



# **Cytotoxic Compounds from Marine Fungi: Sources, Structures, and Bioactivity**

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**Abstract:** Marine fungi, such as species from the *Penicillium* and *Aspergillus* genera, are prolific producers of a diversity of natural products with cytotoxic properties. These fungi have been successfully isolated and identified from various marine sources, including sponges, coral, algae, mangroves, sediment, and seawater. The cytotoxic compounds derived from marine fungi can be categorized into five distinct classes: polyketides, peptides, terpenoids and sterols, hybrids, and other miscellaneous compounds. Notably, the pre-eminent group among these compounds comprises polyketides, accounting for 307 out of 642 identified compounds. Particularly, within this collection, 23 out of the 642 compounds exhibit remarkable cytotoxic potency, with IC<sub>50</sub> values measured at the nanomolar (nM) or nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) levels. This review elucidates the originating fungal strains, the sources of isolation, chemical structures, and the noteworthy antitumor activity of the 642 novel natural products isolated from marine fungi. The scope of this review encompasses the period from 1991 to 2023.

Keywords: marine fungi; chemical structures; marine natural products; antitumor activity

#### 1. Introduction

The realm of marine natural products encompasses a broad array of chemical compounds obtained from various marine sources, including algae, sponges, corals, cnidarians, bryozoans, mollusks, tunicates, echinoderms, marine microorganisms, phytoplankton, and various other miscellaneous origins [1]. While there is evidence that the overall count of marine natural products is on the rise, there is a discernible trend suggesting that the degree of novelty associated with these discoveries may be waning. Nevertheless, recent years have witnessed a substantial upswing in both the absolute quantity and the pace of discovery of marine natural products [2]. Notably, among the diverse spectrum of marine natural products, those originating from microorganisms have emerged as a significant wellspring of lead compounds known for their exceptional biological activities [3]. In recent years, researchers have increasingly come to recognize the tremendous value of marine fungi as prolific sources of marine natural products, primarily owing to the secondary metabolites they produce, distinguished by their unique structural characteristics and remarkable bioactive properties [4]. An examination of the literature regarding marine microbial natural products from 2010 to 2013 reveals a noteworthy pattern: the majority of these compounds, specifically 576 out of 859, have been isolated from marine fungi [5]. This review is dedicated to exploring three fundamental aspects: firstly, it provides an



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**Copyright:** © 2024 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). in-depth analysis of the origins of marine fungal strains, elucidating the distinctive environments and ecological niches from which these fungi are cultivated. Secondly, it offers detailed insights into the structural attributes of the secondary metabolites derived from marine fungi, underscoring their novelty and complexity. Lastly, the review meticulously scrutinizes the cytotoxic properties of a notable total of 642 compounds that have been isolated from marine fungi. These findings are thoroughly compiled from reports spanning the 1991–2023 period, offering a comprehensive and up-to-date exploration of this subject within scientific literature.

# 2. Structural Classes of Antitumor Secondary Metabolites from Marine Fungi

## 2.1. Polyketides

## 2.1.1. Macrolides, Lactones, Pyrones, and Lactams

*Hyphomycetes* sp. has been found to yield a novel azetinone ( $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated- $\beta$ -lactam) named kasarin (1) (Figure 1), which exhibited cytotoxic effects against P388 cells with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 34 µg/mL [6]. From the fungus *Periconia byssaides* OUPS-N133, a 16-membered macrolide known as macrosphelide I (2) was isolated, and it displayed cytotoxicity against P388 cells with an ED<sub>50</sub> value of 20.0  $\mu$ g/mL [7]. Additionally, three newly discovered 14-membered macrolides, named aspergillides A–C (3–5), were isolated from a marinederived fungus, Aspergillus ostianus strain 01F313. These compounds exhibited cytotoxic activity against mouse lymphocytic leukemia cells (L1210) with  $LD_{50}$  values of 2.1, 71.0, and 2.0 µg/mL, respectively [8]. A nine-membered lactone, cladospolide E (6), was isolated from Cladosporium sp. F14, and it displayed modest cytotoxicity towards HeLa, A435, A549, and K562 cells [9]. Cladosporium sp. L037 produced two new 12-membered macrolides, sporiolides A (7) and B (8), which demonstrated cytotoxicity against murine lymphoma L1210 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.13 and 0.81  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [10]. Dendrodochium sp. produced ten new 12-membered macrolides known as dendrodolides A-E (9-13), G-I (14–16), and K–L (17–18). These compounds exhibited varying levels of growth-inhibitory activity against SMMC-7721 and HCT116 cells. Specifically, compounds 9-12, and 15-17 displayed cytotoxicity against SMMC-7721 cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 19.2, 24.8, 18.0, 15.5, 21.8, 14.7, and 21.1 µg/mL, respectively. Additionally, compounds 11, 13, 14, and 16–18 showed cytotoxicity against HCT116 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 13.8, 5.7, 9.8, 11.4, 15.9, and  $26.5 \ \mu g/mL$ , while the IC<sub>50</sub> value of adriamycin as a positive drug for SMMC-7721 and HCT116 cells were 2.6 and 2.4 µg/mL, respectively [11]. From Pestalotiopsis microspore, 7-O-methylnigrosporolide (19) and pestalotioprolides D–F (20–22) were isolated. These compounds (19–22) displayed significant cytotoxicity against L5178Y cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 0.7, 5.6, 3.4, and 3.9  $\mu$ M, respectively, whereas the IC<sub>50</sub> value of kahalalide F as a positive drug for L5178Y cells was 4.3 µM. Additionally, compound 21 showed potent cytotoxicity against A2780 cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 1.2  $\mu$ M, while the IC<sub>50</sub> value of cisplatin as a positive drug for A2780 cells was 1.2 µM [12]. A new macrocyclic trichothecene, 12,13deoxyroridin E (23), was produced by Myrothecium roridum 98F42. This compound exhibited cytotoxic effects against L1210 and HL-60 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 15 and 25 ng/mL, respectively [13]. A new macrocyclic trichothecene, named roridin R (24), was isolated from Myrothecium sp. TUF 02F6. This compound exhibited cytotoxic properties against L1210 cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.45  $\mu$ M [14]. Diaporthelactone (25), obtained from *Diaporthe* sp., demonstrated cytotoxic effects on both KB and Raji cell lines, displaying IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.25 and 5.51 µg/mL, respectively [15]. Acetophthalidin (26) was isolated from Penicillium sp. BM923, which completely inhibited the cell cycle progression of tsFT210 cells in the G2/M phase at a final concentration of 6.25 µg/mL [16]. Penicillium sp. ZH58 produced 4-(methoxymethyl)-7-methoxy-6-methyl-1(3H)-isobenzofuranone (27), which displayed cytotoxic activity against KB and KBV200 cells, yielding IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6 and 10 μg/mL, respectively [17]. Chrysoarticulin C (28), isolated from Chrysosporium articulatum, showed cytotoxicity against K562 and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 25.4 and 34.5  $\mu$ M, whereas a positive control (doxorubicin) for K562 and A549 cells displayed IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4.8 and 2.8  $\mu$ M, respectively [18]. A phthalide derivative (29) was extracted from *Guignardia* sp. 4382. This compound exhibited cytotoxic effects on both KBv200 and KB cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 15.1 and 20.0  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively, while the IC<sub>50</sub> values of cisplatin as a positive control for these cells were 0.78 and 2.8  $\mu$ M [19].



