

Xiamycin, a pentacyclic indolosesquiterpene with selective anti-HIV activity from a bacterial mangrove endophyte.

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Abstract

A novel pentacyclic indolosesquiterpene, named xiamycin (1), and its methyl ester (2) have been obtained from *Streptomyces* sp. GT2002/1503, an endophyte from the mangrove plant *Bruguiera gymnorhiza*. The structures were established by 1D and 2D NMR, MS, and X-ray crystallography, and the absolute configuration of 1 was elucidated by the modified Mosher method. Compound 1 exhibits selective anti-HIV activity; it specifically blocks R5 but has no effects on X4 tropic HIV-1 infection. In a panel of cytotoxicity assays, compound 2 showed to be more potent (geometric mean IC(50)=10.13 μ M) compared to compound 1 (geometric mean IC(50) >30 μ M), with antitumor potency being generally less pronounced. Xiamycin represents one of the first examples of indolosesquiterpenes isolated from prokaryotes.

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