Supporting information for

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Figure S2. HRESIMS spectrum of compound 1







Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 1 in CDCl₃



Figure S5. ¹³C NMR and DEPT spectrum of compound 1 in CDCl₃



Figure S6. HSQC spectrum of compound 1 in CDCl₃



Figure S7. HMBC spectrum of compound 1 in CDCl₃



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Figure S16. HRESIMS data of compound 2



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Figure S17. IR spectrum of compound 2



Figure S18. ECD spectrum of compound 2



Figure S20. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2 in CDCl₃



Figure S22. ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 2 in CDCl₃



Figure S24. ROESY spectrum of compound 2 in CDCl₃



Figure S26. Selective HSQC (C30-45) spectrum of compound 2 in CDCl₃



Figure S28. Selective HMBC (C30-45) spectrum of compound 2 in CDCl₃





Figure S30. HRESIMS data of compound 3



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Figure S32. ECD spectrum of compound 3



Figure S33. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3 in CDCl₃



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Table S1. Cytotoxicity of Compounds 1, 2, and 3 against CCRF-CEM and HCT-116

 Cell Lines

	IC50 (μM)			
Compound	CCRF-CEM	HCT-116		
1	>30	>30		
2	>30	>30		
3	25.36 ± 4.07	>30		
doxorubicin	0.08 ± 0.02	0.78 ± 0.05		

The cytotoxicity of these three compounds against CCRF-CEM and HCT-116 cell lines was evaluated using the CCK-8 assay with doxorubicin as a positive control ^{m-20}. Unfortunately, only compound **3** exhibited cytotoxicity against CCRF-CEM cell with IC₅₀ value of 25.4 μ M, much weaker than that of the structurally related compounds dicarabrols A and B^{m-19b} and faberidilactones A-E^{m-12c}. Comparison of compounds **1-3** with the literature reported showed that the α -methylene- γ -lactone groups in **1-3** were destroyed or partially destroyed, which might account for the bioactivity decay. The results suggested that the α -methylene- γ -lactone group (α M γ L) could be indispensable for cytotoxicity in this kind of structures as reported in literature ^{m-4}.

Cytotoxicity Assays

The Cell Counting Kit 8 (CCK-8) assay was adopted to evaluate the cytotoxicity of the compounds against CCRF-CEM and HCT-116 cells. Cells seeded in 96-well plates were incubated in humidified air containing 5% CO₂ at 37 $^{\circ}$ C overnight. Appropriate dilutions of the test compounds were added to the cultures and incubated for another 72 h. At the end of the exposure time, 10 µL of CCK8

(Dojindo, Kumamoto, Japan) was added to each well and the plates were kept in the incubator for 4 h, then measured at 450 nm using a multiwell spectrophotometer (SpectraMax, Molecular Devices, USA). The cytotoxicity of compounds was expressed as an IC_{50} , determined by the Logit method. Doxorubicin was used as a positive control.

Computational details

The initial conformational search was performed by CONFLEX software^{1,2} with the MMFF94s force field and an energy window of 3 kcal.mol⁻¹ for choosing low-energy conformers. For compound 1, CONFLEX generated 4 conformers for 11'R*, and 9 conformers for 11'S*. For compound **3**, CONFLEX generated 7 conformers for 6'R*11"R*, 7 conformers for 6'R*11"S*, 12 conformers for 6'S*11"R*, and 8 conformers for 6'S*11"S*.