**Me** represents methyl group **Ph** represents phenyl group

*Acremonium* sp. AWA16-1 yielded a γ-lactone-δ-lactam ring, named awajanomycin (**30**) (Figure 2), which inhibited the growth of the A549 cell, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 27.5 µg/mL [20]. Dihydrotrichodermolide (**31**) and phialofurone (**32**) were isolated from *Phialocephala* sp. FL30r. These compounds exhibited cytotoxicity against K562 (IC<sub>50</sub> values of 11.5 and 0.2 µM) and P388 (IC<sub>50</sub> values of 22.9 and 22.4 µM) [21]. *Pseudallescheria boydii* yielded pseudaboydin A (**33**), which showed cytotoxic activity against SUNE1, HONE1, and GLC82, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 46.5, 37.1, and 87.2 µM [22]. Aspiketolactonol (**34**) and aspilactonols A–F (**35–40**) were isolated from *Aspergillus* sp. 16-02-1. These compounds exhibited significant cytotoxic activities, with inhibitory rate (IR%) values at 100 µg/mL between 10% and 79% against the human cancer cell lines K562, HL-60, HeLa, and BGC-823, while

Figure 1. Structures of compounds 1–29.

the positive control docetaxol inhibited these cell lines, with IR% values of 55.6%, 49.9%, 45.1%, and 61.5% at 100 µg/mL [23]. Trichoderma citrinoviride yielded citrinoviric acid (41), which exhibited moderate cytotoxic effects on the A-375 cell line, with an  $IC_{50}$  value of 85.7 µM [24]. Verruculina enalia BCC 22226 produced rosigenin analogues (42), which displayed cytotoxicity against MCF-7, NCI-H187, and Vero cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 17.88, 4.98, and 6.24 µg/mL [25]. Aigiaus parvus sp. BCC 5311 produced aigialomycin D (43), which exhibited cytotoxicity against Vero cells, as well as KB and BC-1, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.8, 3.0, and 18.0  $\mu$ g/mL, while the positive control, ellipticine, inhibited these cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 1.0, 0.46, and 0.6  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [26]. The mangrove endophytic fungus Zh6-B1 yielded two new 10-membered resorcylic (44–45), which exhibited the antiproliferative activity against KV and MDR, with inhibitions from 42.4% to 41.6% at the concentration of 100  $\mu$ M [27]. *Penicillium sumatrense* MA-92, a fungus obtained from the rhizosphere of the mangrove Lumnitzera racemosa, yielded sumalarins A-C (46–48), which showed potent cytotoxicity against MCF-7, HeLa, Huh 7, NCI-H460, SGC-7901, SW1990, and DU145, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 3.8 to 11  $\mu$ M, whereas the positive control inhibited these cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.011 to 12  $\mu$ g/mL [28]. Ramulosin derivative (49) was isolated from MF593, which showed 65% growth inhibition against HeLa cells at a concentration of 50  $\mu$ g/mL [29]. Pyrenocine E (50) was isolated from Penicillium waksmanii Zaleski OUPS-N133. This compound exhibited cytotoxic activity against P388, with an ED<sub>50</sub> value of 1.30  $\mu$ g/mL [30]. Petriella sp. TUBS 7961 yielded  $\alpha$ pyrone derivative 51, which showed active cytotoxic activity against L5178Y, with an  $ED_{50}$ of 0.2 µg/mL [31]. One polyketide derivative, named penicitide A (52), was isolated from Penicillium chrysogenum QEN-24S, which exhibited moderate cytotoxic activity against the human hepatocellular liver carcinoma cell line HepG2, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of  $32 \,\mu g/mL$  [32]. Penicillum citreonigrum XT20-134 (MCCC 3A00956) produced 2-hydroxyl-3-pyrenocine-thio propanoic acid (53), which showed potent cytotoxicity to Bel7402, HT1080, Cne2, and A549 cell lines, with IC\_{50} values of 7.63  $\pm$  1.46, 10.22  $\pm$  1.32, 73.14  $\pm$  5.32, and 87.08  $\pm$  7.32  $\mu$ M, while the  $IC_{50}$  values of paclitaxel as a positive control against these cell lines were less than 1 µM [33].

