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Lineariifolians A–D, rare unsymmetrical sesquiterpenoid dimers comprised by xanthane and guaiane framework units from *Inula lineariifolia*

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Experimental procedures

General procedures: 1D and 2D NMR spectra were taken on a Bruker Avance-400 or Avance-500 spectrometers in CDCl₃ or CD₃OD with TMS as internal standard. Optical rotations were obtained with a JASCO P-2000 polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker FTIR Vector 22 spectrometer using KBr pellets. ESIMS spectra were recorded on an Agilent-1100-LC/MSD-Trap XCT spectrometer, whereas HRESIMS were performed using a Waters Q-TOF micro mass spectrometer. Column chromatography (CC) was performed on silica gel (100-200, 200-300 mesh, Yantai, China), and Sephadex LH-20 (GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences AB, Sweden). A preparative column (Shimadzu PRC-ODS EV0233) was used for preparative HPLC (Shimadzu LC-6AD).

Plant material: The aerial parts of *I. lineariifolia* were collected in Changfeng County, Anhui Province, PR China, in July 2007, and identified by Prof. Shou-Jin Liu, Anhui University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. A voucher specimen (No.XX20070701) was deposited at School of Pharmacy, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Extraction and isolation: The air-dried aerial parts of *I. lineariifolia* (60.0 kg) were powdered and extracted with 95% ethanol three times each for 24 h at room temperature. The solvent was removed in vacuo to afford a crude EtOH extract, which was suspended in H₂O and then partitioned successively with petroleum ether (PE), CH₂Cl₂, EtOAc, and *n*-BuOH, respectively. 150.0 g of the CH₂Cl₂ extract was subjected to silica gel column eluted with gradient CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:0 to 1:1) to give 10 fractions (*Fr.1-Fr.10*) based on TLC analysis. *Fr.2* (33.0 g) was chromatographed on silica gel eluted with a gradient of PE/EtOAc (20:1 to 1:1) to afford five subfractions (*Fr.2-1-Fr.2-5*). Compound **1** (1.6 g) was obtained after CC over Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) from *Fr.2-4*. *Fr.4* (15.5 g) was subjected to a silica gel CC eluted with gradient PE/EtOAc (5:1 to 1:1) to give eleven subfractions (*Fr.4-1-Fr.4-11*). *Fr.4-9* was subjected to CC over Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) followed

by preparative HPLC (MeOH/H₂O, 65:35) to yield **2** (5.5 mg). *Fr.4-10* was chromatographed on silica gel eluted with gradient CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:0 to 1:1) to give five subfractions (*Fr.4-10a–Fr.4-10e*). Compound **3** (5.0 mg) was obtained after preparative HPLC (MeOH/H₂O, 60:40) from *Fr.4-10d*. *Fr.4-10e* was subjected to preparative HPLC (MeOH/H₂O, 60:40) to give **4** (11.0 mg).

Lineariifolianoid A (1) Colorless monoclinic crystals (MeOH); mp 148–151 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +81.7$ (*c* 0.10, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3437, 2938, 1751, 1637 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table 1; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 617 [M + Na]⁺, HRESIMS (positive) *m/z* 617.2746 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₄H₄₂O₉Na, 617.2721).

Lineariifolianoid B (2) Colorless gum; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +122.5$ (*c* 0.20, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3450, 2935, 1742, 1636 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table 1; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 591 [M + Na]⁺, HRESIMS (positive) *m/z* 591.2566 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₂H₄₀O₉Na, 591.2565).

Lineariifolianoid C (3) Colorless gum; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +198.0$ (*c* 0.10, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3441, 2926, 1744, 1638 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table 1; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 591 [M + Na]⁺, HRESIMS (positive) *m/z* 591.2587 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₂H₄₀O₉Na, 591.2565).

Lineariifolianoid D (4) Colorless gum; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +63.3$ (*c* 0.20, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3418, 2936, 1763, 1724, 1634 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table 1; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 591 [M + Na]⁺, HRESIMS (positive) *m/z* 591.2576 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₂H₄₀O₉Na, 591.2565).

Japonicone A (5) The major sesquiterpenoid dimer isolated from the aerial parts of *I. japonica*. Its structure has been elucidated in the reported literature (*Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2009**, *19*, 710.).

Crystallographic data of Lineariifolianoid A (1) and Japonicone A (5)

Crystallographic data of lineariifolianoid A (1) (copper radiation): $C_{34}H_{42}O_9$, H_2O , $M = 612.69$, Monoclinic, space group P2 (1), $a = 10.9631$ (3) Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$; $b = 21.0687$ (5) Å, $\beta = 94.4040$ (10) $^\circ$; $c = 14.2884$ (4) Å, $\gamma = 90^\circ$; $V = 3290.56$ (15) Å³, $Z = 1$, $D_{\text{calcd}} = 1.237$ mg/m³, crystal size $0.342 \times 0.311 \times 0.205$ mm³. Cu K α ($\lambda = 1.54178$ Å), $F(000) = 1312$, $T = 296(2)$ K. The final R values were $R_1 = 0.0433$, and $wR_2 = 0.1285$, for 11088 observed reflections [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]. The absolute structure parameter was 0.04(14).

Crystallographic data of japonicone A (5) (copper radiation): $C_{32}H_{40}O_7$, CH_3CN , $M = 577.69$, Monoclinic, space group P2 (1), $a = 9.50250$ (10) Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$; $b = 9.95250$ (10) Å, $\beta = 104.11^\circ$; $c = 17.3337$ (2) Å, $\gamma = 90^\circ$; $V = 1589.82$ (3) Å³, $Z = 2$, $D_{\text{calcd}} = 1.207$ mg/m³, crystal size $0.321 \times 0.232 \times 0.176$ mm³. Cu K α ($\lambda = 1.54178$ Å), $F(000) = 620$, $T = 296(2)$ K. The final R values were $R_1 = 0.0313$, and $wR_2 = 0.0948$, for 12568 observed reflections [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]. The absolute structure parameter was 0.10 (14).

Crystallographic data for **1** and **5** have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (deposition number: CCDC 806236 and 823557, respectively). Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to the Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: +44 1223 336033 or e-mail: data_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

TNF- α -mediated L929 cytotoxicity assay

L929 cells were seeded in 96-well plates at 2.5×10^4 cells/well and cultures overnight. TNF- α (10 ng/ml) was incubated with different concentrations of lineariifolians A–D (**1–4**) in culture medium at 37 °C for 30 min. After incubation, the mixtures of TNF- α with lineariifolians were added to the cells with 1 μ g/ml of Actinomycin D and cultured for 16 h. Cell viability was assessed by microscope examination and the MTT colorimetric assay. Percentage inhibition of cytotoxicity was calculated with the following formula: $(OD_{\text{actinomycinD+TNF-}\alpha+\text{Comps}} - OD_{\text{actinomycinD+TNF-}\alpha}) / (OD_{\text{actinomycinD}} - OD_{\text{actinomycinD+TNF-}\alpha}) \times 100$. Each concentration of lineariifolians was tested in triplicate.

Table S1. ^1H (400 MHz) and ^{13}C (100 MHz) NMR data for **1–4** in CDCl_3

No.	1		2		3		4	
	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (J in Hz)	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (J in Hz)	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (J in Hz)	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (J in Hz)
1	152.4 s		143.5 s		151.7 s		150.6 s	
2a	31.1 t	2.45 m	30.5 t	2.35 m	30.9 t	2.40 m	31.4 t	2.46 m
2b		2.29 m		2.25 m		2.40 m		2.30 m
3a	42.1 t	2.57 m	42.0 t	2.55 m	42.4 t	2.52 m	42.0 t	2.62 m
3b		2.44 m		2.45 m		2.40 m		2.46 m
4	206.9 s		207.4 s		n.o.		209.6 s	
5	121.3 d	5.73 d (8.3)	132.4 d	5.36 s	121.6 d	5.71 d (8.0)	122.5 d	5.64 d (8.0)
6	68.8 d	5.29 d (8.4)	66.6 d	4.65 d (9.6)	69.1 d	5.38 d (8.7)	70.4 d	4.68 m
7	49.0 d	2.48 m	52.3 d	2.45 m	48.3 d	2.95 m	49.7 d	3.51 d (7.5)
8	78.0 d	4.80 m	78.7 d	4.80 m	79.1 d	4.86 ddd (11.3,5.9,5.9)	81.1 d	4.95 m
9a	38.1 t	2.40 m	36.1 t	2.25 m	38.1 t	2.40 m	37.1 t	2.46 m
9b		2.22 m		1.90 m		2.20 m		2.20 m
10	31.9 d	2.37 m	32.0 d	2.35 m	31.8 d	2.40 m	31.9 d	2.40 m
11	54.4 s		55.8 s		54.8 s		57.6 s	
12	178.0 s		180.1 s		180.7 s		185.6 s	
13a	36.0 t	1.80 m	33.3 t	3.57 d (12.4)	32.7 t	2.40 m	35.3 t	2.46 m
13b		1.80 m		1.66 d (12.8)		1.50 d (12.1)		1.56 d (13.6)
14	21.5 q	1.18 d (6.6)	21.1 q	1.16 d (7.0)	21.4 q	1.18 d (6.7)	21.4 q	1.13 d (6.8)
15	29.9 q	2.13 s	29.9 q	2.14 s	29.8 q	2.14 ovl	29.8 q	2.11 s
1'	62.4 s		60.0 s		60.7 s		72.3 s	
2'	82.1 d	4.57 br s	80.8 d	4.57 s	82.6 d	3.76 s	85.6 d	3.62 d (12.2)
3'	57.0 d	2.81 m	59.1 d	2.85 s	60.3 d	2.60 s	52.7 d	2.58 s
4'	133.8 s		137.4 s		138.4 s		148.2 s	
5'	136.6 s		139.7 s		139.9 s		139.1 s	
6' α	26.0 t	3.02 br d (15.9)	69.7 d	4.73 d (6.8)	69.9 d	4.71 d (7.0)	68.4 d	4.69 m
6' β		2.05 m						
7'	45.3 d	2.78 m	47.9 d	3.22 m	48.1 d	3.21 m	47.9 d	3.18 m
8'	82.4 d	4.18 m	76.3 d	4.15 dd (17.6, 9.7)	76.4 d	4.12 dd (17.6, 9.7)	75.6 d	4.07 dd (17.8, 9.7)
9' α	36.0 t	2.31 m	38.2 t	2.20 m	38.5 t	2.20 m	40.5 t	2.46 m
9' β		1.90 m		1.90 m		1.90 m		1.88 m
10'	29.7 d	2.05 m	29.4 d	2.57 m	29.7 d	2.58 m	30.0 d	2.75 m
11'	139.4 s		139.5 s		139.7 s		140.0 s	
12'	170.1 s		169.9 s		170.0 s		169.6 s	
13'a	119.5 t	6.25 d (3.2)	121.0 t	6.26 d (3.0)	121.7 t	6.26 d (3.4)	120.7 t	6.25 d (3.4)
13'b		5.52 d (3.0)		5.95 br s		5.98 br s		5.88 d (2.9)
14'	17.0 q	1.03 d (7.2)	16.6 q	1.07 d (6.9)	17.4 q	1.18 d (6.7)	17.3 q	1.31 d (6.7)
15'	14.4 q	1.66 s	13.7 q	1.71 s	14.1 q	1.69 s	12.9 q	1.81 s
6-OAc	169.9 s				170.1 s		170.2 s	
2'-OH								5.51 d (12.6)
2'-OAc	170.0 s		170.0					

Ovl: overlapped; n.o.: not observed.

Fig. S1 Key NOESY correlations of lineariifolianoid A (1).

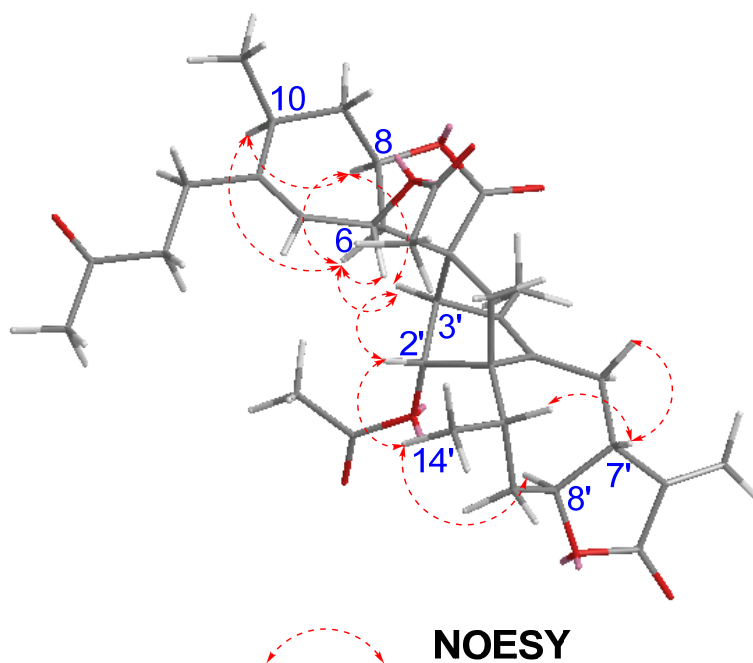


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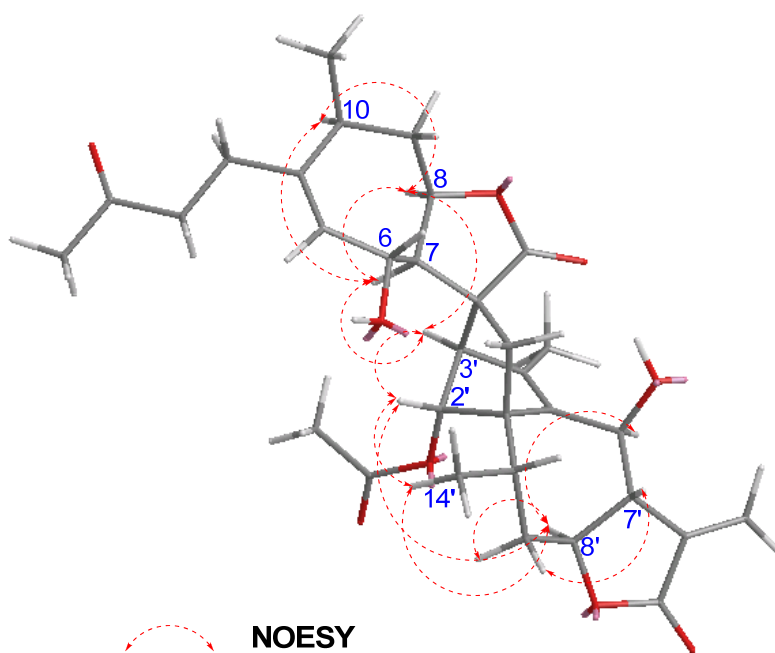


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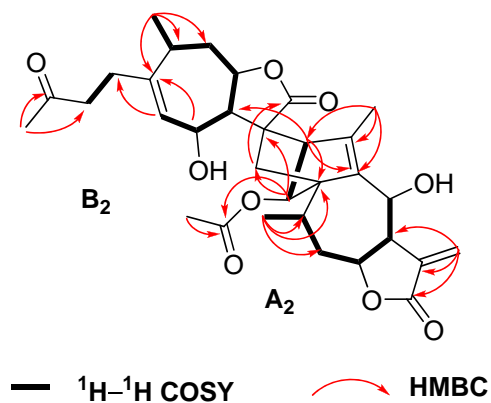


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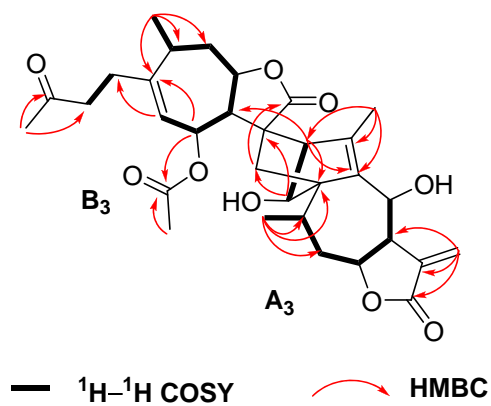


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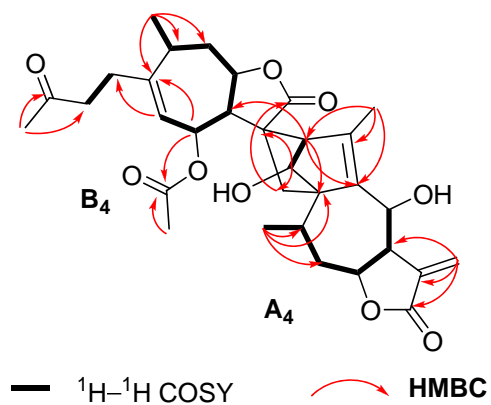


Fig. S6 Different concentrations of lineariifolianoids A–D (1–4) were premixed with a fixed concentration of TNF- α (10 ng/ml) and were added to L929 cells together with 1 μ g/ml of Actinomycin D. After 16 h of incubation, Cell viability was examined under microscope and the inhibition of cytotoxicity was measured by MTT method. The results of MTT assay showing that lineariifolianoid D (4) inhibited TNF- α -mediated cytotoxicity dose-dependently from 2.5 to 10 μ M.

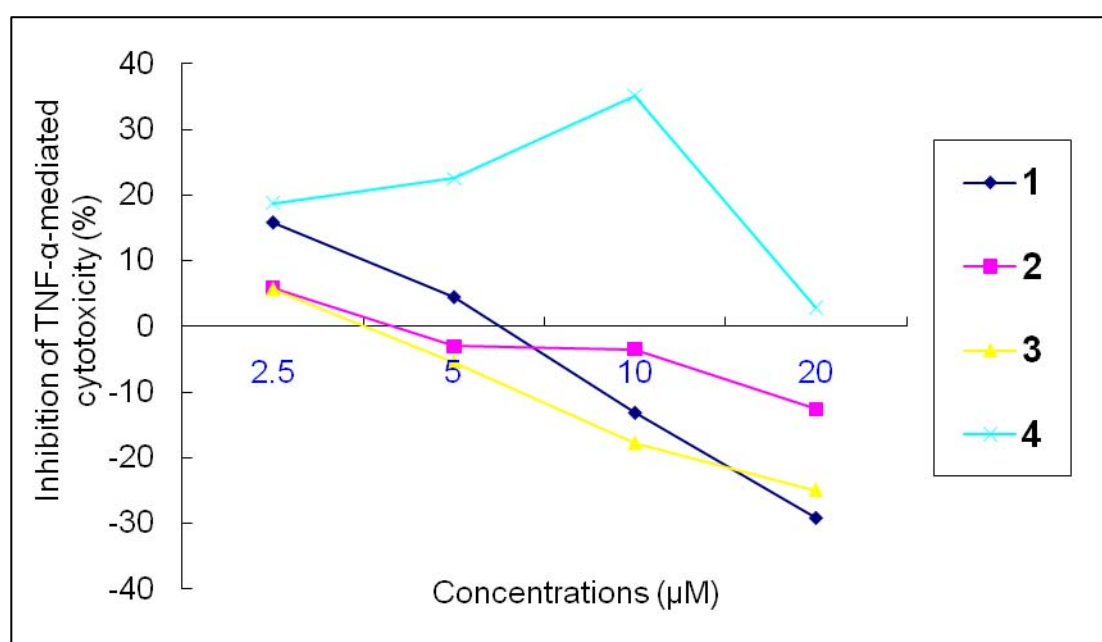


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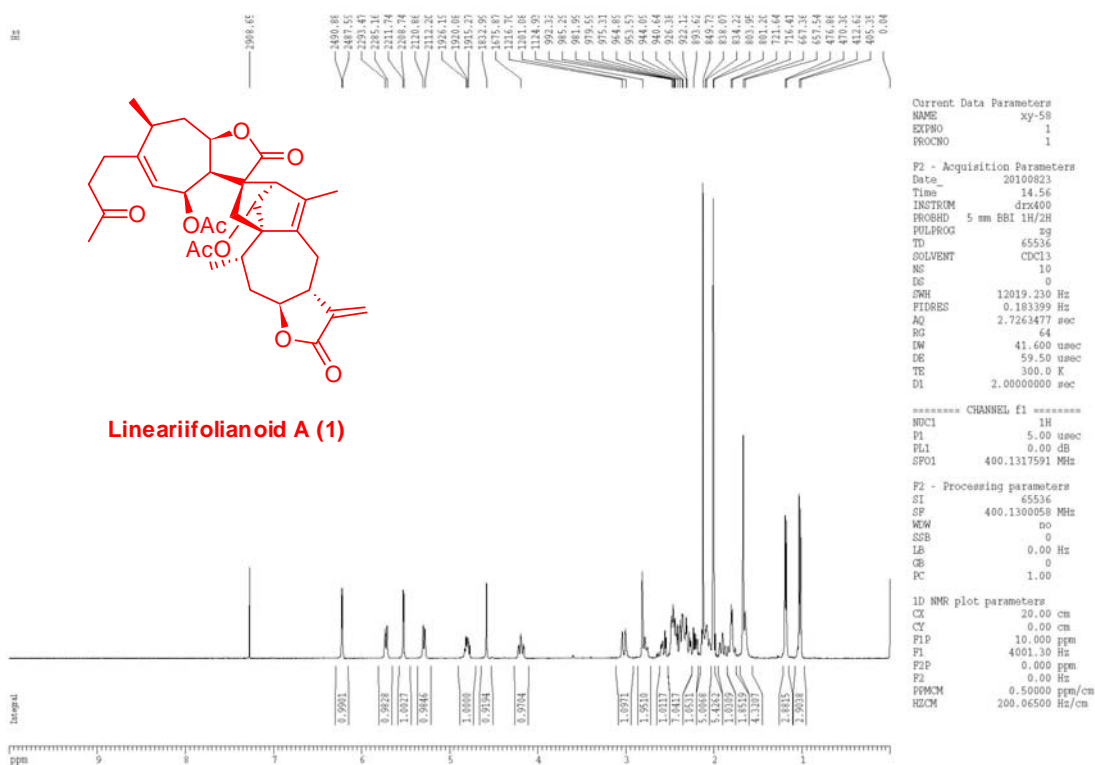


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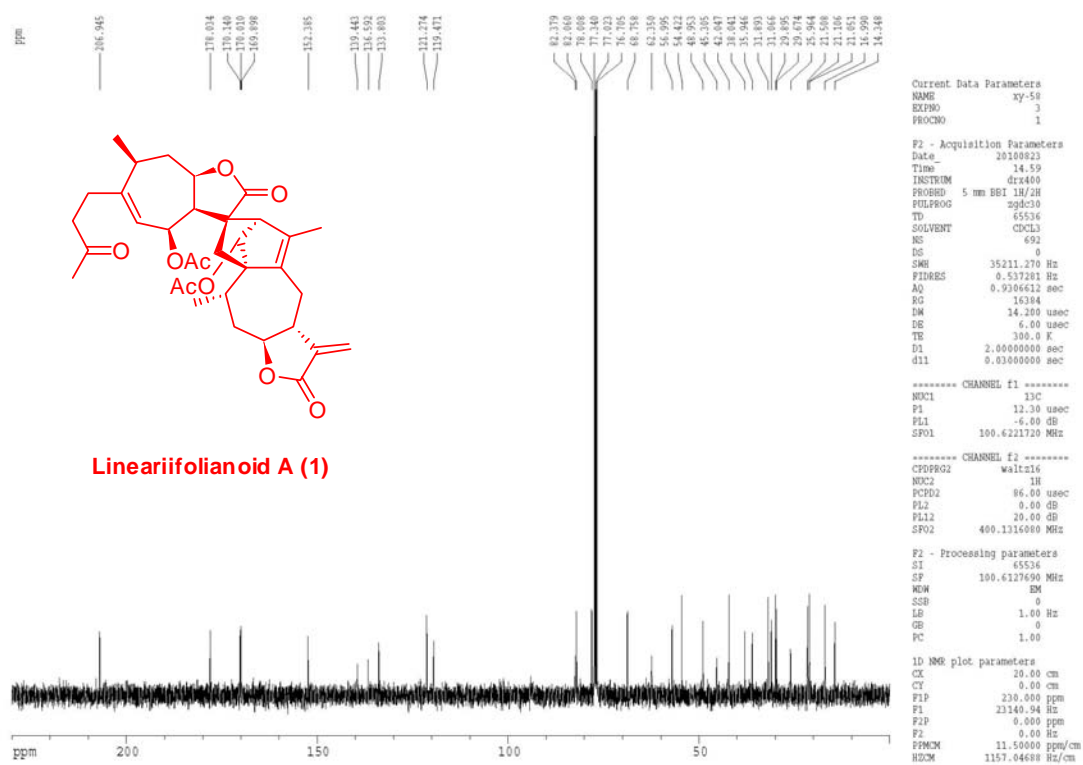


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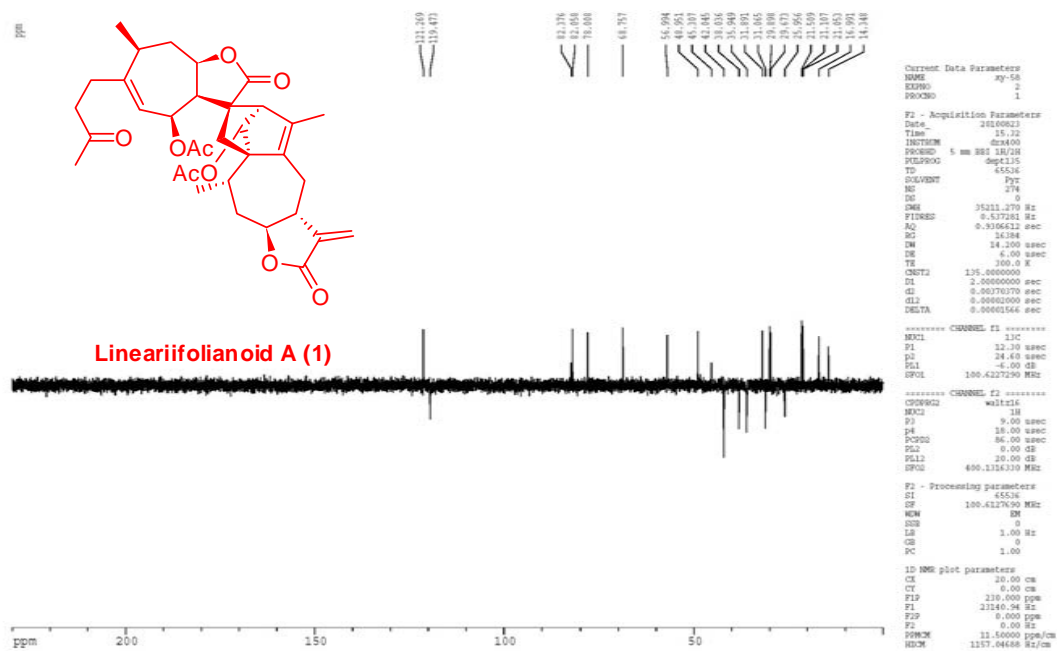


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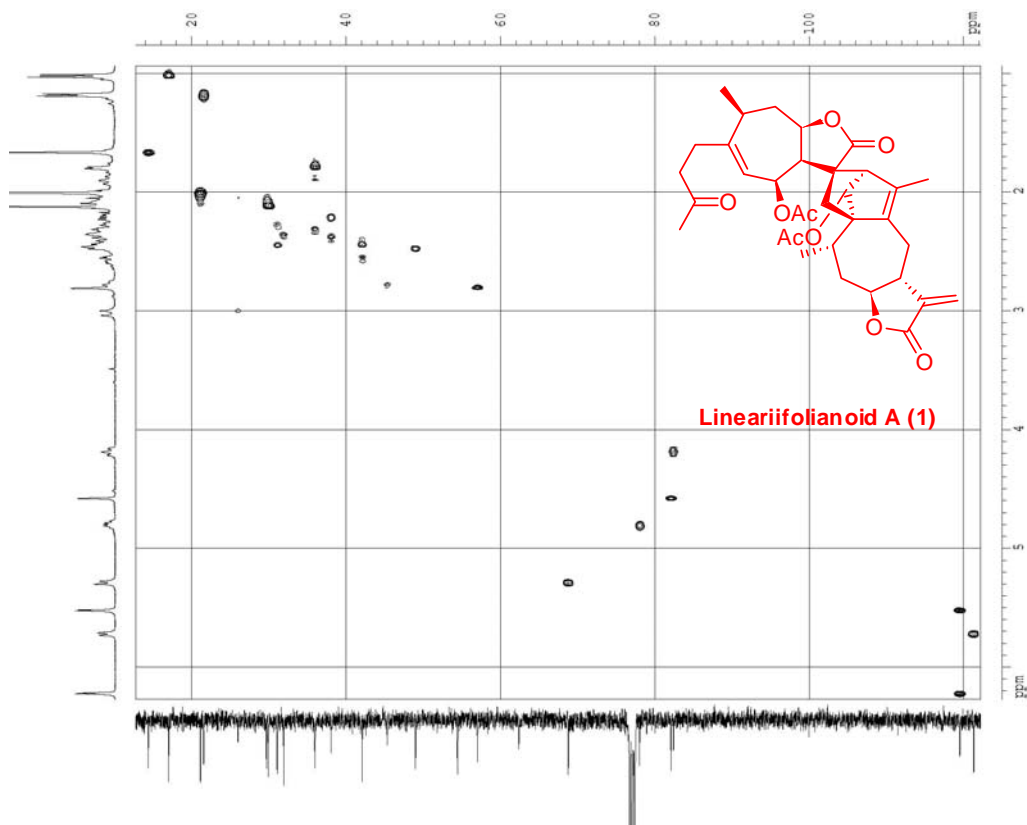


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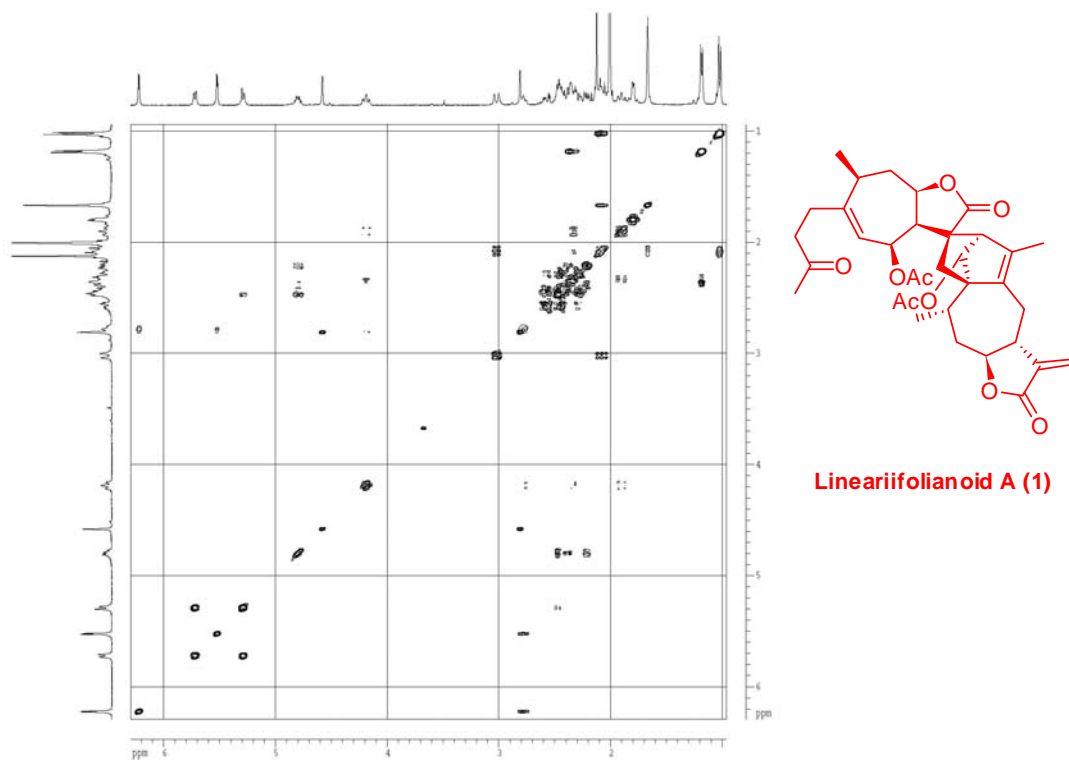


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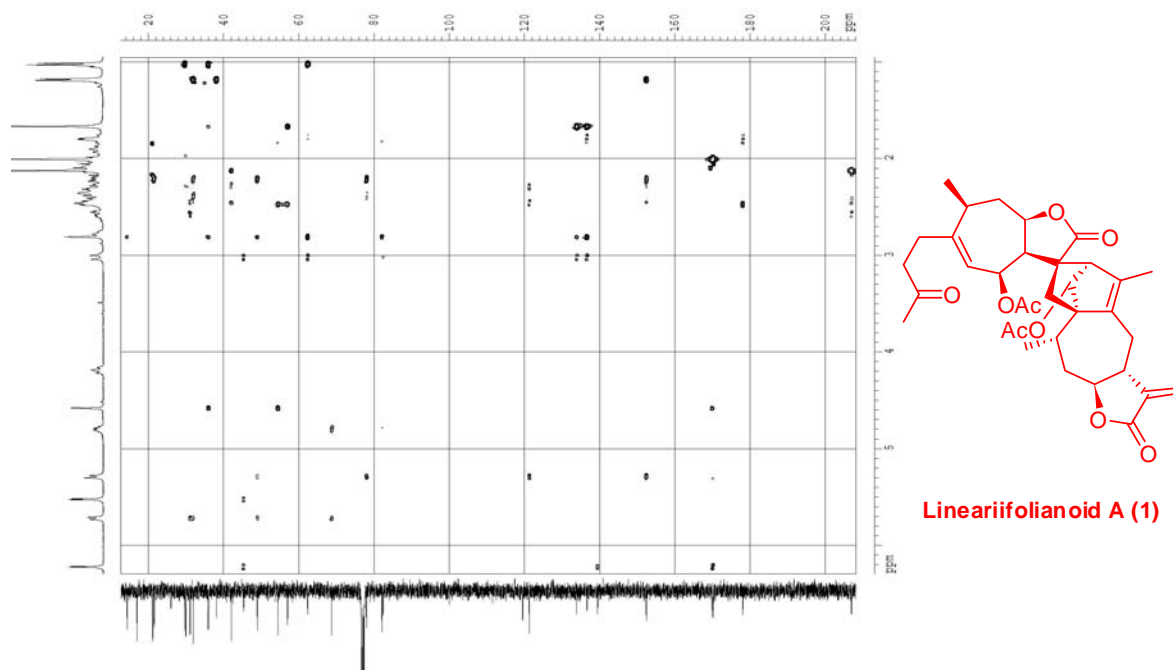


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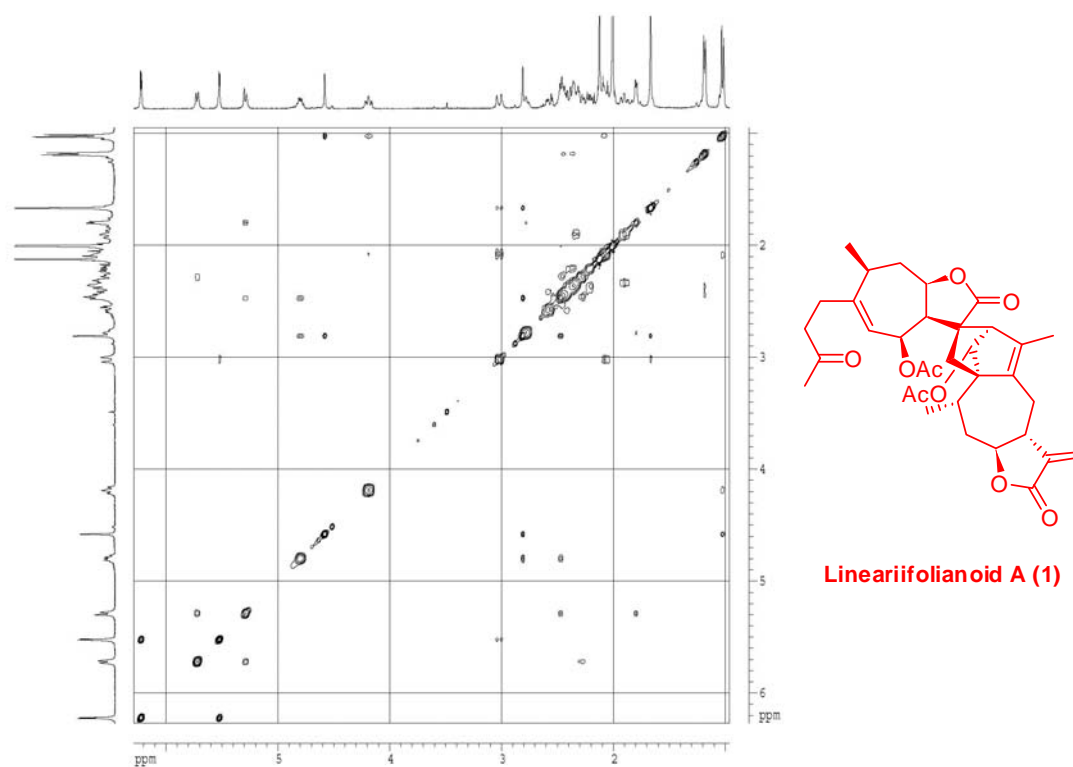


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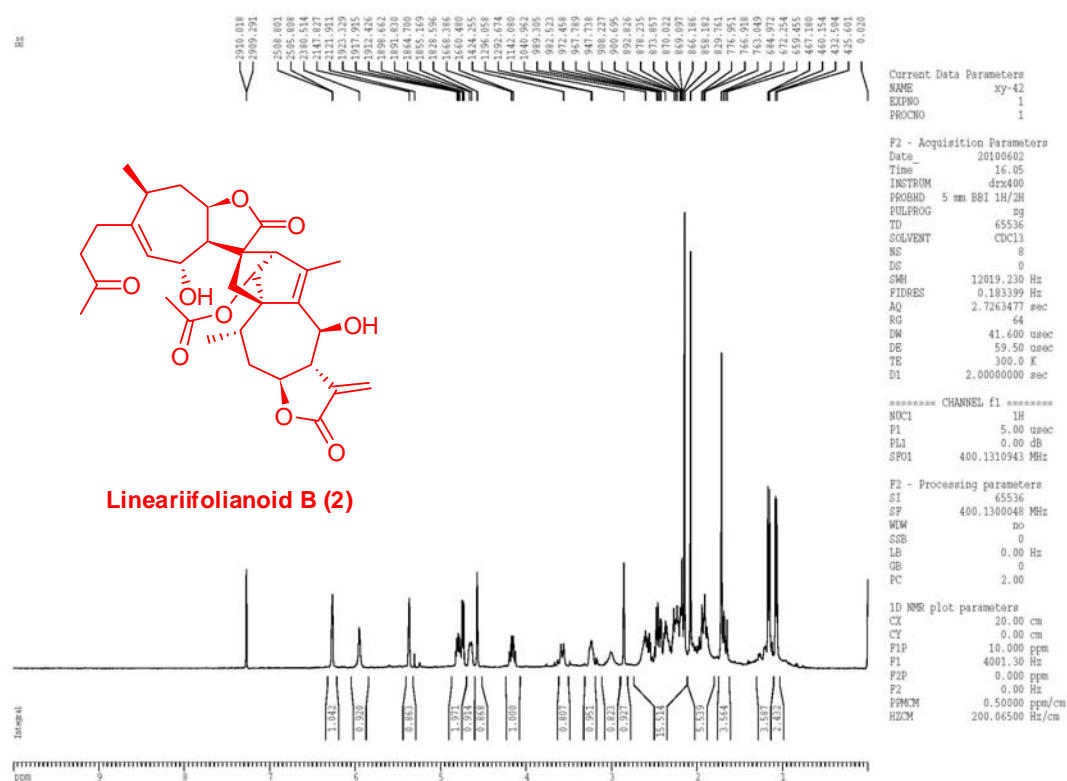


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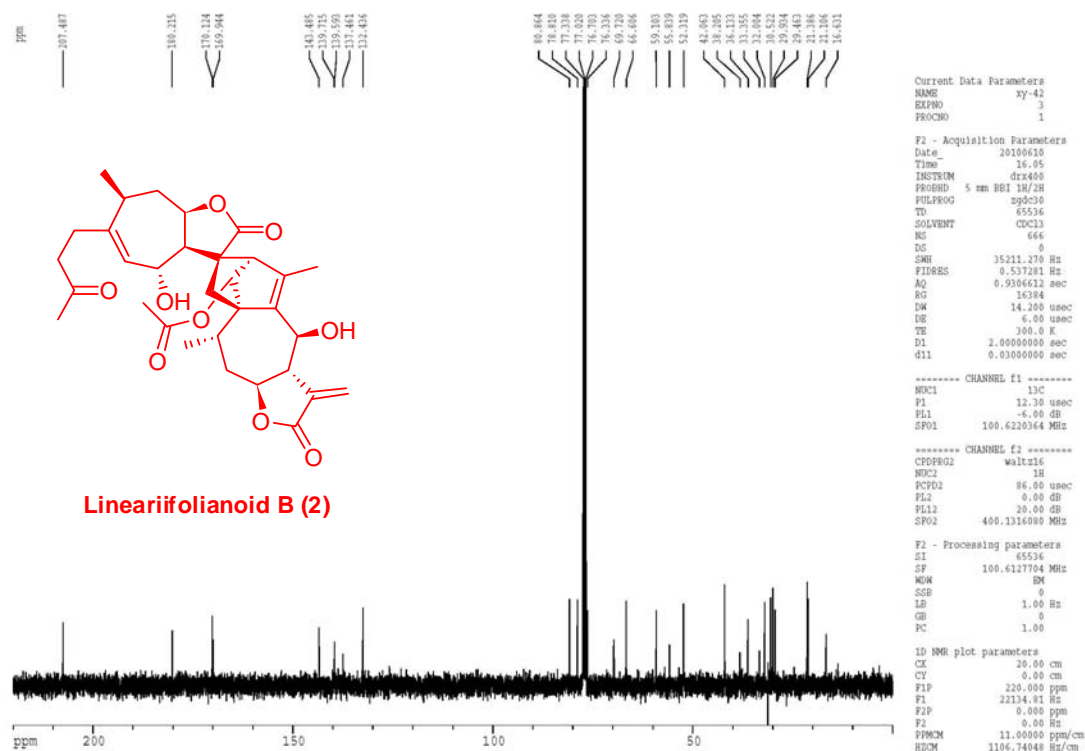


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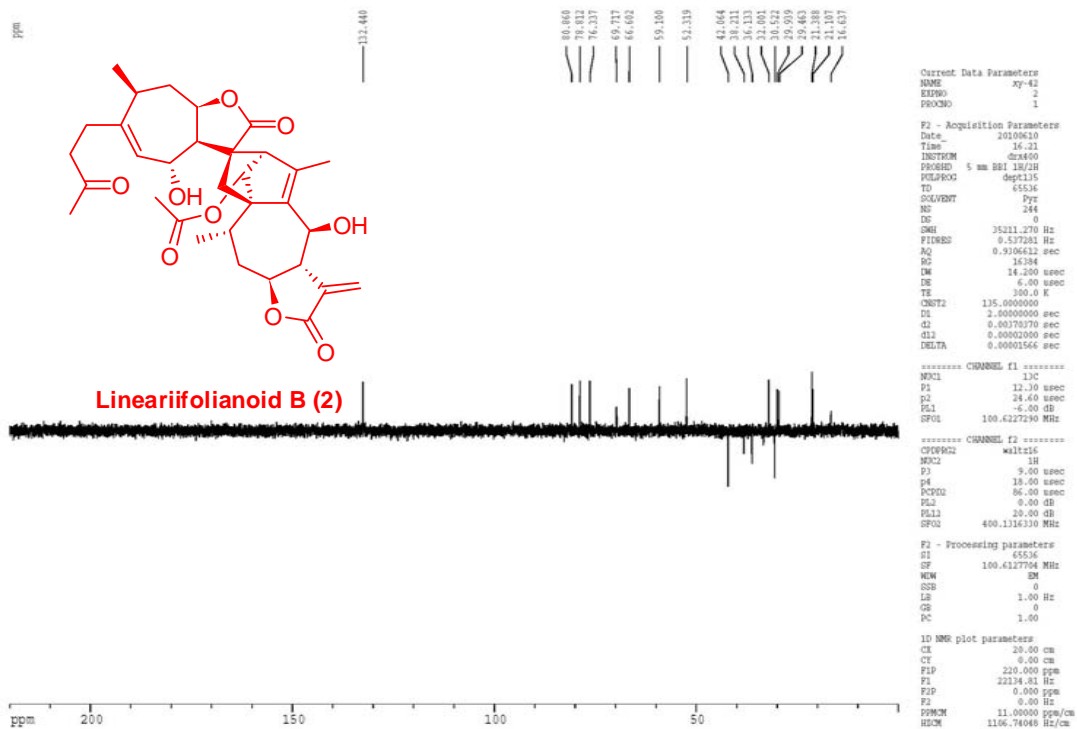


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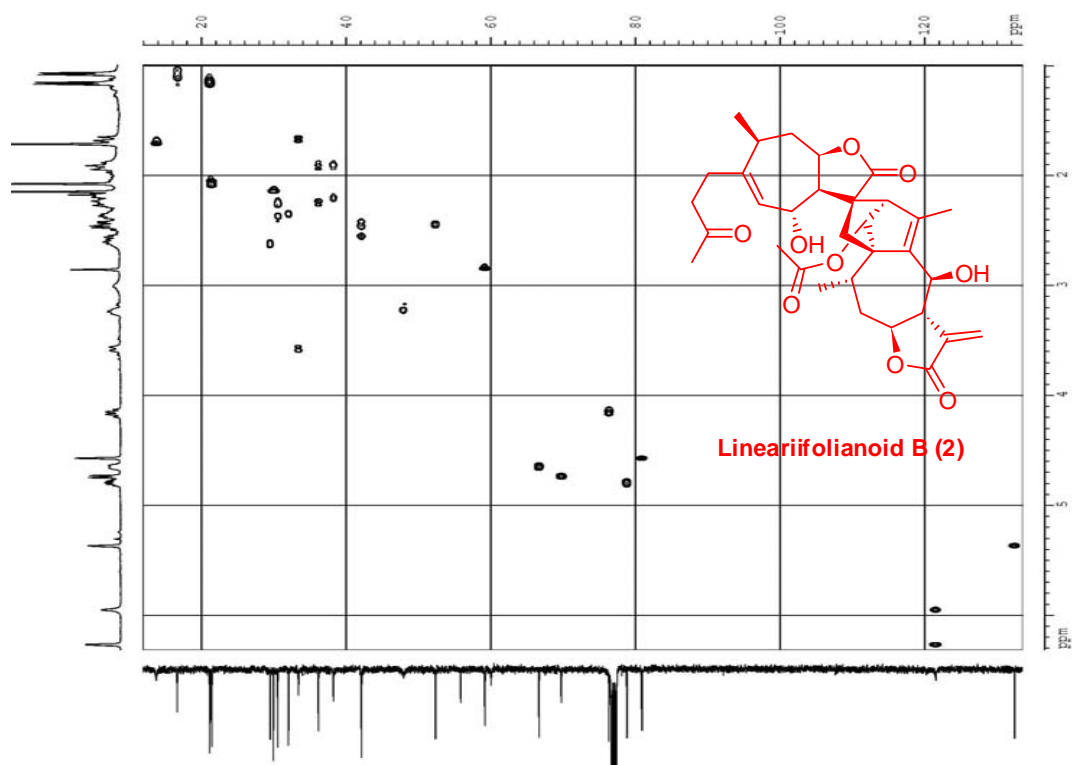


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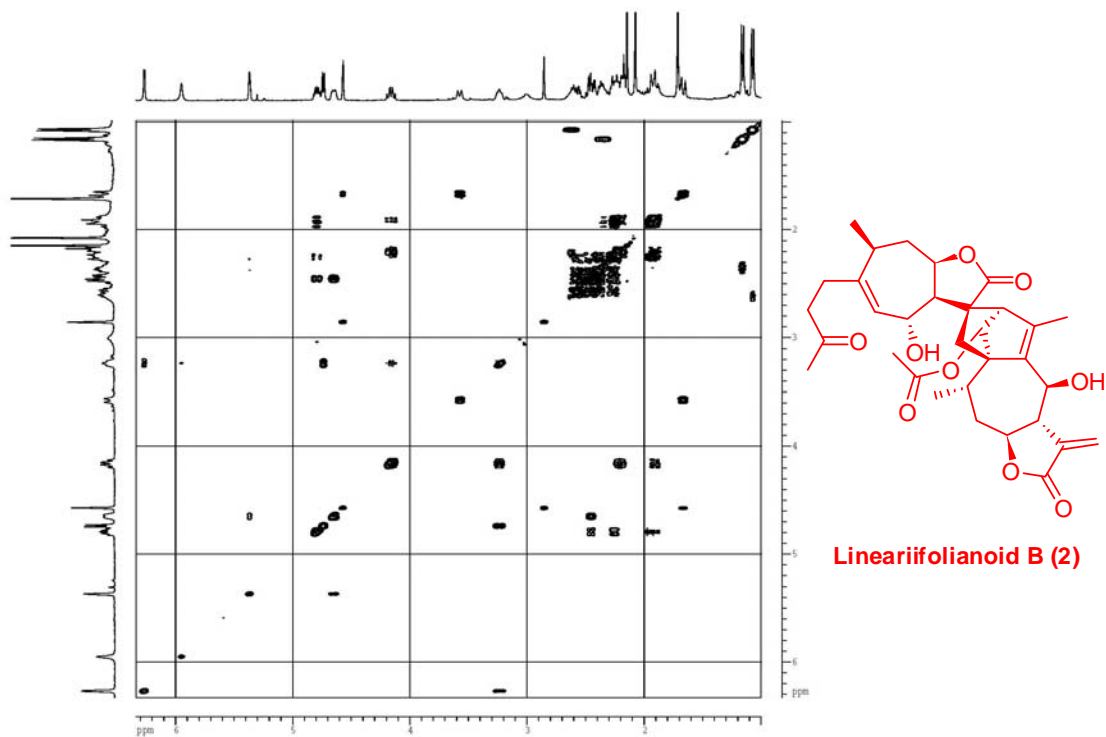


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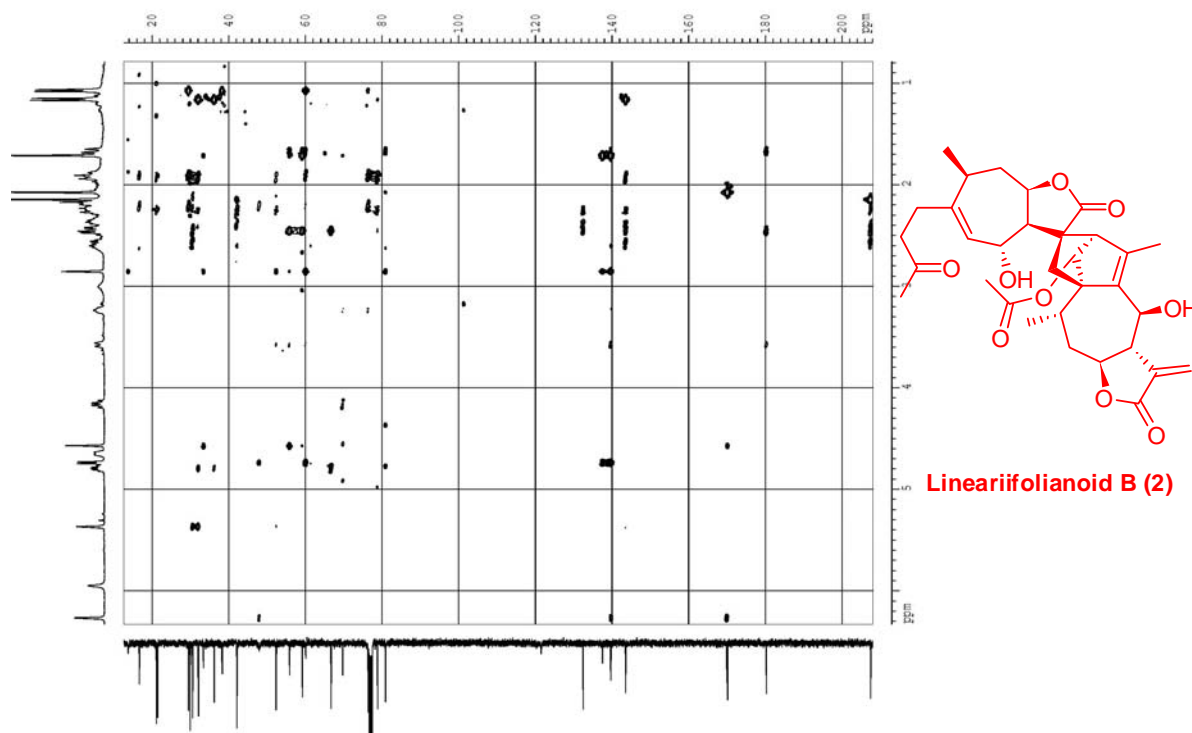


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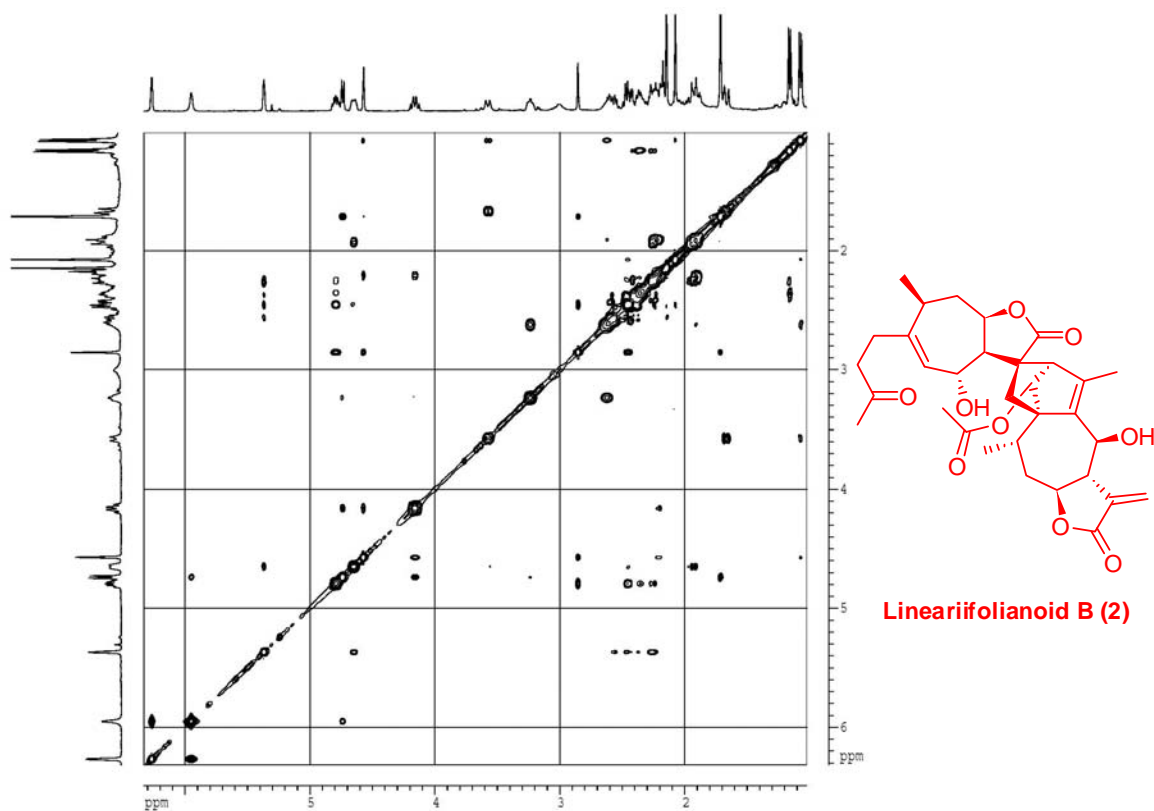


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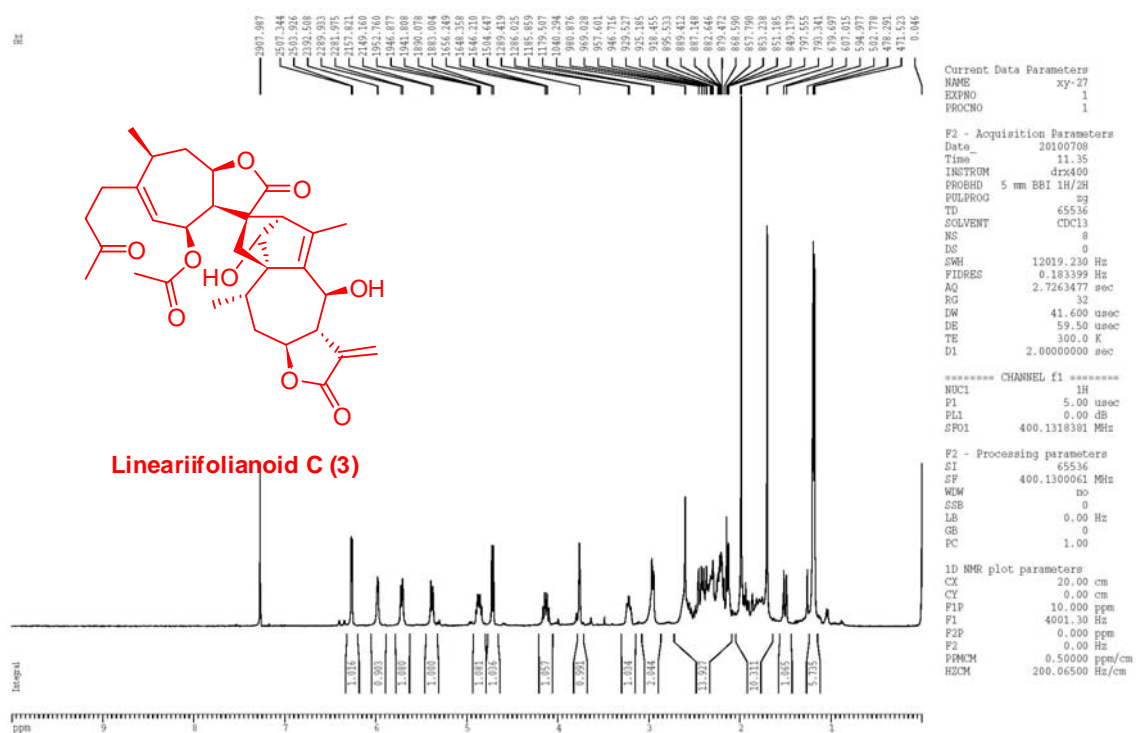


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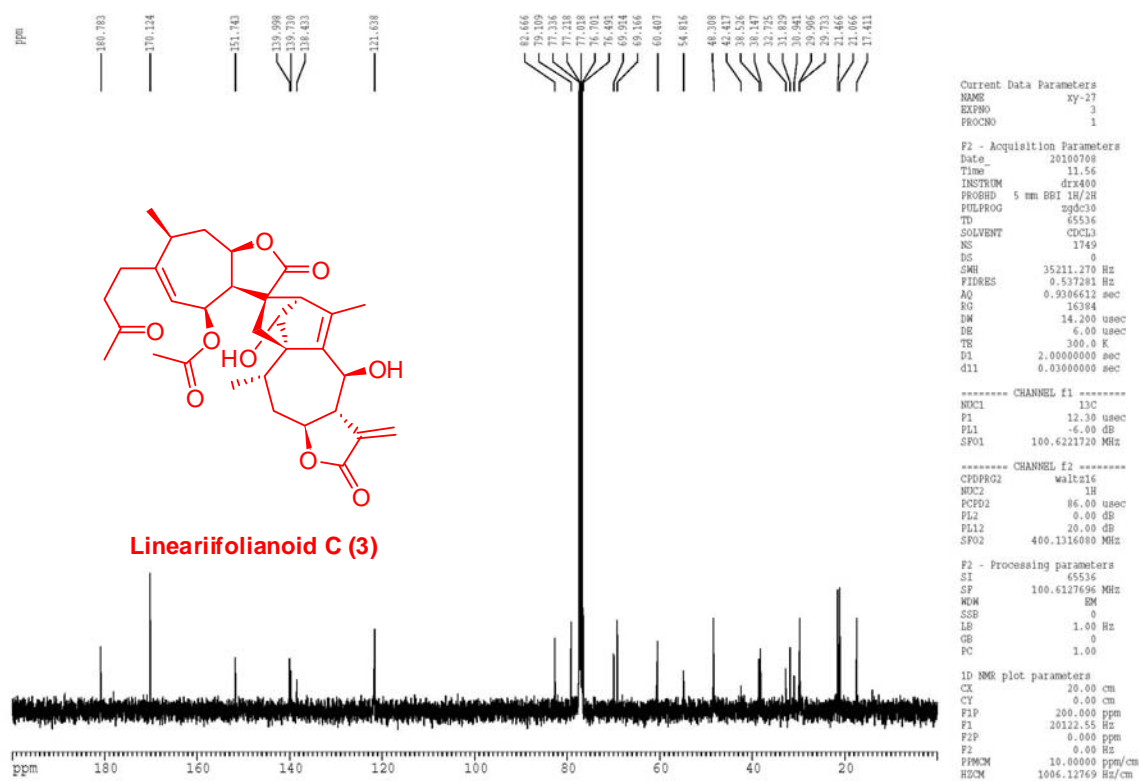


Fig. S23 DEPT NMR spectrum of lineariifolianoid C (**3**) recorded at 400 MHz in CDCl₃.

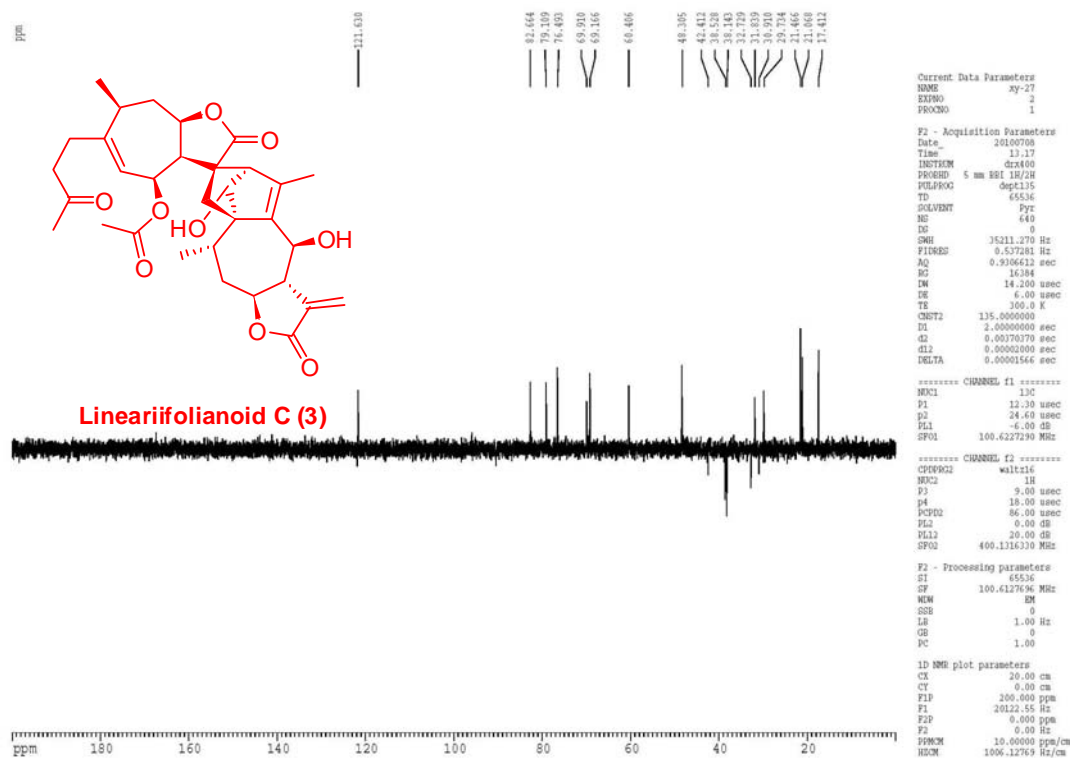


Fig. S24 HSQC spectrum of lineariifolianoid C (**3**) recorded in CDCl₃.

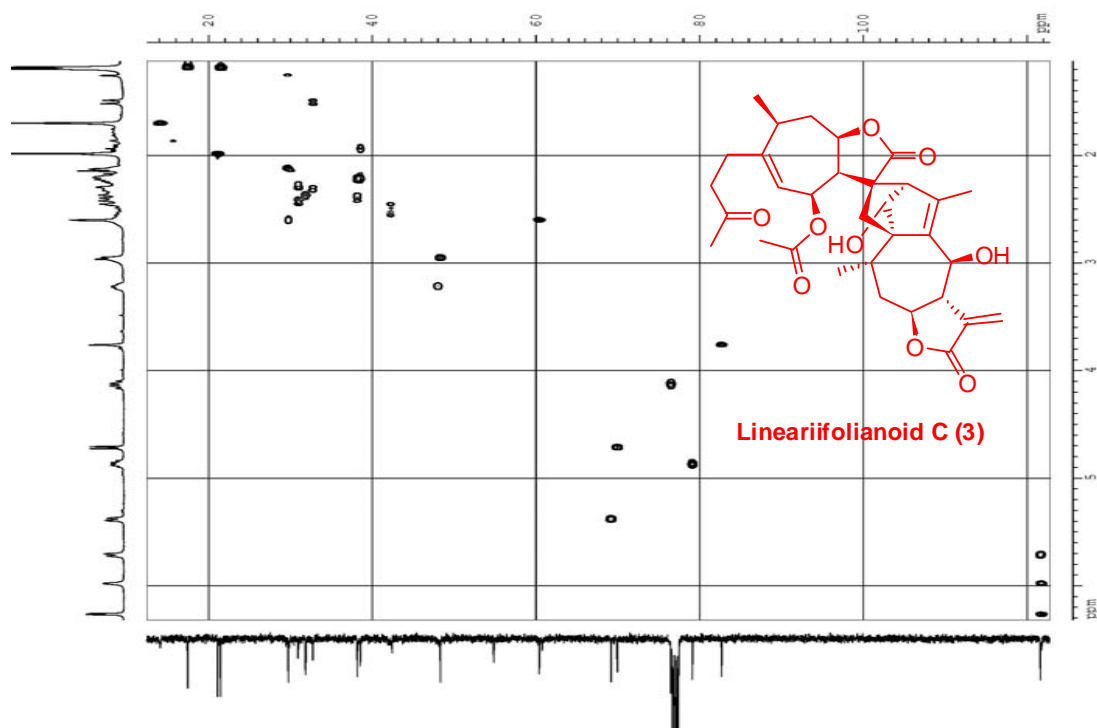


Fig. S25 ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of lineariifolianoid C (**3**) recorded in CDCl_3 .

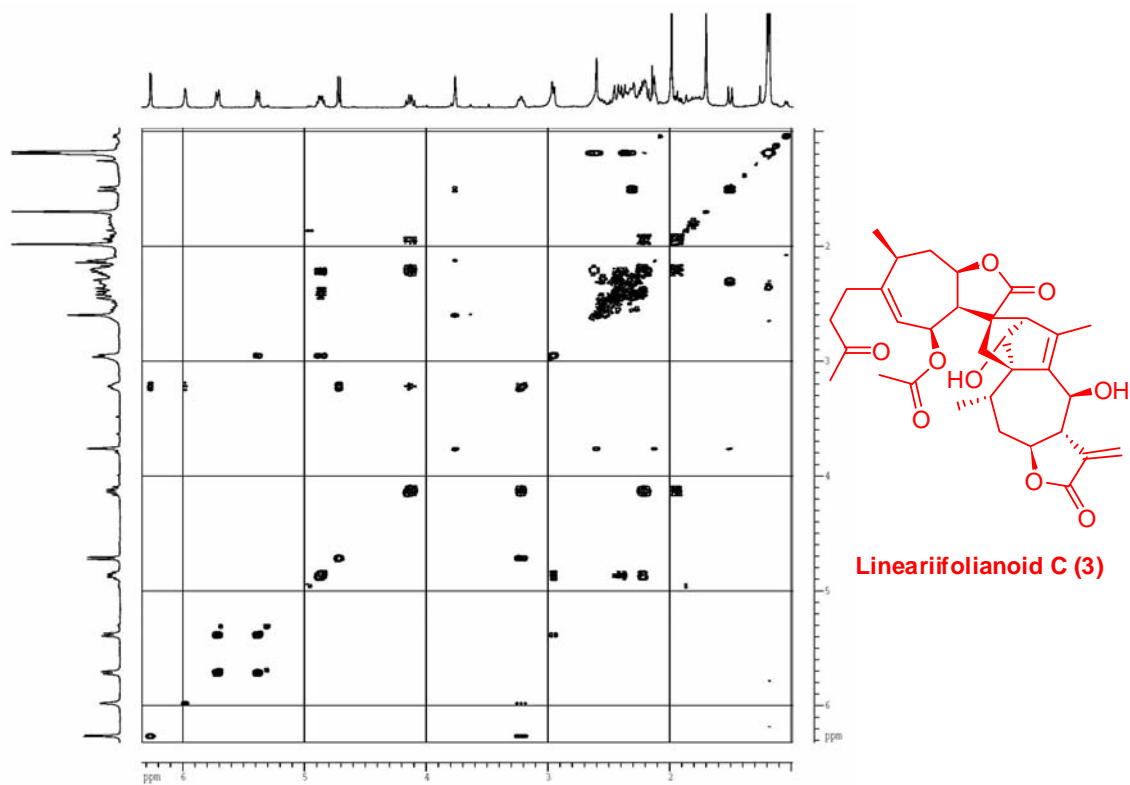


Fig. S26 HMBC spectrum of lineariifolianoid C (**3**) recorded in CDCl_3 .

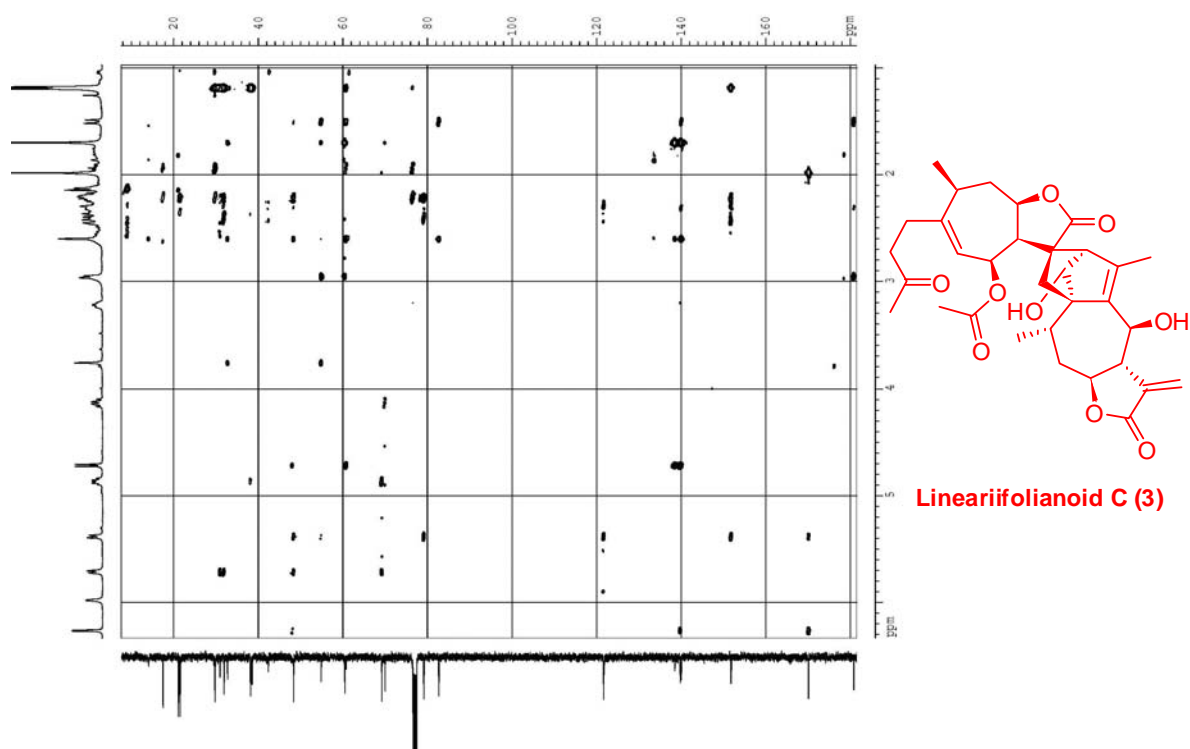


Fig. S27 NOESY spectrum of linearifolianoid C (3) recorded in CDCl₃.

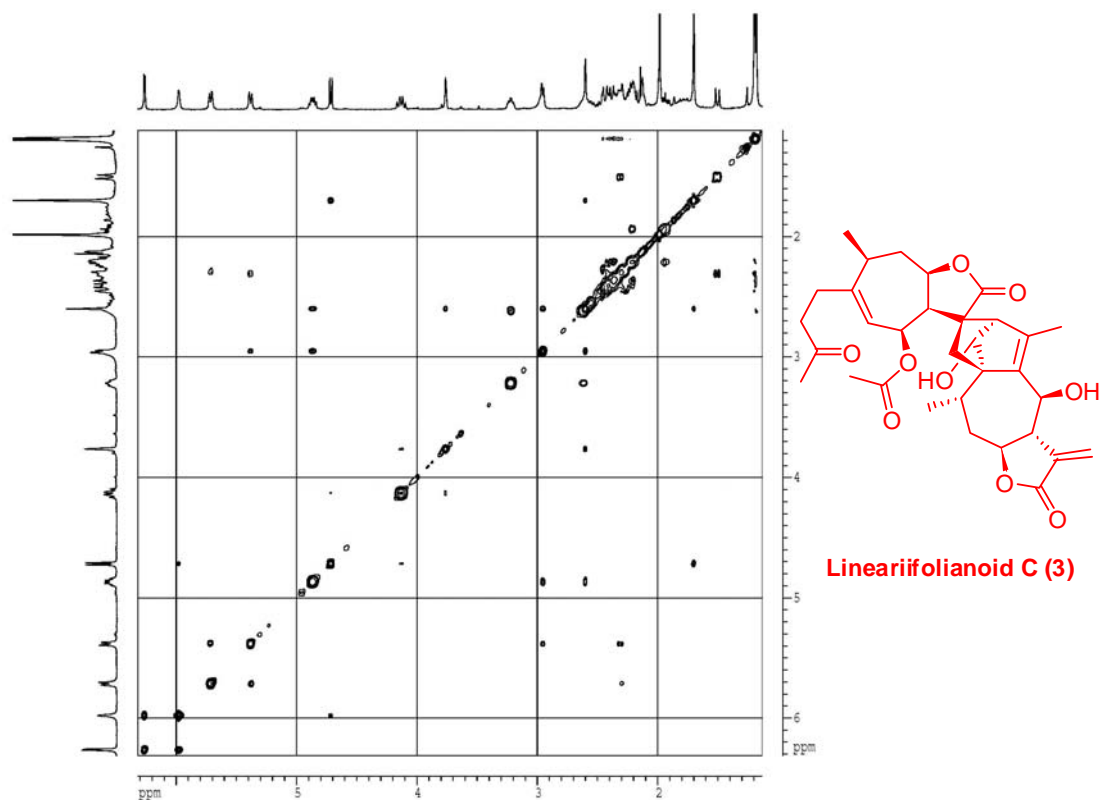


Fig. S28 ¹H NMR spectrum of linearifolianoid D (4) recorded at 400 MHz in CDCl₃.

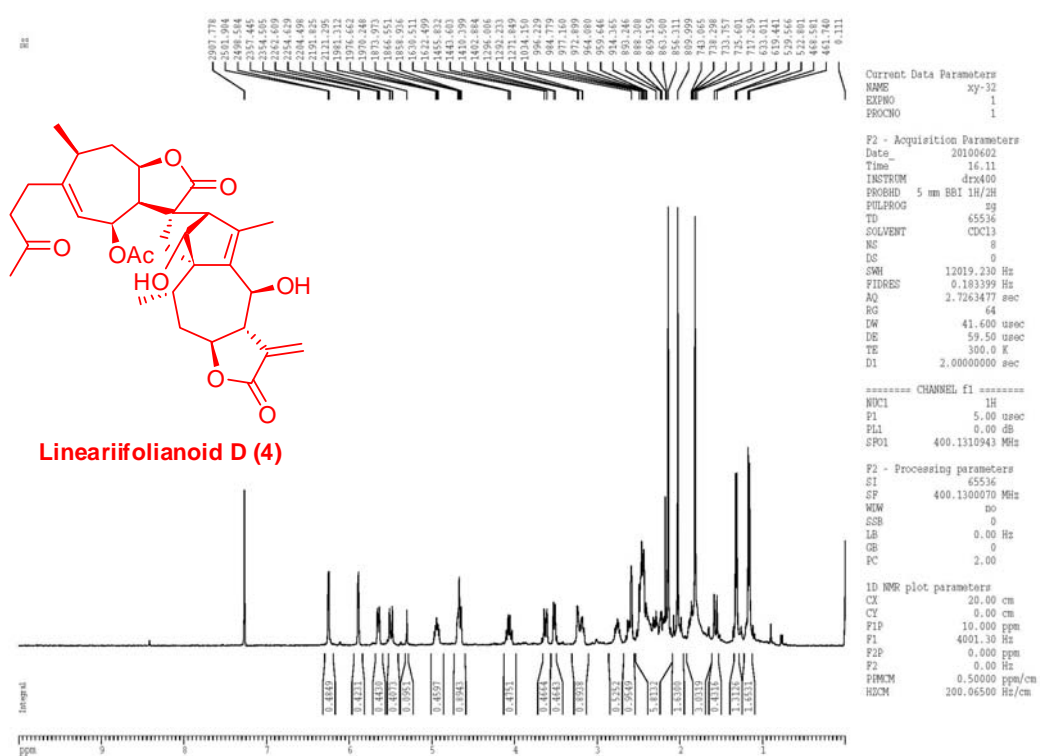


Fig. S29 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of linearifolianoid D (**4**) recorded at 400 MHz in CDCl_3 .

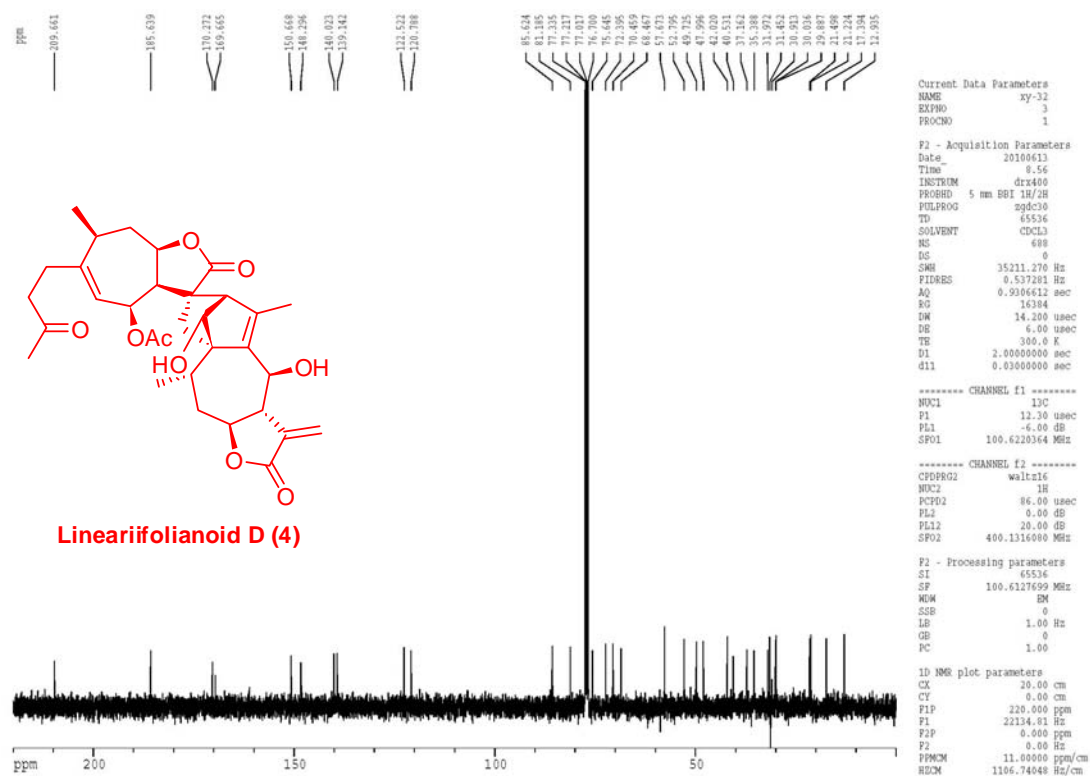


Fig. S30 DEPT NMR spectrum of linearifolianoid D (**4**) recorded at 400 MHz in CDCl_3 .

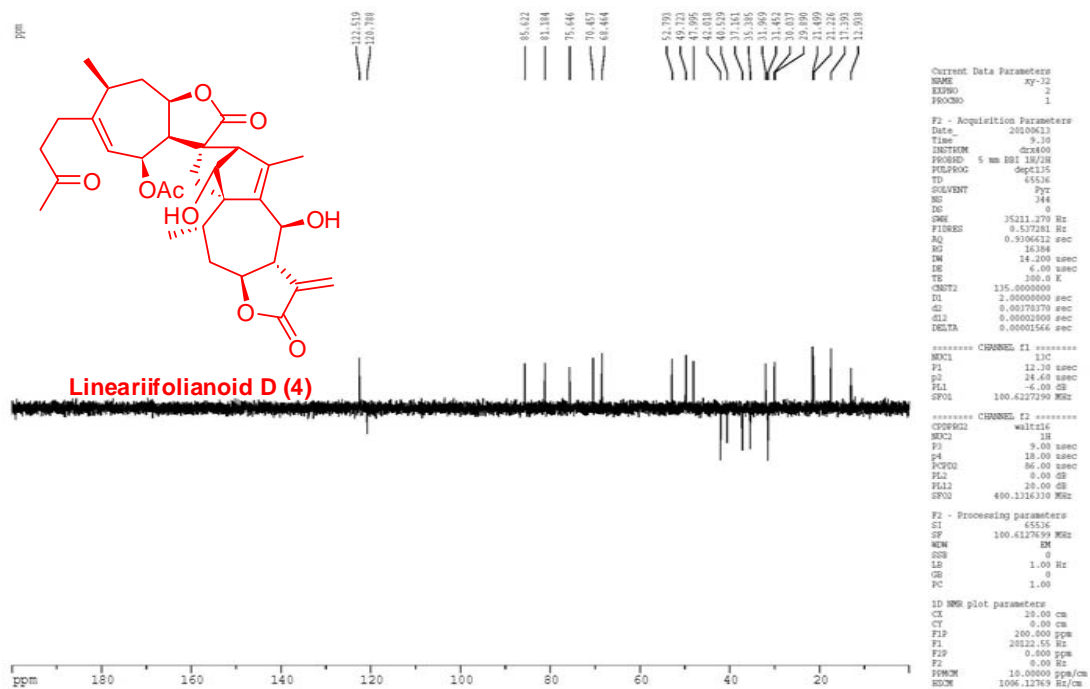


Fig. S31 HSQC spectrum of lineariifolianoid D (**4**) recorded in CDCl_3 .

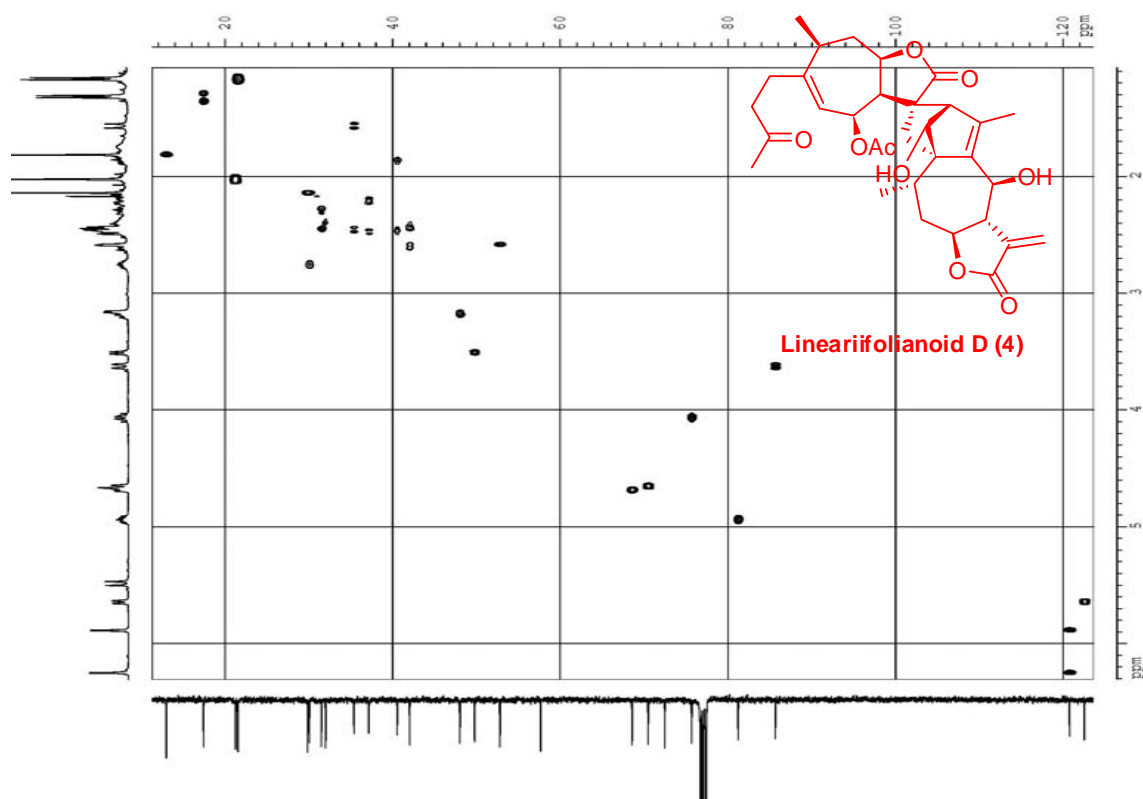


Figure S32. ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of lineariifolianoid D (**4**) recorded in CDCl_3 .

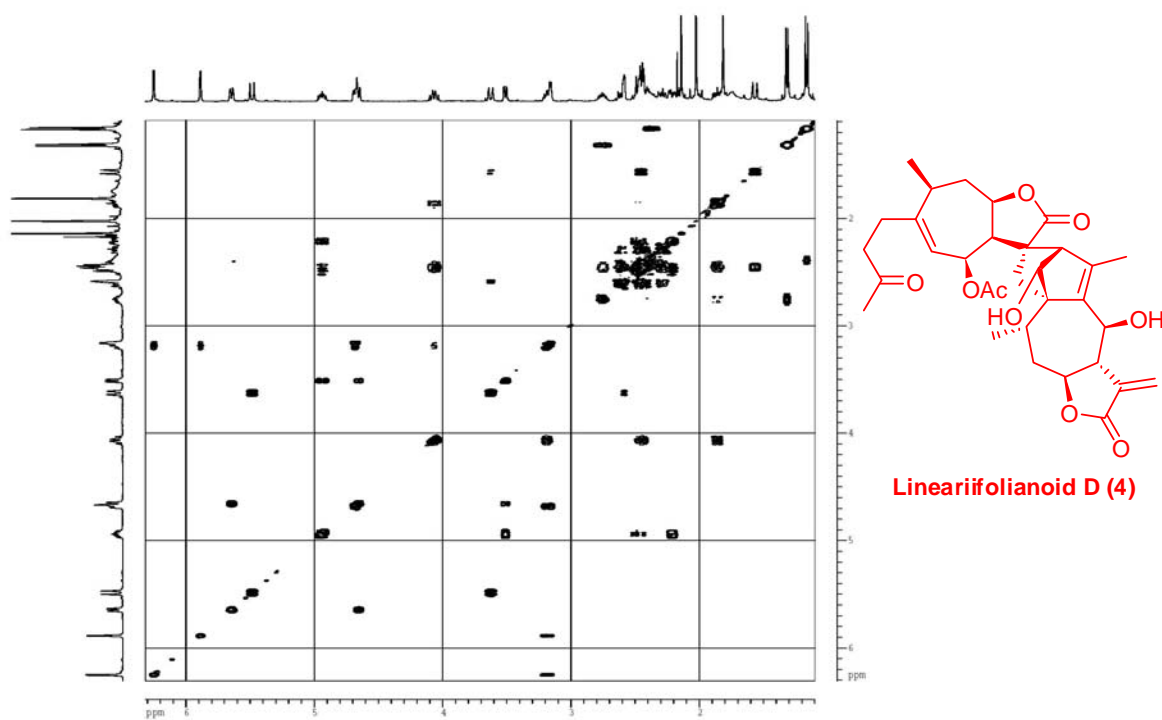


Fig. S33 HMBC spectrum of lineariifolianoid D (**4**) recorded in CDCl₃.

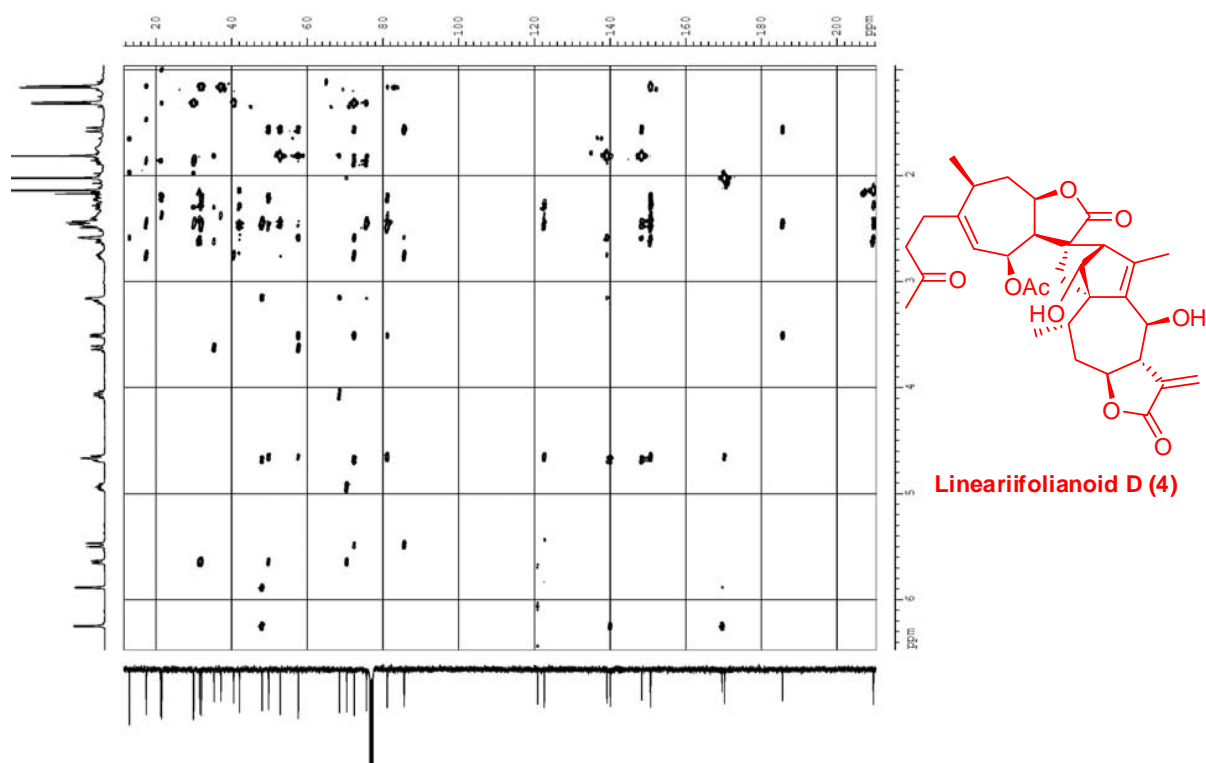


Fig. S34 NOESY spectrum of lineariifolianoid D (**4**) recorded in CDCl₃.