Then, DFT calculations were used for geometry optimization, Gibbs free energy, and NMR calculations of all conformers obtained from CONFLEX. All DFT calculations were performed using Gaussian 16 program.³ An energy window of 3 kcal.mol⁻¹ was used for DFT-optimized conformers. $M062X^{4}/6-31G(d)^{5-7}/SMD^{8}(solvent=chloroform)$ were used for geometry optimizations and frequency calculations. Zero-point vibrational energies and thermal contributions to electronic energy were calculated at 298.15 K and 1 atm. All geometries were verified to be local minima without any imaginary frequencies. All vibrational frequencies below 50 cm⁻¹ were replaced with values of 50 cm⁻¹ due to the breakdown of the harmonic oscillator model for low frequency vibrational modes. To obtain better estimation of Gibbs free energies, single point electronic energies were computed using M062X/def2TZVP/SMD(solvent=chloroform). The resulting electronic energies were summed with the thermal free energy contributions computed at the M062X/6-31G(d)/SMD level to calculate to Boltzmann distribution. The gas constant R (0.001987204 kcal.K⁻¹.mol⁻¹) and room temperature (298.15 K) are used. Next, the theoretical predictions of ¹H and ¹³ C chemical shifts were calculated using mPW1PW919/6-31G(d)/SMD(solvent=chloroform)/NMR(GIAO)¹⁰ based on M062X/6-31G(d) optimized geometries. Final DFT-predicted chemical shifts were determined by scaling absolute computed isotropic values using scaling factors (slope=-1.0401, intercept=32.2587 for ¹H and slope=-0.9537, intercept=193.2179 for ¹³C) obtained from http://cheshirenmr.info.¹¹ Finally, DP4+ analysis was utilized to determine the most probable configuration for each compound.¹²

Table S2. Calculated DFT free energies of four diastereoisomers (6'R*11''R*, 6'R*11''S*, 6'S*11''R*, and 6'S*11''S*) of compound **3** at M062X/def2TZVP/SMD(chloroform)//M062X/6-31G(d)/SMD(chloroform) level.Conformers with root-mean-square deviation of atomic positions (RMSD) smaller than 0.001 are considered as the same.

diastereoisomer	Conformers	DFT free energy (hartree)	Δ(DFT free energy) (kcal.mol ⁻¹)	%Population
	2	-1851.32461893	0.00	44.91%
	1	-1851.32405155	0.36	24.61%
('D*11''D*	5	-1851.32349732	0.70	13.68%
	6	-1851.32309099	0.96	8.89%
	4	-1851.32290193	1.08	7.28%
	3	-1851.32059988	2.52	0.63%
	2	-1851.32009657	0.00	61.23%
	3	-1851.31945236	0.40	30.93%
6'R*11''S*	7	-1851.31752422	1.61	4.01%
	5	-1851.31687278	2.02	2.01%
	4	-1851.31677954	2.08	1.82%
	8	-1851.31651237	0.00	61.07%
	1	-1851.31522537	0.81	15.61%
	3	-1851.31477974	1.09	9.73%
6'S*11"'R*	10	-1851.31457722	1.21	7.85%
	12	-1851.31401833	1.57	4.34%
	11	-1851.31236482	2.60	0.75%
	2	-1851.31222905	2.69	0.65%
	1	-1851.31178116	0.00	83.60%
	3	-1851.30940078	1.49	6.70%
6'S*11''S*	4	-1851.30927514	1.57	5.87%
	2	-1851.30867850	1.95	3.12%
	5	-1851.30728469	2.82	0.71%



3-6'R*11"R*- 5	3-6'R*11''R* -6	3-6'R*11''S* -2	3-6'R*11''S*- 3
-	-	Lotto	- Contraction
3-6'R*11''S* -4	3-6'R*11''S*- 5	3-6'R*11''S*- 7	3-6′S*11″R* -1
V Corto	Ko	- Constant	A Real
3-6′S*11′′R* -2	3-6'S*11''R*- 3	3-6'S*11''R*- 8	3-6′S*11″R*- 10
X	- Ch	A A A	
3-6′S*11″R*- 11	3-6′S*11″R*- 12	3-6'S*11''S*- 1	3-6'S*11"S*- 2
	to	- Contraction	-ork
3-6'S*11''S*- 3	3-6'S*11''S*- 4	3-6'S*11''S*- 5	
-ozk	5A	1 A	

Table S3. Comparison between computational and experimental ¹³C chemical shifts for four diastereoisomers (6'R*11''R*, 6'R*11''S*, 6'S*11''R*, and 6'S*11''S*) of **3**. Computational results were obtained at mPW1PW91/6-31G(d)/SMD(chloroform)/ NMR(GIAO)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level and scaled by δ_{scaled} = (193.2179 - δ_{calc})/0.9537.

Carbon	RR	RS	SR	SS	Exp.
1	29.20	28.74	28.93	28.48	34.87
5	24.97	24.19	24.37	25.60	23.49
6	25.38	26.18	26.51	27.07	24.41
7	40.49	42.31	39.92	41.88	37.58
8	77.08	77.67	75.93	76.17	76.64
9	37.84	37.07	36.76	37.71	37.77
10	16.63	16.98	17.22	17.32	15.82
11	54.86	57.00	53.18	55.31	53.01
12	182.83	184.42	183.65	184.47	179.63
13	40.15	40.42	43.92	40.59	38.01
14	18.45	18.18	18.03	18.25	18.53
1'	46.06	45.29	44.92	49.71	51.26
5'	58.23	59.35	59.07	63.00	57.6
6'	34.42	36.20	34.12	34.88	33.38
7'	41.99	44.22	41.05	45.95	39.68
8'	74.87	74.40	75.40	75.24	75.83
9'	38.57	41.07	43.11	41.15	38.95
10'	41.34	44.56	44.18	45.34	40.63
11'	139.71	143.20	139.78	141.38	137.52
12'	168.89	168.72	169.71	169.23	170.69
13'	129.62	127.68	128.31	128.01	126.49
14'	24.99	23.57	21.98	23.46	24.57
1"	29.60	29.35	30.60	29.61	35.02
5''	25.00	25.50	23.05	24.50	23.74
6''	28.98	23.98	32.44	25.26	29.14
7''	42.60	41.34	41.85	40.19	41.35
8''	77.24	76.43	76.68	75.96	77.04
9''	37.78	38.05	36.69	38.27	37.51
10''	17.62	16.24	19.26	16.47	16.56
11"	42.78	39.22	43.89	40.85	42.09
12''	180.71	180.19	179.05	179.00	182.52
13''	31.10	40.15	34.55	28.69	31.55
14''	18.62	19.38	18.07	19.03	18.69
RMSD	2.1620	3.4375	2.7841	3.0150	

Table S4. Comparison between computational and experimental ¹H chemical shifts for four diastereoisomers (6'R*11''R*,6'R*11''S*, 6'S*11''R*, and 6'S*11''S*) of 3. Computational results were obtained at mPW1PW91/6-31G(d)/SMD(chloroform)/NMR(GIAO)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level and scaled by δ_{scaled} = (32.2587 - δ_{calc})/1.0401.

Hydrogens	RR	RS	SR	SS	Exp.
1	0.69	0.62	0.66	0.62	0.45
5	0.48	0.37	0.36	0.32	0.27
<u>6a</u>	2.10	2.03	2.11	1.99	2.06
6b	0.88	0.84	0.97	0.87	0.75
7	2.61	2.23	2.70	2.39	2.40
8	4.58	4.83	4.77	4.84	4.56
9a	2.43	2.31	2.36	2.40	2.35
9b	0.97	0.80	0.97	0.86	0.90
13a	1.81	1.88	1.95	2.07	1.79
13b	1.67	1.67	1.55	1.87	1.60
14a	1.10	1.07	1.10	1.18	1.07
14b	1.10	1.07	1.10	1.18	1.07
14c	1.10	1.07	1.10	1.18	1.07
1'	1.93	1.92	1.90	2.03	1.49
5'	2.41	2.08	2.35	2.03	2.18
6'	2.22	3.16	3.10	3.97	1.98
7'	3.36	3.02	3.18	3.03	3.49
8'	4.47	4.67	4.60	4.66	4.64
9a'	2.33	2.06	2.05	2.46	2.31
9b'	1.55	1.39	1.41	1.69	1.35
13a'	6.47	6.70	6.53	6.39	6.40
13b'	6.12	6.49	6.28	5.99	5.78
14a'	1.06	1.13	1.16	1.18	1.01
14b'	1.06	1.13	1.16	1.18	1.01
14c'	1.06	1.13	1.16	1.18	1.01
1"	0.72	0.66	0.72	0.69	0.44
5''	0.51	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.33
6a''	2.05	1.92	2.33	2.08	2.23
6b''	1.00	0.80	1.21	0.94	0.77
7''	2.36	2.26	2.37	2.31	2.41
8''	4.75	4.68	4.57	4.52	4.76
9a''	2.43	2.58	2.17	2.49	2.29
9b''	0.97	1.00	1.08	1.01	0.96
11"	2.56	2.80	2.46	2.89	2.19
13a''	1.97	1.82	2.33	1.97	2.07
13b''	1.85	1.71	1.72	1.70	1.56
14a''	1.14	1.10	1.12	1.08	1.03
14b''	1.14	1.10	1.12	1.08	1.03
14c''	1.14	1.10	1.12	1.08	1.03
RMSD	0.1743	0.2962	0.2663	0.3866	

Table S5. DP4+ correlation for four diastereoisomers of 3: 6'R*11''R* (Isomer 1), 6'R*11''S* (Isomer 2), 6'S*11''R* (Isomer 3), 6'S*11''S* (Isomer 4).

1	Functional	Solv	ent?	Basi	s Set	Туре с	of Data
2	mPW1PW91	PC	M	6-31	.G(d)	Scaled Shifts	
3							
4		Isomer 1	Isomer 2	Isomer 3	Isomer 4	lsomer 5	lsomer 6
5	sDP4+ (H data)	100.00%	oll 0.00%	oll 0.00%	oll 0.00%	-	-
6	sDP4+ (C data)	100.00%	oll 0.00%	oll 0.00%	oll 0.00%	-	-
7	sDP4+ (all data)	100.00%	oll 0.00%	0.00%	oll 0.00%	-	-
8	uDP4+ (H data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	uDP4+ (C data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	uDP4+ (all data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	DP4+ (H data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	DP4+ (C data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	DP4+ (all data)	-	-	-	-	-	-



Figure S46. ¹³C-NMR correlation for four diasteroisomers of 3.



Figure S47. ¹H-NMR correlation for four diasteroisomers of **3**.

Table S6. Calculated DFT free energies of four diastereoisomers (11'R* and 11'S*) of 1 at M062X/def2TZVP/SMD(chloroform)//M062X/6-31G(d)/SMD(chloroform) level. Conformers with root-mean-square deviation of atomic positions (RMSD) smaller than 0.001 are considered as the same.

diastereoisomer	Conformers	DFT free energy (hartree)	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta (\text{DFT free energy}) \\ (\text{kcal.mol}^{-1}) \end{array}$	%Population
11′D*	1	-1812.03927012	0.00	99.31%
11 K*	2	-1812.03458326	2.94	0.69%
11′S*	1	-1812.03571587	0.00	55.47%
	5	-1812.03492000	0.50	23.86%
	8	-1812.03386291	1.16	7.78%
	9	-1812.03364889	1.30	6.20%
	2	-1812.03342743	1.44	4.90%
	4	-1812.03247169	2.04	1.78%

1-11'R*-1	1-11'R*- 2	1-11'S*-1	1-11'S*- 2
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1-11'S*- 4	1-11'S*-5	1-11′S*- 8	1-11′S*- 9
X	X A	X	

Table S7. Comparison between computational and experimental ¹³C chemical shifts for two diastereoisomers (11'R* and 11'S*) of **1**. Computational results were obtained at mPW1PW91/6-31G(d)/SMD(chloroform)/NMR(GIAO)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level and scaled by $\delta_{scaled} = (193.2179 - \delta_{calc})/0.9537$.

Carbons	1-11′ R *	1-11′S*	Exp.
1	27.13	28.10	33.09
5	28.86	28.66	26.37
6	27.65	29.27	25.70
7	172.16	172.85	169.25
8	78.90	77.80	78.00
9	43.11	44.18	42.54
10	18.37	18.51	18.30
11	124.06	124.00	121.03
12	173.76	173.65	174.44
13	24.59	30.85	24.77
14	21.15	21.18	21.22
1'	29.55	28.52	35.10
5'	25.48	25.02	24.21
6'	29.00	23.54	29.20
7'	44.38	40.26	41.67
8'	77.07	76.95	76.99
9'	38.20	37.45	37.74
10'	16.78	16.28	16.30
11'	42.62	41.29	42.00
12'	180.30	180.05	179.02
13'	40.62	32.73	38.30
14'	18.89	19.46	18.95
1"	29.22	30.16	35.10
5''	25.27	24.95	24.21
6''	26.65	24.97	24.90
7''	47.80	46.97	44.94
8''	76.24	75.26	76.19
9''	38.49	37.86	38.10
10''	16.26	17.27	15.64
11"	48.42	47.91	47.29
12''	180.34	179.63	179.49
14''	18.87	18.95	19.03
RMSD	2.2491	2.7896	

Table S8. Comparison between computational and experimental ¹H chemical shifts for two diastereoisomers (11'R* and 11'S*) of **1**. Computational results were obtained at mPW1PW91/6-31G(d)/SMD(chloroform)/NMR(GIAO)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level and scaled by $\delta_{scaled} = (32.2587 - \delta_{calc})/1.0401$.

Hydrogens	1-11′R*	1-11′S*	Exp.
1	0.49	0.42	0.14
5	0.83	0.79	0.66
<u>6a</u>	2.79	3.07	2.91
6b	2.97	2.86	2.84
8	5.05	4.76	4.89
9a	2.58	2.59	2.57
9b	1.43	1.30	1.35
13 a	2.86	2.43	2.74
13b	2.24	2.36	2.32
14a	1.18	1.17	1.14
14b	1.18	1.17	1.14
14c	1.18	1.17	1.14
1'	0.63	0.63	0.40
5'	0.50	0.51	0.30
6'a	2.27	2.08	2.26
б′b	0.73	0.70	0.66
7'	1.94	2.24	1.99
8'	4.64	4.48	4.70
9'a	2.44	2.46	2.32
9′b	0.87	0.96	0.93
11'	2.10	2.62	2.02
13'a	2.02	2.43	1.94
13′b	1.67	1.75	1.89
14 a	1.05	1.07	1.02
14b	1.05	1.07	1.02
14c	1.05	1.07	1.02
1"	0.66	0.70	0.43
5''	0.68	0.53	0.43
6''a	2.89	2.30	2.61
б''b	0.69	1.00	0.64
7''	2.49	2.50	2.53
8''	4.84	4.81	4.89
9''a	2.53	2.48	2.46
9''b	0.93	1.14	0.99
14 a	1.13	1.14	1.06
14b	1.13	1.14	1.06
14c	1.13	1.14	1.06
RMSD	0.1324	0.2010	

Table S9. DP4+ correlation for two diastereoisomers of $1 : 11'R^*$ (Isomer 1), and $11'S^*$ (Isomer 2).

Functional	Solvent?		Basis Set		Type of Data	
mPW1PW91	РСМ		6-31G(d)		Scaled Shifts	
	Isomer 1	Isomer 2	Isomer 3	Isomer 4	Isomer 5	lsomer 6
sDP4+ (H data)	100.00%	oll 0.00%	-	-	-	-
sDP4+ (C data)	11 99.99%	oll 0.01%	-	-	-	-
sDP4+ (all data)	100.00%	0.00%	-	-	-	-
uDP4+ (H data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
uDP4+ (C data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
uDP4+ (all data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DP4+ (H data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DP4+ (C data)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DP4+ (all data)	-	-	-	-	-	-



Figure S48. ¹³C-NMR correlation for two diastereoisomers of 1.



Figure S49. ¹H-NMR correlation for two diastereoisomers of 1.

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