Aspyronol (54) was isolated from *Aspergillus* sp. 16-02-1. This compound exhibited significant cytotoxic activities, with inhibitory rate (IR%) values at 100  $\mu$ g/mL between 10 and 79% against human cancer cell lines K562, HL-60, HeLa, and BGC-823 [23]. Penicitrinine A (55) was isolated from *Penicillium citrinum*. This compound demonstrated cytotoxic effects on A-375, SPC-A1, and HGC-27 cancer cell lines, resulting in IC<sub>50</sub> values of 20.1, 28.6, and 29.4  $\mu$ M, respectively [34]. A new diimide derivative (56) was obtained from a combination of two mangrove fungi strains (nos. K38 and E33). This compound exhibited weak cytotoxic activity against Hep-2 and HepG2 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 45 and 51  $\mu$ g/mL [35]. Iso- $\alpha$ -cyclopiazonic acid (57) was isolated from *Aspergillus flavus*. Compound 57 showed cytotoxicity against A549, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 42.2  $\mu$ M [36].

Monascuslactams C–D (**58–59**) were isolated from *Monascus albidus* BB3. Among these compounds, compound **58** showed cytotoxicity against SUNE1, HepG2, MDA-MB-231, and Ges-1, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 28.66  $\pm$  1.10, 26.48  $\pm$  0.10, 24.55  $\pm$  3.63, and 14.54  $\pm$  0.83  $\mu$ M, while compound **59** showed cytotoxicity against SUNE1, HepG2, QGY7701, MDA-MB-231, ChangLiver, and Ges-1, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 17.28  $\pm$  0.81, 12.55  $\pm$  0.10, 32.90  $\pm$  2.71, 12.67  $\pm$  0.60, 34.83  $\pm$  3.51, and 7.13  $\pm$  0.52  $\mu$ M. Meanwhile, the positive control, cisplatin, showed cytotoxic effects on SUNE1, HepG2, QGY7701, ChangLiver, and Ges-1, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.16  $\pm$  0.23, 1.06  $\pm$  0.03, 3.52  $\pm$  0.11, 6.55  $\pm$  0.51, and 1.06  $\pm$  0.04  $\mu$ M, whereas the positive control, adriamycin, exhibited cytotoxic activity against MDA-MB-231, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.07  $\pm$  0.03  $\mu$ M [37]. Speradines B (**60**) and E (**61**) (Figure 3), two new tetracyclic oxindole alkaloids, were isolated from *Aspergillus oryzae*. These compounds displayed weak cytotoxicity against Hela, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.20 mM [38]. *Trichoderma citrinoviride* yielded penicillenol D (**62**), which exhibited moderate cytotoxic effects on the A-375 cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 32.6  $\mu$ M [24]. Moreover, 5-oxo-L-prolinate (**63**) was isolated from *Aspergillus versicolor* ZBY-3, which showed cytotoxic activity against

HeLa, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 49.0 µg/mL [39]. Aspergillus sydowi D2-6 produced new heterospirocyclic  $\gamma$ -lactam, azaspirofuran A (64), which displayed cytotoxic activity against A549, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 10  $\mu$ M [40]. The strain Aspergillus fumigatus OUPS-T106B-5 produced cephalimysin A (65), along with cephalimysins C (66) and D (67). Cephalimysin A (65) demonstrated notable cytotoxicity against HL-60 and P388 cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 9.5 and 15.0 nM, respectively [41]. Cephalimysins C and D (66 and 67) have demonstrated cytotoxic effects against HL-60 and P388 cells, with IC\_{50} values of 58.4 and 48.7  $\mu$ M for cephalimysin C, and 53.5 and 51.5  $\mu$ M for cephalimysin D, respectively, whereas the positive control, 5-fluorouracil, inhibited these cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 2.2 and 2.5  $\mu$ M [42]. Campylocarpon sp. HDN13-307 yielded campyridone D (68), which were cytotoxic against the HeLa cell, with the IC<sub>50</sub> value of 8.8  $\mu$ M, while the positive control, adriamycin, showed cytotoxicity against the Hela cell, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.6  $\mu$ M [43]. Aspernigrins A and B (69 and 70) were derived from Aspergillus niger. These compounds effectively hindered the growth of human tumor cells at a concentration of 50  $\mu$ g/mL [44]. A novel pyridone derivative, named carbonarone B (71), was isolated from the culture of the marine-derived fungus Aspergillus carbonarius WZ-4-11. This compound demonstrated cytotoxic effects against K562 cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 27.8  $\mu$ g/mL [45]. A novel phenylquinolinone (72) was isolated from Aspergillus versicolor Y31-2. This compound demonstrated moderate cytotoxicity against MCF-7 and SMMC-7721 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 16.6 and 18.2  $\mu$ M, respectively [46]. Chaunolidone A (73), isolated from Chaunopycnis sp. CMB-MF028, showed potent inhibitor of the human nonsmall-cell lung carcinoma cell NCI-H460, with the  $IC_{50}$ value of 0.09 µM [47].



Ac represents acetyl group

Figure 2. Structures of compounds 30–59.



Et represents ethyl group

Figure 3. Structures of compounds 60-88.

Chaetomugilins A–C (74–76) [48,49], D–F (77–79) [49], and N–O (80–81) [50] are chloroazaphilone derivatives, were obtained from *Chaetomium globosum* OUPS-T106B-6. Compounds 74–79 displayed cytotoxic effects against HL-60 and P388 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 1.3 to 16.5 and 3.3 to 18.7  $\mu$ M, whereas 5-fluorouracil, as a positive control, inhibited HL-60 and P388 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.7 and 1.7  $\mu$ M [48,49]. In addition, compounds 80 and 81 demonstrated cytotoxic effects against P388, HL-60, L1210, and KB cells. Compound 80 exhibited IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.3  $\mu$ M for P388 and HL-60, and 10.6  $\mu$ M for L1210 and KB, whereas compound 81 displayed IC<sub>50</sub> values of 11.1  $\mu$ M for P388 and HL-60, 10.1  $\mu$ M for L1210, and KB cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.7, 2.7, 1.1, and 7.7  $\mu$ M [50]. A novel sorbicillin-derived compound named sorbicillactone A (82) was obtained from a strain of *Penicillium chrysogenum*. This compound exhibited potent cytotoxicity against L5178y leukemic cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 2.2  $\mu$ g/mL [51].

*Chaetomium globosum* OUPS-T106B-6 produced chaetomugilins P–R (**83–85**) and 11epichaetomugilin I (**86**). The cytotoxicity of compounds **83–86** was assessed against P388, HL-60, L1210, and KB cells. Compounds **83** and **86** displayed strong cytotoxic effects, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.7 to 1.8 pM, whereas 5-fluorouracil as a positive control inhibited P388, HL-60, L1210, and KB cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.7, 2.7, 1.1, and 7.7  $\mu$ M. In contrast, compounds **84** and **85** exhibited significant cytotoxicity; their IC<sub>50</sub> values fell within a range of 32.0 to greater than 100 pM [52]. Dechloro-chaetomugilins A (**87**) and D (**88**) were identified in *C. globosum* OUPS-T106B-6. These compounds exhibited moderate inhibitory effects on the growth of cultured P388, HL-60, L1210, and KB cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 57.4 to greater than 100  $\mu$ M [53]. A chloroazaphilone derivative called *N*-glutarylchaetoviridin C (**89**) (Figure 4) was isolated from *Chaetomium*  globosum HDN151398. This compound demonstrated notable cytotoxicity against MGC-803 and HO8910 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.6 and 9.7  $\mu$ M, respectively [54]. *Phomopsis* tersa FS441 produced chloroazaphilone derivatives known as tersaphilones D (90) and E (91). These compounds exhibited remarkable cytotoxicity against SF-268, MCF-7, HEPG-2, and A549 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 5.4 to 8.3  $\mu$ M, while cisplatin as a positive control inhibited these cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of  $3.3 \pm 0.3$ ,  $3.2 \pm 0.1$ ,  $2.4 \pm 0.1$ , and  $1.6 \pm 0.1 \ \mu M$  [55]. Chaetomium sp. NA-S01-R1 was the source of chaephilone C (92) and chaetoviridides A and B (93 and 94). Remarkably, compound 93 demonstrated significant cytotoxicity against Hep G2 cells, with an  $IC_{50}$  value of 3.9  $\mu$ M. Conversely, compounds 92 and 94 exhibited enhanced cytotoxic activities against HeLa cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values ranging from 5.6 to 7.7  $\mu$ M, whereas doxorubicin as a positive control inhibited Hep G2 and HeLa, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of  $1.1 \pm 0.1$  and  $0.5 \pm 0.1 \,\mu$ M, respectively [56]. Pyrenosetins A and B (95 and 96) were discovered in *Pyrenochaetopsis* sp. FVE-001. These compounds demonstrated their ability to inhibit the growth of A-375 and HaCaT cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.8 and 4.2  $\mu$ M for compound 95, and 6.3 and 35.0  $\mu$ M for compound 96, while doxorubicin as a positive control inhibited A-375 and HaCaT cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 0.6 and 22.1 µM [57]. A novel chlorinated pyrrole-2,5-dione metabolite (97) was extracted from the fungus Mollisia sp. SCSIO41409, which originates from mangrove sediments. This compound exhibited significant antiproliferative effects against 22Rv1 and PC-3 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 8.35 and 9.60  $\mu$ M, while docetaxel as a positive control inhibited 22Rv1 and PC-3 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.03 and 0.12 µM [58]. The fungus Talaromyces sp. SCSIO 41050, sourced from microbes in mangrove sediment, produced a maleic anhydride derivative known as maleicanhydridane (98). Notably, this compound features a unique acid anhydride functional group. Maleicanhydridane (98) exhibited moderate cytotoxicity, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 15.5  $\mu$ M against the A549 cell line and 22.9  $\mu$ M against the WPMY-1 cell line, whereas docetaxel as a positive control displayed cytotoxicity against the two cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 29.95 and 0.51  $\mu$ M [59]. Benzoquinone 99 was isolated from the fungus Talaromyces sp. MCCC3A01752, which is derived from marine sources. This compound exhibited cytotoxic properties against the MKN1 gastric cancer cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 78.0  $\mu$ M. Meanwhile, the positive control cisplatin inhibited MKN1 with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 8.8  $\mu$ M [60]. A newly discovered compound, (*R*)-6-((8*R*)-hydroxypropyl)-2-methyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-one (100), was isolated from Cladosporium halotolerans FS702. This compound exhibited notable cytotoxic activity against MCF-7, HepG-2, SF-268, and A549 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.47, 0.33, 0.16, and 0.23  $\mu$ M, respectively, which were superior to the positive control, doxorubicin  $(1.38-1.59 \ \mu\text{M})$  [61]. From Aspergillus aculeatinus WHF0198, a novel paraherquamide called aculeaquamide A (101) was identified, displaying activity against Bel-7402, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 3.3 µM [62]. Alternaria sp. LV52, a marine endophytic fungus, produced two new polyketides named alternariol-9-methyl ether (102). These polyketides demonstrated cytotoxic effects against A549 and PC3, with  $EC_{50}$  values of 2.69 and 0.64  $\mu$ M, respectively [63]. Pestalotiopyrone N (103) was isolated from Pestalotiopsis sp. HQD-6, exhibiting weak cytotoxicity against the Hela cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 50.42  $\pm$  0.07  $\mu$ M, while doxirubicin as a positive control inhibited the Hela cell line, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 8.60  $\pm$  0.10  $\mu$ M [64]. Trichoderma sp. 307 yielded one new depsidone named botryorhodine H (104), which displayed potent cytotoxicity against the MMQ and GH3 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 3.09 and 3.64  $\mu$ M [65]. *Penicillium* sp. XL-01 yielded a new verrucosidin derivative named nordeoxyverrucosidin (105), which exhibited promising cytotoxic activity against the MGC-803, HeLa, and MDA-MB-231 cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 0.96, 3.60, and 2.91  $\mu$ M, whereas cisplatin, as the positive control, inhibited these cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.15, 1.19, and 1.13  $\mu$ M, respectively [66].



Figure 4. Structures of compounds 89-105.

2.1.2. Chromones, Xanthones, Coumarins, Benzoquinones, Naphthoquinones, Anthraquinones, and Other Aromatic Compounds

Three new prenylxanthones, named aspergixanthones A, C, and F (106–108) (Figure 5), were isolated from Aspergillus sp. ZA-01. Among these compounds, 106 showed selective cytotoxicity against the A-549 cell line, with the IC<sub>50</sub> value of 1.8  $\mu$ M, while **107** and **108** displayed broad-spectrum cytotoxicities against MDA-MB-231, MCF-7, MGC-803, HeLa, and A-549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 1.1 to 9.8  $\mu$ M. Simultaneously, cisplatin as the positive control inhibited these cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values ranging from 0.74 to 1.3  $\mu$ M [67]. Brocaenols A–C (109–111), novel cytotoxic polyketides isolated from *Penicillium brocae*, demonstrated weak cytotoxicity against the HCT-116 cell line, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 20, 50, and >50  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [68]. A newly discovered naphtho- $\gamma$ -pyrone (112) from *Phomopsis* sp. ZSU-H26 exhibited cytotoxicity against Hep-2 and HepG2, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 10 and 8  $\mu$ g/mL [69]. Additionally, a sorbicillinoid analogue (113) from *Trichoderma* sp. displayed strong cytotoxicity against MCF-7, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 7.82 µM [70]. Penicillium oxalicum yielded a dihydrothiophene-condensed chromone, oxalicumone A (114), which showed cytotoxicity against A375 and SW-620 cell lines, with IC\_{50} values of  $11.7\pm0.9$ and 22.6  $\pm$  1.5  $\mu$ M, respectively, whereas cisplatin as the positive control inhibited the two cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 7.3  $\pm$  0.8 and 30.0  $\pm$  4.1  $\mu$ M [71]. Oxalicumones D and E (115 and 116), isolated from *Penicillium oxalicum* SCSGAF 0023, exhibited significant cytotoxicity against various cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values ranging from 1.36 to 10.10  $\mu$ M [72]. A mutant of Penicillium purpurogenum G59 through diethyl sulfate (DES) mutagenesis produced isoconiochaetone C (117), demonstrating significant cytotoxic activities against K562, HL-60, and HeLa cell lines [73]. Chromosulfine (118), a novel cyclopentachromone sulfide from the same fungus, showed toxicity against multiple cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 16.7 to 75.4 µM [74]. Coniochaetone K (119), isolated from Cladosporium halotolerans GXIMD 02502, exhibited cytotoxicity against two human prostatic cancer cell lines, C4-2B and 22RV1, with inhibitions ranging from 55.8 to 82.1% at a concentration

of 10 µM [75]. Pestalotiopsis sp. produced pestalotiopsone F (120), displaying cytotoxicity against the murine cancer cell line L5178Y, with an EC<sub>50</sub> value of 8.93  $\mu$ g/mL [76]. Highly oxygenated chromones, rhytidchromone A, B, D, and E (121–124), isolated from Rhytidhys*teron rufulum*, showed cytotoxicity against Kato-3 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 16.0 to 23.3  $\mu$ M. Rhytidchromones A (121) and D (123) were active against MCF-7 cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 19.3 and 17.7  $\mu$ M, respectively. Simultaneously, doxorubicin as the positive control inhibited MCF-7 and Kato-3, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of  $1.0 \pm 0.1$  and  $2.7 \pm 0.5 \mu$ M [77]. Epiremisporines B (125) and B1 (126), isolated from the diethyl sulfate (DES) mutagenesis of the marine-derived fungus Penicillium purpurogenum G59 exhibited cytotoxicity against K562 and HL-60 cell lines. Epiremisporine B (125) had IC<sub>50</sub> values of 69.0 and 62.9  $\mu$ g/mL, while epiremisporine B1 (126) had IC<sub>50</sub> values of 53.1 and 54.7  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [73]. Three new xanthoquinodin compounds, JBIR-97 (127), JBIR-98 (128), and JBIR-99 (129), isolated from Tritirachium sp. SpB081112MEf2, demonstrated cytotoxic activity against ACC-MES-1, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 31, 63, and 59  $\mu$ M and against Hela, and 11, 17, and 17 μM, respectively [78]. A new xanthone derivative (130), isolated from *Phomopsis* sp. (no. SK7RN3G1), exhibited cytotoxicity against Hep-2 and HepG2 cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 8 and 9  $\mu$ g/mL [79]. *Phomopsis* sp. (ZH76) produced a novel xanthone derivative (131) that inhibited the growth of Hep-2 and HepG2 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 9 and 16  $\mu$ M, respectively [80].

The deep-sea-derived fungus *Engyodontium album* DFFSCS021 yielded a new chromone, engyodontiumone H (**132**), demonstrating cytotoxic activity against human histiocytic lymphoma U937, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 4.9  $\mu$ M, whereas doxorubicin as the positive control inhibited U937, with the IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.06  $\mu$ M [81]. *Aspergillus nomius* NC06, isolated from the marine sponge *Neopetrosia chaliniformis*, produced two new oxisterigmatocystins, J (**133**) and K (**134**), which exhibited cytotoxic activity against HT 29 colon cancer cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.48  $\mu$ M [82]. *Aspergillus niger*, isolated from the Mediterranean sponge *Axinella damicornis*, yielded 3,3'-bicoumarin bicoumanigrin (**135**), inhibiting the activity of human tumor cells at concentrations ranging from 1 to 20  $\mu$ g/mL [44].

A new aflatoxin, aflatoxin B2b (136) (Figure 6), was isolated from Aspergillus flavus 092008, endogenous with the mangrove plant Hibiscus tiliaceus (Malvaceae). It displayed cytotoxicity against A549, K562, and L-02 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 8.1, 2.0, and 4.2  $\mu$ M, respectively [83]. An unknown pentaketide, (+)-formylanserinone B (137), isolated from Penicillium sp. obtained from deep-sea sediment, exhibited modest activity against the MDA-MB-435 cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 2.90  $\mu$ g/mL [84]. A new xanthone derivative (138), isolated from the mangrove endophytic fungus no. ZSU-H16, displayed cytotoxicity against KB and KBV 200 cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values greater than 50  $\mu$ g/mL [85]. The mangrove endophytic fungus Fusarium sp. ZZF41 produced a new isoflavone named 5-O-methyl-2'-methoxy-3'-methylalpinumisoflavone (139), which displayed cytotoxicity against Hep-2 and HepG2, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4 and 11  $\mu$ M [86]. Fusarnaphthoquinone A (140), isolated from the sea fan-derived fungi Fusarium spp. PSU-F135, showed cytotoxic activities against KB and MCF-7, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 130 and 22  $\mu$ M, whereas doxorubicin, as the positive control, inhibited KB and MCF-7, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.33 and 2.18  $\mu$ M [87]. Moreover, 10-deoxy-bostrycin (141), isolated from Nigrospora sp. ZJ-2010006, demonstrated cytotoxicity against A549, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 4.56  $\mu$ M, while mitomycin, as the positive control, inhibited A549, with the IC<sub>50</sub> value of 3.00  $\mu$ M [88]. Acaromycin A (142), isolated from the deep-sea-derived fungus Acaromyces ingoldii FS121, exhibited growth inhibition against the tumor cell lines MCF-7, NCI-H460, SF-268, and HepG-2, with  $IC_{50}$  values of less than 10  $\mu$ M [89]. Herqueidiketal (143), possessing a novel skeleton with a highly oxidized naphthoquinone moiety, was isolated from *Penicillium* sp. It exhibited moderate cytotoxicity and significant inhibitory activity against A549, with an LC<sub>50</sub> value of 17.0  $\mu$ M, while the value was 3.3 µM for doxorubicin as a positive control [90]. Emericella variecolor, purified from the marine sponge Haliclona valliculata, yielded evariquinone (144), which displayed antiproliferative activity with inhibitory rate values of 60% and 69% against KB

and NCI-H460 cells at 3.16 µg/mL [91]. Alterporriol P (145), isolated from Alternaria sp. ZJ-2008003 obtained from a Sarcophyton sp. soft coral in the South China Sea, exhibited cytotoxic activities against PC-3 and HCT-116, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.4 and 8.6  $\mu$ M, whereas the value for epirubicin was 0.46 for PC-3 and it was 0.82 for HCT-116 [92]. Halorosellinia sp. (no. 1403) yielded compound 146, displaying strong cytotoxicity, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 3.17 and 3.21 µM against KB and KBv200 cells, respectively [93]. Alternaria sp. ZJ9-6B, isolated from the mangrove Aegiceras corniculatum in the South China Sea, produced alterporriols K (147) and L (148), displaying moderate cytotoxic activity against MDA-MB-435 and MCF-7 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 13.1 to 29.1  $\mu$ M [94]. Aspergillus sp. SCSIO F063 produced 6-O-methyl-7-chloroaveratin (149), showing inhibitory activity against SF-268, MCF-7, and NCI-H460, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 7.1, 6.6, and 7.4  $\mu$ M, respectively. Meanwhile, cisplatin as a positive control showed  $IC_{50}$  values of 4.59 for SF-268, 10.23 for MCF-7, and 1.56 for NCI-H460 [95]. A new anthracene derivative, altersolanol N (150), isolated from Stemphylium globuliferum, exhibited potent cytotoxicity against L5178Y mouse lymphoma cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values in the low micromolar range [96]. Additionally, a new tetrahydroanthraquinone derivative, dihydroaltersolanol C (151) and acetylalterporriol E (152) isolated from the endophytic fungus Stemphylium globuliferum, showed cytotoxicity against L5178Y mouse lymphoma cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 3.4 and 10.4  $\mu$ M [97]. Aspergiolide A (153), an anthraquinone derivative with a naphtho [1,2,3-de] chromene-2,7-dione skeleton, was isolated from Aspergillus glaucus. It demonstrated selective cytotoxicity against A-549, HL-60, BEL-7402, and P388 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.13, 0.28, 7.5, and 35.0  $\mu$ M, respectively [98].

Varitriol (154), isolated from Emericella variecolor, exhibited cytotoxicity against T-47D, RXF393, and SNB-75, with GI<sub>50</sub> values ranging from  $1.63 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $2.44 \times 10^{-7}$  µM [99]. Humicolone (155), a new phenolic tetralone in acetal form, was isolated from Humicola grisea Traaen, displaying cytotoxicity against KB cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values between 1 and 5 ppm [100]. Compound 156, isolated from Phialocephala sp. FL30r, exhibited cytotoxicity against K562 and P388, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4.8 and 0.1  $\mu$ M [21]. A monomeric derivative (157) from the marine-derived fungus Penicillium terrestre showed cytotoxic effects on HL-60 with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 6.7  $\mu$ M [101]. Moreover, 6-demethyl-sorbicillin (158), isolated from *Trichoderma* sp., demonstrated cytotoxicity against HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 23.9  $\mu$ M [102]. Isolated from *Penicillium* sp. M207142, purified from sea sediment, (2*E*,4*E*)-1-(2,6-dihydroxy-3,5-dimethyl-phenyl) hexa-2,4-dien-1-one) (159) showed cytotoxicity against the Hela cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 11.2  $\mu$ M, and potent cytotoxicity against the SW620 cell line, with a 74% inhibition at a tested concentration of 10  $\mu$ g/mL [103]. Fischerin B (160), isolated from the deep-sea-derived fungus Aspergillus fischeri FS452, showed activities against SF-268, MCF-7, HepG-2, and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 7 to 10  $\mu$ M [104]. A novel phomalone derivative, phomalichenone F (161), from a deep-sea-derived fungus Alternaria sp. MCCC 3A00467, showed cytotoxic activity against U266 cells, with an  $IC_{50}$  value of 24.99 µg/mL [105]. Lasiodiplodia sp. 318#, a mangrove endophytic fungus, produced a new lasiodiplodin (162) that displayed cytotoxicity against MDA-MB-435, HepG2, HCT-116, A549, and THP1, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 10.1, 12.5, 11.9, 13.3, and 39.7 μM [106]. Aspergillus pseudodeflectus produced a new isochroman derivative named pseudodeflectusin (163), which displayed cytotoxicity against HeLa-S3, NUGC-3, and HL-60, with LD<sub>50</sub> values of 47, 49, and 39  $\mu$ M [107]. A new compound, (S)-2, 4-dihydroxy-1-butyl (4-hydroxy) benzoate (164), from the fungus Penicillium auratiogriseum, showed cytotoxic activity against tsFT210 cells, with a maximum inhibitory rate of 8.0 µg/mL [108]. Penicillium janczewskii, obtained from a marine sample, produced 3R\*,4R\*-dihydroxy-4-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-3,4dihydro-2(1H)-quinolinone (165), exhibiting moderate cytotoxicity against SKOV-3 cells, with an  $ED_{50}$  value of 8.1  $\mu$ M [109]. A new dihydrobenzofuran derivative, awajanoran (166) (Figure 7), isolated from Acremonium sp. AWA16-1, inhibited the growth of A549 cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 17  $\mu$ g/mL [110]. Aspergillus sp. B-F-2 produced a novel diphenyl ether dimethyl 2,3'-dimethylosoate (167), showing weak cytotoxicity against K562, with an  $IC_{50}$ value of 76.5  $\mu$ M. Additionally, at 100  $\mu$ M, the compound increased the percentage of cells in the S phase of the cell cycle from 38.3% (control) to 56.4% [111]. Carbonarones A (168), obtained from the culture of the marine-derived fungus *Aspergillus carbonarius* WZ-4-11, exhibited cytotoxicity against K562, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 56.0  $\mu$ g/mL [45]. Eight new gentisyl alcohol derivatives, including the trimeric terrestrol A (169) and dimeric terrestrols B–H (170–176), were isolated from the marine-derived fungus *Penicillium terrestre*. These new compounds demonstrated cytotoxic effects on HL-60, MOLT-4, BEL-7402, and A-549 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 5.1 to 63.2  $\mu$ M [101].



Figure 5. Structures of compounds 106–135.



Figure 6. Structures of compounds 136–165.



Figure 7. Structures of compounds 166–193.

Two new prenylated diphenyl ethers, diorcinols D (177) and E (178), were isolated from *Aspergillus versicolor* ZLN-60. Compound 177 displayed moderate cytotoxicity against the Hela and K562 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 31.5 and 48.9  $\mu$ M, respectively. Meanwhile, compound 178 exhibited moderate cytotoxicity only against the Hela cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 36.5  $\mu$ M [112]. Prenylterphenyllin A (179), 4"-dehydro-3-hydroxyterphenyllin (180), and nylcandidusin B (181) were isolated from *Aspergillus taichungensis* ZHN-7-07, a root soil fungus from the mangrove plant *Acrostichum aureum*. Compound 179 displayed moderate activities against A549 and HL-60, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 8.32 and 1.53  $\mu$ M. Meanwhile, compounds 180 and 181 showed moderate activities only against the P-388 cell line, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.70 and 1.57  $\mu$ M, respectively [113]. *Aspergillus aculeatus* produced two new compounds, aculeatusquinones B (182) and D (183), showing cytotoxicity against K562, HL-60, and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 5.4 to 76.1  $\mu$ M [114].

Penicillium sp. WC-29-5, cocultured with Streptomyces fradiae 007, yielded new natural products (184-185) that displayed moderate cytotoxicity against H1975 tumor cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 3.97 and 5.73  $\mu M$  , respectively. Meanwhile, compound 185 showed moderate cytotoxicity towards the HL-60 cell, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 3.73  $\mu$ M [115]. Ascochyta sp. NGB4 yielded ascochytatin (186), a novel bioactive spirodioxynaphthalene metabolite, showing cytotoxicity against A549 and Jurkat, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4.8 and 6.3  $\mu$ M [116]. Two new spirobisnaphthalenes (187–188) were isolated from the mangrove-derived fungus *Rhytidhysteron* sp. AS21B. Among these compounds, compound **187** was active only on CaSki cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 22.81  $\mu$ M, while compound **188** showed cytotoxic activities against CaSki and MCF-7, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 24.44 and 17.30  $\mu$ M. Doxorubicin as a positive control inhibited MCF-7 and CaSki, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.06 and 0.20  $\mu$ M [117]. The mangrove endophytic fungus *Phomopsis* sp. ZSU-H76 yielded a new polyketide (189) displaying cytotoxicity against HEp-2 and HepG2 cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 25 and  $30 \ \mu g/mL$ , respectively [118]. Sporothrins A (190) and B (191) were isolated from the mangrove endophytic fungus Sporothrix sp. (#4335), displaying cytotoxicity against HepG2, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 50 and 20  $\mu$ g/mL [119]. Two new citrinin derivatives, penicitrinols C (192) and E (193), were isolated from the marine-derived fungus *Penicillium citrinum*. These compounds showed weak cytotoxicity against HL-60 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 52.8 and 41.2 μM [120].

Comazaphilones D-F (194-196) (Figure 8) were isolated from Penicillium commune QSD-17, obtained from a marine sediment sample collected in the southern China Sea. These compounds showed cytotoxic activity against the human pancreatic tumor cell line SW1990, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 51, 26, and 53  $\mu$ M, which is stronger than that of the positive control, fluorouracil (with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 120  $\mu$ M) [121]. A novel triazole carboxylic acid, penipanoid A (197), was isolated from the marine sediment-derived fungus *Penicillium* paneum SD-44, displaying cytotoxicity against SMMC-7721, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 54.2  $\mu$ M [122]. A novel benzylazaphilone derivative with an unprecedented carbon skeleton, aspergilone A (198), was isolated from Aspergillus sp. from a gorgonian Dichotella gemmacea. The compound showed cytotoxic activities against MCF-7, HL-60, and A549, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 25.0, 3.2, and 37.0 µg/mL [123]. Paecilomyces variotii EN-291, isolated from the marine alga-derived endophytic, produced varioloid A (199) and varioloid B (200), displaying cytotoxicity against A549, HCT116, and HepG2, with  $IC_{50}$  values ranging from 2.6 to 8.2 µg/mL [124]. An unusual alkaloid (201), isolated from Fusarium incarnatum (HKI0504) and purified from the mangrove plant *Aegiceras corniculatum*, exhibited weak antiproliferative effects on K-562 and HUVEC, with  $GI_{50}$  values of 37.3–37.6  $\mu$ M, whereas imatinib as a positive control inhibited K-562 and HUVEC, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.17 and 18.5  $\mu$ M. Additionally, compound **201** demonstrated cytotoxic activity against Hela, with a  $CC_{50}$ value of 23.3  $\mu$ M [125]. Peniciketals A–C (202–204), three new spiroketals with a benzofused 2,8-dioxabicyclo [3.3.1] nonane moiety, were identified from the fungus Penicillium raistrichii. These compounds displayed selective cytotoxic activity against HL-60 cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 3.2, 6.7, and 4.5  $\mu$ M, respectively, while doxorubicin as a positive control inhibited HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.085 μM [126]. Pestalotiopsis vaccinii produced a

new aromatic amine named pestalamine A (205), exhibiting cytotoxic activity against Hela, MCF-7, and HepG2, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 22.0, 40.3, and 32.8  $\mu$ M. The IC<sub>50</sub> values of the positive control taxol toward these three cell lines were 21, 5.2, and 960 nM, respectively [127]. