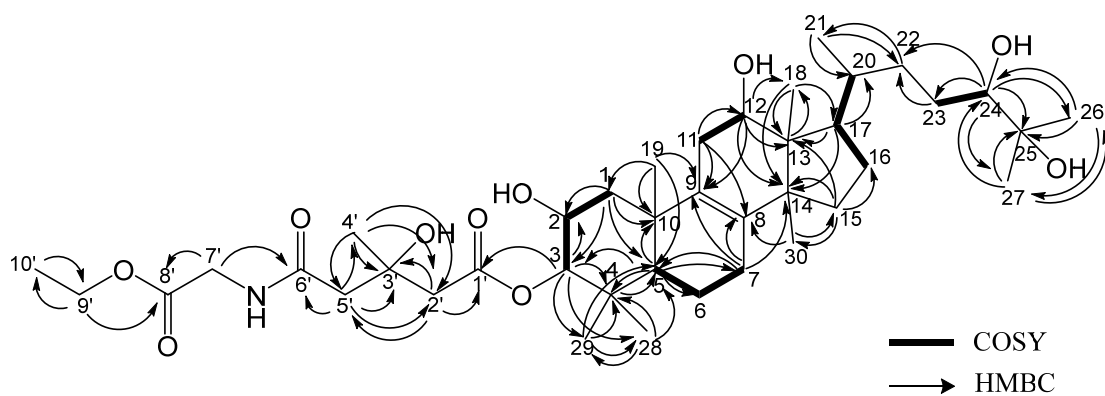


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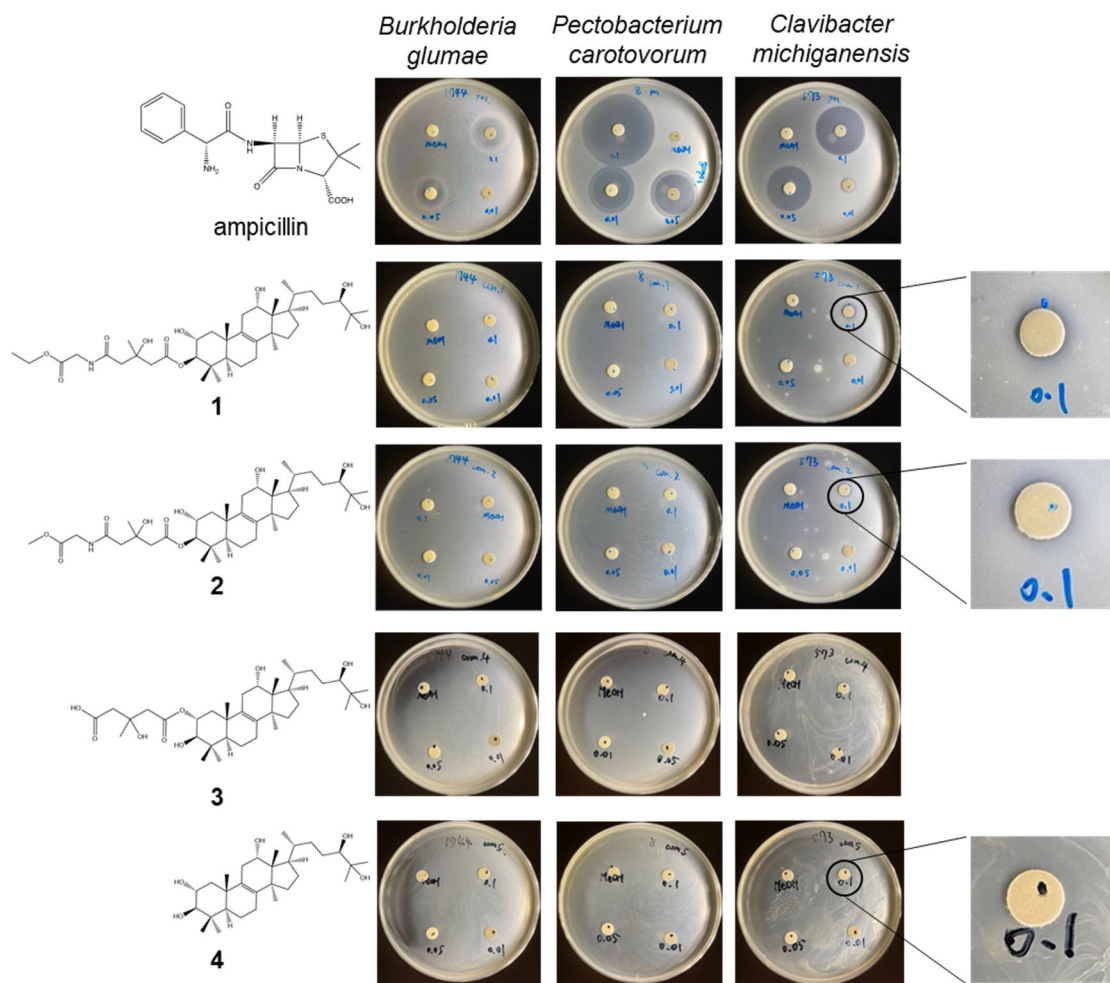


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Table 1. NMR data for **1** in CD₃OD.

	Position	δ_c , type	δ_H (type, multiplicity, J in Hz)
1	1	45.0, CH ₂	1.36 (m) 2.09 (m)
	2	68.0, CH	3.82 (ddd, 12.0, 10.1, 4.6)
	3	85.9, CH	4.57 (d, 10.1)
	4	40.1, C	
	5	51.8, CH	1.27 (m)
	6	19.3, CH ₂	1.58 (m) 1.72 (m)
	7	27.3, CH ₂	2.10 (m)
	8	136.7, C	
	9	133.7, C	
	10	39.0, C	
	11	34.6, CH ₂	2.08 (m) 2.67 (m)
	12	73.6, CH	4.00 (d, 7.8)
	13	50.6*, C	
	14	50.7*, C	
	15	33.2, CH ₂	1.16 (m) 1.69 (m)
	16	29.0, CH ₂	1.38 (m) 1.53 (m)
	17	44.1, CH	2.21 (m)
	18	17.0, CH ₃	0.65 (s)
	19	20.5, CH ₃	1.08 (s)
	20	37.6, CH	1.44 (m)
	21	18.0, CH ₃	1.03 (d, 6.5)
	22	34.4, CH ₂	1.28 (m) 1.53 (m)
	23	29.0, CH ₂	1.38 (m) 1.53 (m)
	24	79.8, CH	3.22 (m)
	25	73.9, C	
	26,27	25.0, CH ₃	1.13 (s)
		25.7, CH ₃	1.16 (s)
	28	29.1**, CH ₃	0.91 (s)
	29	18.0**, CH ₃	0.91 (s)
	30	25.3, CH ₃	1.11 (s)
1'	173.1, C		
2'	46.9, CH ₂	2.73 (s)	
3'	71.6, C		
4'	28.0, CH ₃	1.41 (s)	
5'	47.3, CH ₂	2.59 (s)	
6'	174.0, C		
7'	42.0, CH ₂	3.92 (d, 17.5) 3.95 (d, 17.5)	
8'	171.3, C		
9'	62.3, CH ₂	4.18 (q, 7.2)	
10'	14.5, CH ₃	1.26 (t, 7.2)	

Symbols "*" and "**" represent that the values with the same symbol are interchangeable between each other.

Table 2. Inhibitory activity of **1–4** for *C. michiganensis* (0.1 μmol /paper disc^a).

Bacterial	Diameter of inhibition zone (mm)				
	ampicillin	1	2	3	4
<i>C. michiganensis</i>	33.0	9.7	10.7	na ^b	10.0
	33.1	10.1	11.8	na	10.1

^a paper disc (8.0 mm in diameter)

^b no activity