

Article Limonoids Containing a C₁–O–C₂₉ Moiety: Isolation, Structural Modification, and Antiviral Activity

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Abstract: Five new limonoids named thaigranatins A–E (1–5), containing a C₁–*O*–C₂₉ moiety, were isolated from seeds of the Thai *Xylocarpus granatum*, collected at the mangrove swamp of Trang Province, together with the known limonoid, granatumin L (6). The structures of these compounds were established by HR-ESIMS and extensive NMR spectroscopic data. The absolute configuration of **1** was unequivocally determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis, conducted with Cu K α radiation; whereas that of **2** or **6** was established to be the same as that of **1** by the similarity of their electronic circular dichroism (ECD) spectra. In view of the marked antiviral activity of **6**, its structure was modified via hydrolysis with alkaline KOH, esterification with diazomethane and various organic acids, and oximization with hydroxyamine. Finally, 18 derivatives, *viz.* **7–10**, **8a–8i**, **9a–9b**, and **10a–10c**, were obtained. In vitro antiviral activities of these derivatives against human immunodeficiency virus 1 (HIV-1) and influenza A virus (IAV) were evaluated. Most notably, **8i** exhibited marked inhibitory activity against HIV-1 with an IC₅₀ value of 15.98 ± 6.87 µM and a CC₅₀ value greater than 100.0 µM; whereas **10b** showed significant inhibitory activity against IAV with an IC₅₀ value of 14.02 ± 3.54 µM and a CC₅₀ value greater than 100.0 µM.

Keywords: limonoid; a C₁–O–C₂₉ moiety; isolation; structural modification; anti-HIV; anti-IAV

1. Introduction

Xylocarpus granatum, a true mangrove plant, belongs to the family Meliaceae, of which the main secondary metabolites are limonoids [1,2]. Krishnolide A, a khayanolide-type of limonoid isolated from the Indian mangrove, *Xylocarpus moluccensis*, showed moderate antiviral activity against human immunodeficiency virus 1 (HIV-1) with an IC₅₀ value of $17.45 \pm 1.65 \,\mu$ M and a CC₅₀ value of $78.45 \pm 1.69 \,\mu$ M, respectively [3]. Three other khayanolide-type of limonoids obtained from the Thai *Xylocarpus moluccensis*, viz. thaixylomolins I, K, and M, exhibited moderate antiviral activity against influenza A virus (IAV). The most potent one is thaixylomolin I with an IC₅₀ value of $77.1 \pm 8.7 \,\mu$ M [4].

Limonoids containing a C_1 –O– C_{29} moiety are a small group of natural products. To date, only 34 compounds of this group, including xyloccensin L, xylogranatin E, granaxylocarpin C, granatumins L–T and V–Y, sundarbanxylogranins C–E, krishnagranatins A–F, thaixylogranin D, godavarins D–G and K, moluccensin W, and erythrocarpines D–E, have been reported from mangrove plants of the genus *Xylocarpus* and the land plant *Chisocheton erythrocarpus* [5–13]. It is worth noting that 28 compounds of this group were obtained from *X. granatum* [5–11]. However, only one limonoid containing a C_1 –O– C_{29} moiety, i.e., thaixylogranin D, was identified from the Thai X. granatum [11].



To search for new antiviral natural compounds from mangrove plants, seeds of the Thai *X. granatum*, collected in the mangrove swamp of Trang Province, were investigated to afford five new limonoids containing a C_1 –O– C_{29} moiety, named thaigranatins A–E (**1**–**5**), along with the known one, granatumin L (**6**) (Figure 1), which exhibited antiviral activity against HIV-1. To find promising antiviral drug leads, structural modification was applied to granatumin L (**6**). Herein, we report the isolation and structural elucidation of thaigranatins A–E (**1**–**5**), the structural modification of granatumin L (**6**), and antiviral activities of the modified derivatives of **6** against HIV-1 and IAV.



Figure 1. Structures of compounds 1-6.

2. Results and Discussion

2.1. Structure Identification of Natural Limonoids 1-5

Compound 1 was obtained as colorless crystals. Its molecular formula $C_{32}H_{40}O_{10}$, indicating 13 degrees of unsaturation, was established by the positive HR-ESIMS ion peak at m/z 607.2509 (calcd. for [M + Na]⁺ 607.2514). According to the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (Tables 1 and 2), 7 degrees of unsaturation were due to 3 carbonyl groups and 4 carbon-carbon double bonds; thus, the molecule was hexacyclic. The ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data and DEPT experiments indicated the presence of 6 methyl groups (a methoxy group, a methyl group linked to a secondary carbon and 4 methyl groups linked to tertiary carbons), 4 methylene groups, 12 methine groups (including 5 olefinic), and 10 quaternary carbons (including 3 carbonyl groups) in 1.

The NMR spectroscopic data of 1 (Tables 1 and 2) and its 2D correlations (¹H–¹H COSY, HSQC, and HMBC) indicated the presence of a methoxycarbonyl moiety [δ_{H} 3.76 (s, H₃-OMe); δ_{C} 53.2 (C-OMe), 176.1 (C-7)], a tigloyl group [δ_{H} 6.83 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.79 s; δ_{C} 167.2 qC, 127.8 qC, 138.7 CH, 14.6 CH₃, 11.7 CH₃], an oxygenated methylene moiety [δ_{H} 4.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, H_{pro-S}-29), 3.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, H_{pro-R}-29); δ_{C} 70.1 (C-29)], and a typical β -furyl ring [δ_{H} 7.50 (br s, H-21), 6.39 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, H-22), 7.44 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, H-23); δ_{C} 121.5 (C-20, qC), 140.3 (C-21, CH), 109.3 (C-22, CH), 143.1 (C-23, CH)]. A δ -lactone ring (C-13, C-14, C-15, C-16, and C-17), characterized by NMR spectroscopic data [δ_{H} 2.31 (br s, H-14), 2.82 (m, H₂-15); δ_{C} 36.7 (C-13, qC), 44.8 (C-14, CH), 29.6 (C-15, CH₂), 169.3 (C-16, qC), and 76.6 (C-17, CH)], was corroborated by HMBC correlations between H₂-15/C-13, H₂-15/C-14, H₂-15/C-16, H-17/C-13, H₃-18/C-13, and H₃-18/C-14 (Figure 2a). An olefinic methine group [δ_{H} 5.28 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); δ_{C} 120.2], exhibiting a ¹H–¹H COSY correlation to H-2 and HMBC correlations to C-9 and C-14, was attributed to CH-30.

The NMR spectroscopic data of **1** (Tables 1 and 2) resembled those of granatumin L (**6**) [8], except for the presence of an additional 6-OH group in **1**, being corroborated by the downshifted C-6 signal ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 72.5 CH in **1**; whereas $\delta_{\rm C}$ 31.9 CH₂ in granatumin L). ¹H–¹H COSY correlation between

H-5/H-6 and HMBC correlations between H-6/C-5 and H-6/C-7 (Figure 2a) further confirmed the above result.

The relative configuration of **1**, except for the chirality of C-6, was established to be the same as that of granatumin L (**6**) based on NOE interactions. Those from H-3 to H_{pro-R}-29 [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz)], but not from H-3 to H-5, established the α -oriented H-3 and the corresponding 3 β -O-tigloyl group. NOE interactions between H₃-18/H-14, H-9/H₃-19, and H-3/H-2 indicated their mutual *cis* relationship and the α -oriented H-14, H-9, and H-2. Similarly, those between H-5/H-11 β , H-5/H-17, and H-17/H-12 β indicated the β -orientation of H-5 and H-17 (Figure 2b).



Figure 2. (a) Selected ${}^{1}H{-}^{1}H$ COSY and HMBC correlations for 1; (b) Diagnostic NOE interactions for 1 (measured in CDCl₃).

After considerable effort, suitable crystals of **1** were obtained in methanol/chloroform (4:1) at room temperature. Thus, the absolute configuration of **1** was unequivocally established as 1R,2S,3R,4S,5S,6R,9S,10R,13R,14S,17R (Figure 3, CCDC-1871152) by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis, conducted with CuK α radiation [Flack parameter of 0.02(3)]. Thus, the structure of **1**, thaigranatin A, was assigned as depicted.



Figure 3. ORTEP illustration of the X-ray structure of 1. Ellipsoids are given at the 10% probability level.

Compound **2**, an amorphous powder, had the molecular formula $C_{30}H_{38}O_9$ as established by the positive HR-ESIMS ion peak at m/z 543.2593 (calcd. for $[M + H]^+$ 543.2589). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data of **2** (Tables 1 and 2) were similar to those of **1**, except for the absence of the 6-OH group and the replacement of the 3-O-tigloyl group in **1** by a 3-O-propionyl moiety [δ_H 2.37 (m, 2H),

1.09 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); δ_C 174.5 qC, 27.1 CH₂, 8.7 CH₃]. The HMBC correlation from H-3 [$\delta_H = 4.84$ (d, J = 10.0 Hz)] to the carbonyl carbon ($\delta_C = 174.5$ qC) of the propionyl group confirmed its location at C-3. The absence of the 6-OH group in **2** was corroborated by the upshifted CH₂-6 [δ_H 2.35 (m H₂-6); δ_C 31.9 qC] in **2**. ¹H–¹H COSY correlations between H₂-6/H-5 and HMBC correlations from H₂-6 to C-5 and C-7 confirmed the above result.

The relative configuration of **2** was determined to be the same as that of **1** by NOE interactions between H-17/H-11 β , H-11 β /H-5, and H-17/H-5, and those between H₃-19/H-9, H₃-19/H_{pro-S}-29, H-3/H_{pro-R}-29, H-3/H-2, and H₃-18/H-14. The absolute configuration of **2**, except for the deficiency of the chiral C-6, was established to be the same as that of **1**, i.e., (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*), by the accurate fit of their experimental electronic circular dichroism (ECD) spectra (Figure 4). Thus, the structure of **2**, thaigranatin B, was assigned as depicted.



Figure 4. Comparison of the experimental ECD spectra of **1**, **2**, and the known compound, granatumin L (6), containing a $\Delta^{8,30}$ double bond (recorded at the concentration of 200 µg mL⁻¹ in MeCN).

The molecular formula of **3** was determined to be $C_{32}H_{40}O_{10}$ by HR-ESIMS ion peak at m/z 607.2512 (calcd. for $[M + Na]^+$ 607.2514). The NMR spectroscopic dataof **3** (Tables 1 and 2) were similar to those of godavarin D [12], the difference being the presence of an additional 30-OH group, which was corroborated by the downshifted C-30 (δ_C 66.3 CH in **3**, whereas δ_C 26.3 CH₂ in godavarin D) and ¹H–¹H COSY correlation between H-2/H-30. HMBC correlations from H-30 to C-1, C-2, C-3, C-8, C-9, and C-14 confirmed the above result (Figure 5a).



Figure 5. (**a**) Selected ¹H–¹H COSY and HMBC correlations for **3**; (**b**) Diagnostic NOE interactions for **3** (measured in CDCl₃).

The relative configuration of **3** was established by NOE interactions (Figure 5b). Those between H-3/H_{pro-R}-29, H-3/H-2, H₃-19/H-9, H₃-18/H-11 α assigned the α -oriented H-2, H-3, H₃-18, and H₃-19; whereas those between H-17/H-12 β , H-12 β /H-5, and H-17/H-5 established the β -oriented H-5 and H-17. The small coupling constant of $J_{2,30}$, i.e., 2.4 Hz, revealed the $J_{e,e}$ coupling for H-2 and H-30, and thus the corresponding equatorial bond for H-30, i.e., the β -oriented H-30, which was further corroborated by NOE interactions between H-30/H-15 α and H-30/H-15 β of equal intensity, and no observation of NOE interaction between H-30/H-9. Thus, the structure of **3**, thaigranatin C, was assigned as shown.

The molecular formula of **4** was established as $C_{32}H_{40}O_{10}$ by the positive HR-ESIMS ion peak at m/z 585.2694 (calcd. for $[M + H]^+$ 585.2694). The NMR spectroscopic data of **4** (Tables 1 and 2) were similar to those of godavarin D [12], except for the presence of an additional 6-OH group, which was corroborated by the downshifted C-6 (δ_C 73.1 CH in **4**; whereas δ_C 32.2 CH₂ in godavarin D) [12]. ¹H–¹H COSY correlation between H-6/H-5 and HMBC correlations from H-6 to C-5 and C-7 confirmed the above result.

NOE interactions between H-17/H-12 β and H-17/H-5 established the β -oriented H-5 and H-17. In turn, those between H₃-18/H-11 α , H₃-19/H-9, H-3/H_{pro-R}-29, assigned the α -oriented H₃-19, H-9, H₃-18, and H-3. Thus, the structure of **4**, thaigranatin D, was assigned as depicted.

Compound **5** gave the molecular formula $C_{32}H_{40}O_{10}$ as obtained from the positive HR-ESIMS ion at m/z 607.2511 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd. for $C_{32}H_{40}NaO_{10}$, 607.2514). The NMR spectroscopic data of **5** (Tables 1 and 2) resembled those of **3**, except for the replacement of the $\Delta^{8,14}$ double bond in **3** by a $\Delta^{8,9}$ double bond [δ_C 127.1 (C-8, qC), 139.2 (C-9, qC)]. HMBC correlations between H-15/C-8, H-15/C-9, H-30/C-8, H-30/C-9, and H₃-19/C-9 confirmed the above deduction.

The relative configuration of **5** was established based on NOE interactions. Those between H-17/H-12 β and H-5/H-11 β assigned the β -oriented H-17 and H-5. NOE interactions between H₃-18/H-14, H₃-18/H-11 α , and H-3/H_{pro-R}-29 assigned the α -orientation for H-14, H₃-18, H₃-19, and H-3. The broad singlet of H-30 revealed the $J_{e,e}$ coupling for H-2 and H-30, and thus assigned the corresponding equatorial bond for H-30, i.e., the β -oriented H-30. Thus, the structure of **5**, thaigranatin E, was assigned as depicted.

NMR data are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1.	¹ H (400 MHz) N	JMR spectroscopic o	lata of compounds 1	-5 in CDCl ₃ (δ in ppm,	J in Hz).
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Position	1	2	3	4	5
2	3.00 t (8.4)	2.95 t (8.4)	2.77 dd (10.8, 2.4)	2.57 m	2.78 dd (10.4, 1.6)
3	4.71 d (10.0)	4.84 d (10.0)	5.14 d (10.8)	4.82 d (10.4)	5.27 d (10.8)
5	2.93 s	2.84 d (10.0)	2.98 d (10.8)	2.92 br s	2.64 ^a
6a	4 56 s	2.35 m	2.42 dd (16.8, 2.0)	4 59 s	2.35 m
6b	1.50 5	2.35 m	2.42 dd (16.8, 10.8)	- 1.075	2.64 ^a
9	2.24 m	2.15 dd (12.2, 5.2)	2.65 br s	2.46 m	
11α	1.76 m	1.62 ^a	1.73 m	1.73 m	1.97 m
11β	1.76 m	1.77 m	1.79 m	1.73 m	2.23 m
12α	1.52 m	1.45 m	1.11 m	1.20 m	1.51 m
12β	1.71 m	1.62 ^a	1.62 m	1.62 m	1.51 m
14	2.31 br s	2.30 br s			2.52 mdd (11.6, 5.2)
15α	2.80 d (21.6)	2.84 d (21.6)	3.41 dd (21.2, 3.2)	3.25 dt (21.6, 2.8)	2.69 dd (16.0, 3.2)
15β	2.84 d (21.6)	2.91 d (21.6)	3.59 dd (21.2, 1.6)	3.44 d (21.6)	2.18 dd (16.0, 3.2)
17	5.42 s	5.55 s	5.41 s	5.33 s	4.90 s
18	0.98 s	1.09 s	1.08 s	0.98 s	0.78 s
19	1.40 s	1.07 s	1.13 s	1.38 s	1.11 s

Position	1	1 2		4	5	
21	7.50 br s	7.74 br s	7.53 br s	7.44 br s	7.44 br s	
22	6.38 br s	6.45 br s	6.46 br s	6.38 br s	6.41 br s	
23	7.44 br s	7.41 br s	7.42 br s	7.42 br s	7.42 br s	
28	0.77 s	0.63 s	0.56 s	0.71 s	0.70 s	
H _{pro-S} -29	4.60 d (8.8)	3.93 d (9.6)	3.92 d (9.6)	4.59 d (8.8)	3.80 d (10.0)	
H_{pro-R} -29	3.45 d (8.8)	3.48 dd (9.6, 1.6)	3.51 dd (9.6, 1.6)	3.42 (8.8, 1.6)	3.69 (10.0)	
30β	5 28 d (6 8)	5.31 d (6.8)	4 51 d (2 4)	2.24 m	3.94 br s	
30α	0.20 u (0.0)	0.01 a (0.0)	1.01 a (2.1)	2.24 m		
31	3.76 s	3.69 s	3.70 s	3.84 s	3.72 s	
	3-Acyl	3-Acyl	3-Acyl	3-Acyl	3-Acyl	
33		2.37 m				
55		2.37 m				
34	6.83 q (7.2)	1.09 t (7.2)	6.99 q (7.2)	6.92 q (7.2)	6.89 q (7.2)	
35	1.67 d (7.2)		1.80 dd (7.2, 1.2)	1.80 dd (7.2, 0.8)	1.86 d (7.2)	
36	1.79 s		1.87 s	1.86 s	1.88 s	

Table 1. Cont.

^a Overlapped signals assigned by ¹H–¹H COSY, HSQC, and HMBC spectra without designating multiplicity.

Position	1	2	3	4	5
1	96.9 qC	96.9 qC	97.4 qC	97.1 qC	97.4 qC
2	45.3 CH	45.1 CH	48.2 CH	43.6 CH	46.2 CH
3	76.2 CH	75.2 CH	75.2 CH	78.5 CH	74.8 CH
4	36.6 qC	36.2 qC	37.1 qC	36.6 qC	36.8 qC
5	39.6 ĈH	35.0 ĈH	34.5 ĈH	39.3 ĈH	40.6 ĈH
6	72.5 CH	31.9 CH ₂	32.1 CH ₂	73.1 CH	31.9 CH ₂
7	176.1 qC	173.9 qC	174.2 qC	175.8 qC	174.3 qC
8	138.3 qC	138.4 qC	131.3 qC	130.6 qC	127.1 qC
9	48.9 CH	47.8 CH	38.7 CH	43.9 CH	139.2 qC
10	42.1 qC	41.6 qC	45.1 qC	44.7 qC	43.6 qC
11	20.4 CH ₂	19.4 CH ₂	17.7 CH ₂	18.2 CH ₂	21.1 CH ₂
12	34.6 CH ₂	34.5 CH ₂	29.4 CH ₂	30.3 CH ₂	29.4 CH ₂
13	36.7 qC	36.9 qC	38.2 qC	37.8 qC	35.3 qC
14	44.8 CH	45.0 CH	134.3 qC	129.0 qC	36.8 CH
15	29.6 CH ₂	30.1 CH ₂	32.3 CH ₂	33.1 CH ₂	32.2 CH ₂
16	169.3 qC	170.1 qC	169.5 qC	169.8 qC	172.7 qC
17	76.6 CH	77.0 CH	80.7 CH	81.6 CH	81.3 CH
18	21.2 CH ₃	21.9 CH ₃	17.4 CH3	18.0 CH ₃	20.2 CH ₃
19	14.9 CH ₃	14.4 CH ₃	14.2 CH ₃	15.1 CH ₃	14.3 CH ₃
20	121.5 qC	120.8 qC	120.7 qC	121.1 qC	121.2 qC
21	140.3 CH	141.8 CH	141.6 CH	140.9 CH	140.4 CH
22	109.3 CH	109.7 CH	109.9 CH	109.8 CH	109.7 CH
23	143.1 CH	143.0 CH	142.9 CH	143.1 CH	143.2 CH
28	15.8 CH ₃	14.8 CH ₃	15.6 CH ₃	16.4 CH ₃	18.2 CH ₃
29	70.1 CH ₂	68.0CH ₂	67.6 CH ₂	70.0 CH ₂	68.6 CH ₂
30	120.2 CH	119.9 CH	66.3 CH	26.4 CH ₂	66.1 CH
31	53.2 CH ₃	52.1 CH ₃	52.1 CH ₃	53.1 CH ₃	52.0 CH ₃
	3-Acyl	3-Acyl	3-Acyl	3-Acyl	3-Acyl
32	167.2 qC	174.5 qC	167.6 qC	167.5 qC	167.6 qC
33	127.8 qC	27.2 CH ₂	128.8 qC	128.9 qC	128.4 qC
34	138.7 CH	8.8 CH ₃	139.6 CH	138.7 CH	139.2 CH
35	14.6 CH ₃		14.6 CH ₃	14.6 CH ₃	14.8 CH ₃
36	11.7 CH ₃		12.3 CH ₃	12.2 CH ₃	12.4 CH ₃

Table 2. ^{13}C (100 MHz) NMR spectroscopic data of compounds 1–5 in CDCl3 (δ in ppm).

2.2. Structural Modifications of Granatumin L (6)

In our previous bioassay, granatumin L (6) showed an inhibitory rate of $67.10 \pm 3.04\%$ against HIV-1 at the concentration of 20 μ M. Thus, structural modification of the natural compound 6, particularly the bioequivalent substitution of the C-3 natural substituent, was investigated to find its potent and selective antiviral analogs. To achieve this purpose, 3 different protocols, *viz.* hydrolysis with alkaline KOH, esterification with diazomethane and various organic acids, and oximization with hydroxyamine, were employed (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Summary of the structural modification approaches undertaken in this work. Reagent and conditions: (i) 10% KOH, CH₃OH, r.t., 30.0 h; (ii) TMSCHN₂, CH₃OH, r.t., 2.0 h; (iii) organic acids, DMAP, DCC, CH₂Cl₂, r.t., 3–12 h; (iv) IBX (2-iodoxybenzoic acid), DMSO, r.t., 7.5 h; (v) TMSCHN₂, CH₃OH, r.t., 4.0 h; (vi) IBX, DMSO, r.t., 7.5 h; (vii) (viii) RONH₂, Pyridine, CH₃CH₂OH, r.t., 24–36 h.

Compound 7 was obtained by the hydrolysis of **6** with an alkaline KOH. The ester functions at the C-3 and C-7 positions of 7 were hydrolyzed to give a hydroxy group at the C-3 position and a carboxyl group at the C-7 position, respectively, in the yield of 96.8%. Owing to the formation of the stable six-membered ring, the δ -lactone function of ring-D was not hydrolyzed. Then, 7 was treated with diazomethane to afford **8** as expected. Afterwards, the hydroxy group at the C-3 position of **8** was oxidized with IBX to give **9** with a carbonyl group at the C-3 position. Fortunately, the hemiacetal function of **8** was retained under the reaction condition.

Alternatively, **7** was first oxidized and then methylated to prepare **9**. An intermediate compound **10** was obtained in the high yield of 98.8%. However, the final yield of **9** was 76.2%, which made this strategy inadvisable. Finally, the hydroxy group at the C-3 position of **8** was esterified with various organic acids to afford a series of compounds **8a–8i**. The bioisosteric substitution of the ketone function at the C-3 position of **9** and **10** with different oximes led to the generation of derivatives **9a–9b** and **10a–10c**, respectively.

2.3. Antiviral Activity Bioassay

The inhibitory activities of natural limonoid **6** and all the modified derivatives **7–10**, **8a–8i**, **9a–9b**, and **10a–10c** against HIV-1 were tested [14]. Efavirenz was used as the positive control. The results were summarized in Table 3. The lack of substituent at the C-3 position of **8**, **9**, and **10** combined with the disappearance of their anti-HIV-1 activities indicated that the substituent at the C-3 position is essential for anti-HIV-1 activity of this limonoid skeleton. The oxidation of the hydroxy group at the C-3 position into a carbon-oxygen or carbon-nitrogen double bond did not improve anti-HIV-1 activity. For example, derivatives **9a–9b** and **10a–10c** containing a C=O or C=N double bond exhibited no activity.

Anti-HIV-1 bioassay (Table 3) revealed that the C-3 esterified products, particularly derivatives with a fatty acid ester at the C-3 position, markedly enhanced anti-HIV-1 activity. The derivative **8i** exhibited the highest inhibition rate of 99.95 \pm 0.01% at the concentration of 20.0 μ M; whereas **8g** showed an inhibition rate of 50.84 \pm 6.96% at the same concentration. The IC₅₀ values for **8i** and **8g** are 15.98 \pm 6.87 and 21.98 \pm 4.65 μ M, respectively, among which the former is better than that of **6** (19.23 \pm 0.12 μ M). The results indicated that the introduction of alkyl groups at the C-3 position helped to maintain anti-HIV-1 activity. However, compounds with aromatic substitution at the C-3 position showed decreased activity.

Table 3. Inhibitory activities of natural limonoid 6 and its modified derivatives against HIV-1.

cpd No.	Inhibition Rate (20.0 μM) (%)	IC ₅₀ Value (μM)	CC ₅₀ Value (µM)	cpd No.	Inhibition Rate (20.0 μM) (%)	IC ₅₀ Value (µM)	CC ₅₀ Value (µM)
6	67.10 ± 3.04	19.23 ± 0.12	> 100	8f	NA	NT	NT
7	NA	NT	NT	8g	50.84 ± 6.96	21.98 ± 4.65	86.76 ± 4.76
8	NA	NT	NT	8h	NA	NT	NT
9	NA	NT	NT	8i	99.95 ± 0.01	15.98 ± 6.87	> 100
10	NA	NT	NT	9a	NA	NT	NT
8a	NA	NT	NT	9b	NA	NT	NT
8b	39.87 ± 2.83	NT	NT	10a	NA	NT	NT
8c	45.47 ± 6.84	NT	NT	10b	NA	NT	NT
8d	35.63 ± 8.85	NT	NT	10c	NA	NT	NT
8e	10.58 ± 3.55	NT	NT	EFV	88.78 ± 4.54 (4 nM)	NT	NT

cpd: compound; NA: No activity; NT = Not tested.

Antiviral activities of all the modified derivatives of **6** against IAV were also evaluated [14]. Ribavirin was used as the positive control. Derivatives **8i** and **8g** exhibited no inhibitory activities against IAV at the concentration of 20.0 μ M; whereas **8b**, **8c**, **8d**, and **10b** showed marked anti-IAV activities with IC₅₀ values in the range of 14.0–22.8 μ M (Table 4). The strongest inhibitory activity of **10b** revealed the importance of a C-3–substituted *O*-methyl oxime group.

The above anti-HIV-1 and anti-IAV activities of modified derivatives shed light on the structural optimization of natural limonoid **6**, particularly suitable substituted groups at the C-3 position. In-depth structural modification and structure-activity relationship studies of the limonoid skeleton of **6** will be proceeded by us in the near future.

Table 4. Inhibitory activities of natural limonoid 6 and its modified derivatives against IAV.

cpd No.	Inhibition Rate (20.0 μM) (%)	IC ₅₀ Value (µM)	CC ₅₀ Value (µM)	cpd No.	Inhibition Rate (20.0 µM) (%)	IC ₅₀ Value (µM)	CC ₅₀ Value (µM)
7	38.25 ± 9.67	NT	NT	8e	43.42 ± 1.79	NT	NT
8	NA	NT	NT	8f	44.94 ± 9.73	NT	NT
9	NA	NT	NT	8h	48.15 ± 1.64	NT	NT
10	NA	NT	NT	9a	44.72 ± 1.43	NT	NT
8a	23.46 ± 2.42	NT	NT	10a	NA	NT	NT
8b	54.65 ± 1.43	17.93 ± 4.76	85.90 ± 4.65	10b	63.40 ± 7.43	14.02 ± 3.54	> 100
8c	68.61 ± 0.99	15.87 ± 6.54	77.98 ± 4.65	10c	NA	NT	NT
8d	51.41 ± 1.54	22.78 ± 1.86	87.65 ± 4.76	ribavirin	$87.54 \pm 2.86 \ \text{(60 } \mu\text{M)}$	NT	NT

cpd: compound; NA: No activity; NT = Not tested.

3. Materials and Methods

3.1. General

Optical rotations were measured on a MCP200 modular circular polarimeter (Anton Paar OptoTec GmbH, Seelze, Germany). UV spectra were obtained on a GENESYS 10S UV–Vis spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Shanghai, China). NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-400 spectrometer (Bruker Scientific Technology Co. Ltd., Karlsruhe, Germany) with TMS as the internal standard. HR-ESIMS were measured on a Bruker maXis ESI-QTOF mass spectrometer (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany). Semi-preparative HPLC was performed on C_{18} reversed-phase silica gel columns (YMC 250 × 10 mm i.d., or 250 × 4.6 mm i.d.) using a Waters 2535 pump equipped with a Waters 2489 UV detector (Waters Corporation, Milford, MA, USA). Silica gel (100–200 mesh) (Qingdao Marine Chemical Industrial Co. Ltd., Qingdao, China) and C_{18} reversed-phase silica gel (ODS-A-HG 12 nm, 50 µm, YMC Co. Ltd., Kyoto, Japan) were used for column chromatography. ECD spectra were measured on a Jasco J-810 spectropolarimeter (JASCO Corporation, Tokyo, Japan) in MeCN.

3.2. Plant Material

Seeds of *Xylocarpus granatum* were collected in August 2012 from the Thai mangrove swamps of the Trang Province. Identification of the mangrove was done by one of the authors (J.W.). A voucher sample (No. ThaiXG-02) is maintained in Marine Drugs Research Center, College of Pharmacy, Jinan University.

3.3. Extraction and Isolation

The air-dried and powdered seeds (9.0 kg) of *Xylocarpus granatum* were extracted 5 times with EtOH (95%, v/v) at room temperature to afford the resulting extract (1363.6 g). After removal of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was partitioned between water and EtOAc to yield the EtOAc portion (307.7 g). The EtOAc portion (150 g) was chromatographed on a silica gel column (70 × 15 cm i.d.), eluted with a gradient mixture of CHCl₃/MeOH (100:0 to 5:1, v/v) to afford 116 fractions. Fractions 40 to 50 (19.4 g) were combined and further purified by C₁₈ reversed-phase silica gel column chromatography (72 × 6.5 cm i.d.), eluted with a gradient mixture of acetone/H₂O (40:60 to 100:0, v/v), to yield 58 subfractions, among which the subfraction 15 (1.27 g) was purified by preparative HPLC (MeCN/H₂O, 40:60) to give compound **1** (25.0 mg). The subfraction 17 (1.50 g) was subjected to preparative HPLC (MeOH/H₂O, 65:35) to yield compounds **2** (14.0 mg) and **4** (1.0 mg); whereas the subfraction 18 (1.36 g) was purified by preparative HPLC (MeOH/H₂O, 69:31) to afford compounds **3** (1.3 mg) and **5** (34.3 mg). Fractions 19–20 (0.59 g) were combined and then recrystallized to afford crystals of **6** (500.0 mg) in the mixture of methanol/acetone (2:1) at room temperature.

Thaigranatin A (1): Colorless crystal, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -134$ (*c* 0.1, acetone); UV (MeCN) λ_{max} (log ε) 203.6 (4.46) nm; ECD (0.34 mM, MeCN) λ_{max} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 190.9 (-17.3) nm; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 607.2509 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd. for C₃₂H₄₀NaO₁₀, 607.2514); ¹H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (100 MHz, CDCl₃) see Tables 1 and 2.

Thaigranatin B (2): Amorphous solid, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -110$ (*c* 0.1, acetone); UV (MeCN) λ_{max} (log ε) 200.0 (4.25) nm; ECD (0.37 mM, MeCN) λ_{max} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 190.0 (-14.1), 217.6 (+2.2) nm; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 543.2593 [M + H]⁺ (calcd. for C₃₀H₃₉O₉, 543.2589); ¹H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (100 MHz, CDCl₃) see Tables 1 and 2.

Thaigranatin C (3): Amorphous solid, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -94$ (*c* 0.1, acetone); UV (MeCN) λ_{max} (log ε) 203.8 (4.14), 287.2 (2.97) nm; ECD (0.34 mM, MeCN) λ_{max} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 198.6 (-9.27), 219.6 (+3.7) nm; HR-ESIMS m/z 607.2512 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd. for C₃₂H₄₀NaO₁₀, 607.2514); ¹H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (100 MHz, CDCl₃) see Tables 1 and 2.

Thaigranatin D (4): Amorphous solid, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -130.0$ (*c* 0.1, acetone); UV (MeCN) λ_{max} (log ε) 201.6 (4.50) nm; ECD (0.34 mM, MeCN) λ_{max} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 198.4 (-12.0), 220.2 (+8.2) nm; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 585.2694 [M + H]⁺ (calcd. for C₃₂H₄₁O₁₀, 585.2694); ¹H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (100 MHz, CDCl₃) see Tables 1 and 2.

Thaigranatin E (5): Amorphous solid, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -12.0 (c \ 0.1, acetone)$; UV (MeCN) $\lambda_{max} (\log \varepsilon)$ 197.8 (4.21); ECD (0.34 mM, MeCN) $\lambda_{max} (\Delta \varepsilon)$ 195.2 (+8.7), 220.8 (-2.4), 251.8 (+0.6) nm; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 607.2511 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd. for C₃₂H₄₀NaO₁₀, 607.2514); ¹H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (100 MHz, CDCl₃) see Tables 1 and 2.

3.4. X-ray Crystal Data for Thaigranatin A (1)

Orthorhombic, $C_{32}H_{42}O_{11}$ ($C_{33}H_{40}O_{10}\cdot H_2O$), space group P2(1)2(1)2(1), a = 12.1554 (1) Å, b = 14.2125 (1) Å, c = 17.2234 (2) Å, $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$, $\beta = 90^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$, V = 2975.49 (5) Å³, Z = 4, $D_{calcd} = 1.323$ Mg/m³, $\mu = 0.839$ mm⁻¹. Crystal size: $0.15 \times 0.13 \times 0.12$ mm³. 36,359 measured reflections, 5945 [$R_{int} = 0.0396$] independent reflections, 400 parameters, 0 restraints, F(000) = 1248, $R_1 = 0.0398$, $wR_2 = 0.1133$ (all data), $R_1 = 0.0396$, $wR_2 = 0.1131$ [$I > 2\sigma(I)$], and goodness-of-fit (F^2) = 1.100. The absolute structural parameter Flack x is -0.02(4), and Hooft y is -0.00(3).

CCDC-1871152 (1) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper (excluding structure factors). These data are provided free of charge by The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

3.5. Procedure for Structural Modification of Granatumin L (6)

3.5.1. General Procedure for the Preparation of 7

Granatumin L (6) (500.0 mg) was stirred in methanol (25 mL) at room temperature for 20 min. Then 10% aqueous KOH solution was slowly added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was used to monitor the products. After the reaction was completed, methanol was removed under reduced pressure. The remaining solution was neutralized with 10% HCl to pH 5–6, followed by C_{18} reversed-phase (RP₁₈) HPLC to afford 7.

7: White powder, Yield 96.8%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 7.74 (br s, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.58 (br d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (qd, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 177.7, 173.8, 144.2, 143.3, 138.2, 122.7, 122.3, 110.9, 98.5, 78.8, 74.5, 69.6, 49.4, 48.3, 46.1, 43.1, 38.6, 38.1, 35.9, 34.9, 33.1, 30.8, 22.2, 20.6, 15.6, 14.8; LR-ESIMS: [M + Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₃₂NaO₈ 495.20, found: 495.20.

3.5.2. General Procedure for the Preparation of 8

TMSCHN₂ (5.0 mL) was added to a solution of 7 (50.0 mg) in methanol (2.0 mL) at room temperature [15]. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 10 h and the solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was dissolved in acetone and purified by RP_{18} HPLC to give 8 (44.8 mg).

8: White powder, Yield 89.7%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.69 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (br s, 1H), 5.62 (br d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (br t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 1H), 2.39 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (br d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.1, 170.4, 142.9, 141.8, 139.3, 120.7, 120.1, 109.7, 97.0, 77.1, 73.2, 68.5, 52.1, 48.0, 46.9, 45.2, 110.1 (br d) = 10.1 (br

41.8, 37.6, 36.9, 34.5, 33.9, 32.0, 30.0, 21.9, 19.5, 14.8, 14.4; LR-ESIMS: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{27}H_{35}O_8$ 487.23, found: 487.17.

3.5.3. General Procedure for the Preparation of 8a-8i

Compound 8 (5.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and various organic acid (1.5 eq.) were dissolved in dry dichloromethane (2.0 mL). Then the mixture was combined with DCC (1.5 eq.) and DMAP (1.0 eq.), and then stirred at room temperature for 3–5 h [16]. TLC was used to monitor the products. After the reaction was completed, the reaction solvent was evaporated. The resulting residue was dissolved in acetone or acetonitrile; whereas the insoluble matter was precipitated by centrifugation. The supernatant was purified by RP_{18} HPLC to afford the pure corresponding esterified products (**8a–8i**).

8a: white powder, yield 74.5%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (br s, 1H), 7.48 (tt, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 5.37 (br d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (br t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (br d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (dd, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.43 (td, *J* = 12.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.81 (qd, *J* = 13.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.43 (td, *J* = 14.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.0, 168.9, 166.1, 143.0, 141.8, 139.0, 133.4, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 120.8, 119.8, 109.8, 97.0, 76.1, 75.4, 67.9, 52.2, 48.2, 45.5, 45.0, 41.6, 37.1, 36.6, 35.0, 34.5, 31.9, 29.6, 21.5, 19.7, 15.0, 14.5; HR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₄H₃₉O₉ 591.2589, found: 591.2592.

8b: colorless crystal, yield 70.3%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89 (br d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (br s, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (br d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.36 (br d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (br t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (br d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (br s, 1H), 2.24 (br s, 1H), 2.15 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (qd, *J* = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.44 (td, *J* = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.0, 168.9, 165.4, 143.0, 141.5, 139.2, 132.0, 131.2, 128.6, 127.9, 120.9, 119.6, 109.7, 97.0, 76.4, 75.7, 67.8, 52.2, 48.1, 45.4, 45.0, 41.6, 37.0, 36.6, 34.9, 34.4, 31.8, 29.8, 21.5, 19.7, 15.0, 14.5; HR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₄H₃₈BrO₉ 669.1694, found: 669.1699.

8c: colorless crystal, yield 96.4%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* 7.76 (br s, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (m, 4H), 6.45 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.35 (br d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 3.92(d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (br t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.31 (m, 2H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.81 (qd, *J* = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.46 (td, *J* = 14.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* 173.7, 170.4, 169.1, 158.8, 156.4, 153.9, 142.9, 141.8, 138.8, 120.7, 119.5, 116.0, 115.9, 115.7, 115.5, 109.8, 96.7, 77.3, 76.2, 67.8, 65.4, 52.1, 47.5, 45.1, 44.8, 41.7, 36.8, 36.2, 35.2, 34.3, 31.8, 30.3, 22.0, 19.3, 14.7, 14.5; LR-ESIMS: [M + Na]⁺ calcd. for C₃₅H₃₉FNaO₁₀ 661.24, found: 661.31.

8d: light yellow powder, yield 85.2%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.22 (br d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (br d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (br s, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (br d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.31 (br d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.60 (dd, J = 10.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (br d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.73 (dd, J = 18.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, J = 18.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, J = 17.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (br d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (br s, 1H), 2.16 (dd, J = 13.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (qd, J = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.43 (td, J = 10.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.2, 168.8, 164.2, 150.6, 143.3, 141.4, 139.8, 134.2, 130.9, 123.8, 120.7, 119.2, 109.6, 96.9, 76.7, 76.5, 67.7, 52.3, 48.1, 45.2, 45.0, 41.6, 36.9,

36.4, 34.9, 34.3, 31.7, 29.9, 21.5, 19.7, 15.0, 14.5; HR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₄H₃₈NO₁₁ 636.2439, found: 636.2449.

8e: light yellow crystal, yield 74.0%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.85 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dq, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (br s, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41(t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (br d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 5.29 (br d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.60 (dd, J = 9.6 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (br d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (overlapped, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 18.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, J = 18.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, J = 16.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (br s, 1H), 2.40 (br d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (br s, 1H), 2.15 (dd, J = 12.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (qd, J = 13.2 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.42 (td, J = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.0, 168.9, 164.2, 148.3, 143.1, 141.7, 139.7, 135.5, 130.6, 129.9, 127.8, 124.7, 120.5, 119.2, 109.5, 96.9, 76.9, 76.4, 67.8, 52.4, 48.0, 45.2, 44.9, 41.6, 36.9, 36.3, 35.0, 34.4, 31.8, 29.7, 21.6, 19.6, 15.1, 14.5; HR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₄H₃₈NO₁₁ 636.2439, found: 636.2441.

8f: white powder, yield 63.7%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* 7.98 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (overlapped, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 5.38 (br d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.0 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (overlapped, 1H), 3.04 (br d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (br d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (qd, *J* = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.41 (td, *J* = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* 174.0, 169.0, 164.9, 160.5, 142.8, 141.7, 138.6, 134.5, 132.2, 120.9, 120.3, 120.0, 117.4, 112.0, 109.9, 97.0, 76.1, 75.3, 68.1, 55.8, 52.1, 48.1, 45.5, 44.9, 41.7, 37.1, 36.5, 35.2, 34.5, 31.9, 29.6, 21.5, 19.6, 15.0, 14.6; HR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₅H₄₁O₁₀ 621.2694, found: 621.2709.

8g: pink powder, yield 55.6%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 (br s, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.34 (br d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.88 (overlapped, 1H), 2.87 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.32 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (br s, 1H), 2.14 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.77 (qd, *J* = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.17 (m, 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.5, 173.7, 169.9, 143.0, 141.8, 138.3, 120.7, 120.0, 109.7, 96.9, 76.7, 74.2, 67.9, 52.0, 48.0, 45.2, 45.2, 42.7, 41.6, 37.1, 36.6, 34.9, 34.5, 31.9, 30.0, 29.2, 28.4, 25.7, 25.4, 25.1, 21.7, 19.6, 14.8, 14.5; HR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₄H₄₅O₉ 597.3058, found: 597.3060.

8h: white powder, yield 54.2%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (br s, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (br s, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.26 (br d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (br d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (overlapped, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (br d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (br d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (qd, *J* = 13.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.43 (td, *J* = 14.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.1, 168.8, 163.5, 152.5, 150.7, 143.0, 141.7, 139.9, 138.9, 124.1, 121.7, 120.6, 119.0, 109.7, 96.9, 77.2, 76.5, 67.7, 52.3, 48.0, 45.0, 45.0, 41.6, 36.9, 36.3, 34.9, 34.3, 31.8, 29.9, 21.6, 19.6, 15.1, 14.4; HR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₃H₃₇ClNO₉ 626.2151, found: 626.2156.

8i: white crystal, yield 84.7%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* 7.76 (br s, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.32 (br d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (br t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (overlapped, 1H), 2.85 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 10.8 Hz, 1H),

2.36 (overlapped, 1H), 2.33 (dd, J = 16.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (overlapped, 1H), 2.29 (br s, 1H), 2.15 (dd, J = 12.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (qd, J = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.45 (td, J = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.24 (m, 2H), 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.20 (m, 2H), 1.19 (m, 2H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.8, 173.8, 169.9, 142.9, 141.8, 138.4, 120.8, 120.0, 109.8, 96.8, 76.9, 75.0, 68.0, 52.0, 47.8, 45.1, 45.0, 41.6, 36.9, 36.2, 35.1, 34.5, 33.9, 31.9, 31.6, 30.1, 29.1, 28.9, 24.7, 22.6, 21.8, 19.4, 14.8, 14.5, 14.1; HR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₅H₄₉O₉ 613.3371, found: 613.3380.

3.5.4. General Procedure for the Preparation of 9

Compound **8** (50.0 mg) was dissolved in DMSO (2.0 mL) at room temperature. Then IBX (42.0 mg) was added [17]. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 7.5 h. The solvent was then removed by lyophilization. The resulting residue was dissolved in acetone and purified by RP_{18} HPLC to give **9** (49.2 mg).

9: White powder, Yield 98.4%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.64 (br s, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (br d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 1H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (s, 1H), 2.58 (br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (br d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (overlapped, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.2, 173.2, 169.6, 143.0, 141.8, 138.4, 120.5, 119.1, 109.6, 97.8, 76.6, 66.1, 57.0, 52.4, 48.6, 46.4, 44.9, 42.2, 36.9, 36.8, 34.3, 31.7, 29.6, 21.8, 19.1, 14.5, 11.4; LR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₇H₃₃O₈ 485.21, found: 485.14.

3.5.5. General Procedure for the Preparation of 9a and 9b

Compound **9** (5.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and oxyamine (4 eq.) in ethanol (2 mL) were added with pyridine (4 eq.), and then stirred at room temperature for 48 h [18]. TLC was used to monitor the products. After the reaction was completed, the reaction solvent was precipitated by centrifugation. The resulting supernatant was purified by RP_{18} HPLC to give the pure corresponding derivatives, **9a** and **9b**.

9a: White powder, Yield 51.0%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65 (br s, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (br d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.52 (overlapped, 1H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (br d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (br d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (br d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (br d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.6, 170.4, 161.0, 143.0, 141.8, 136.6, 120.6, 119.9, 109.7, 97.2, 76.9, 68.4, 52.3, 47.9, 45.4, 44.8, 42.1, 39.5, 38.6, 36.8, 34.4, 32.0, 29.8, 21.8, 19.2, 14.7, 13.0; LR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₇H₃₄NO₈ 500.22, found: 500.16.

9b: White powder, Yield 60.0%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (br d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (br d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (br d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 1H), 2.37 (br d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.19 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (qd, *J* = 13.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.43 (td, *J* = 14.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.5, 170.0, 159.5, 142.9, 141.8, 136.4, 120.6, 120.2, 109.6, 97.2, 76.8, 68.6, 61.8, 52.2, 47.9, 46.0, 44.9, 42.1, 39.6, 38.6, 36.8, 34.4, 32.1, 29.8, 21.8, 19.2, 14.6, 13.0; LR-ESIMS: [M + Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₈H₃₅NNaO₈ 536.23, found: 536.30.

Compound 7 (50.0 mg) was dissolved in DMSO (2.0 mL) at room temperature. Then IBX (42.0 mg) was added [17]. Then the mixture was stirred for 7.5 h. TLC was used to monitor the products. Then the solvent was removed by lyophilization. The resulting residue was dissolved in acetone and purified by RP_{18} HPLC to afford **10** (49.4 mg).

10: White powder, Yield 98.8%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 7.70 (br s, 1H), 7.54 (br s, 1H), 6.51 (br s, 1H), 5.69 (br d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (br d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.59 (overlapped, 1H), 2.42 (br d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 209.4, 175.6, 169.5, 144.1, 142.8, 139.7, 122.1, 120.1, 110.8, 98.4, 77.1, 66.3, 57.9, 49.5, 47.2, 45.6, 43.0, 37.7, 37.4, 35.1, 31.7, 30.4, 22.2, 19.8, 14.9, 12.0; LR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₃₁O₈ 471.20, found: 471.14.

3.5.7. General Procedure for the Preparation of 10a-10c

Compound **10** (5.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and oxyamine (4 eq.) in ethanol (2 mL) were added with pyridine (4 eq.), and then stirred at room temperature for 48 h [18]. TLC was used to monitor the products. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was precipitated by centrifugation. The supernatant was purified by RP_{18} HPLC to give the pure corresponding derivatives (**10a–10c**).

10a: white powder, yield 65.8%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 7.73 (br s, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dt, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (br d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (br d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (br t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 20.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 20.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 175.7, 169.5, 161.5, 144.0, 142.8, 137.6, 122.2, 120.9, 110.8, 97.8, 77.0, 69.0, 49.0, 46.4, 45.6, 42.8, 40.2, 39.4, 37.4, 35.3, 32.0, 30.5, 22.2, 19.9, 15.1, 13.7; LR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₃₂NO₈ 486.21, found: 486.16.

10b: transparent crystal, yield 74.3%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 7.73 (br s, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (dt, *J* = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (br s, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.43 (br d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (br t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (br d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 175.7, 169.6, 162.4, 144.0, 142.8, 138.0, 122.2, 120.7, 110.8, 97.6, 77.1, 68.8, 61.7, 48.9, 46.7, 45.6, 42.8, 40.2, 39.4, 37.4, 35.2, 31.9, 30.6, 22.2, 19.8, 15.0, 13.6; LR-ESIMS: [M + Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₇H₃₄NO₈ 500.22, found: 500.17.

10c: transparent oil, yield 23.6%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 7.75 (br s, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 (overlapped, 1H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dt, *J* = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 175.7, 169.6, 162.8, 144.1, 142.8, 139.0, 138.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 122.2, 120.5, 110.8, 97.7, 77.1, 76.4, 68.9, 49.0, 46.9, 45.6, 42.8, 40.2, 39.6, 37.5, 35.3, 32.0, 30.6, 22.2, 19.8, 15.0, 13.6; LR-ESIMS: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₃H₃₈NO₈ 576.25, found: 576.18.

3.6. Antiviral Bioassay

Antiviral activities of 6, 7–10, 8a–8i, 9a–9b, and 10a–10c against HIV-1 and IAV were performed according to references [14,19]. 293T cells (2×10^5) were co-transfected with 0.6 µg

of pNL-Luv-E⁻-Vpu⁻ and 0.4 μ g of pHIT/G. After 48 h, the VSV-G pseudo-typed viral supernatant was harvested by filtration through a 0.45 μ m filter, and the concentration of viral capsid protein was determined by p24 antigen capture ELISA (Biomerieux). SupT1 cells were exposed to VSV-G pseudo-typed virus (MOI = 1) at 37 °C for 48 h in the absence or presence of compounds at different concentrations. The inhibition rate was determined by using a firefly luciferase assay system (Promega, Beijing). Efavirenz was used as the positive control for HIV-1; whereas ribavirion was used as the positive control for IAV.

4. Conclusions

In conclusion, five new limonoids named thaigranatins A–E (1–5), containing a C_1 –O– C_{29} moiety, were isolated from seeds of the Thai *Xylocarpus granatum*, collected at the mangrove swamp of Trang Province, together with the known one, granatumin L (6). The structures of these limonoids, including absolute configurations of 1, 2, and 6 were established by HR-ESIMS, extensive NMR investigations, single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis (Cu K α radiation), and comparison of experimental ECD spectra. The structural modification of 6 via hydrolysis, esterification, and oximization, afforded 18 derivatives, *viz.* 7–10, 8a–8i, 9a–9b, and 10a–10c. The derivative 8i exhibited marked inhibitory activity against HIV-1 with an IC₅₀ value of 15.98 ± 6.87 µM and a CC₅₀ value greater than 100.0 µM; whereas 10b showed significant inhibitory activity against IAV with an IC₅₀ value of 14.02 ± 3.54 µM and a CC₅₀ value greater than 100.0 µM. These results demonstrate that the mangrove *X. granatum* continues to be an abundant resource to produce new antiviral limonoids. In-depth structural modification and structure-activity relationship studies of the limonoid skeleton of 6 will be proceeded by us for the discovery of antiviral drug leads.

Supplementary Materials: The following are available online at http://www.mdpi.com/1660-3397/16/11/434/ s1. Copies of HR-ESIMS, 1D and 2D NMR spectra of compounds 1–5; and copies of LR/HR-ESIMS and 1D NMR spectra of compounds 7, 8, 9, 10, 8a–8i, 9a, 9b, and 10a–10c.

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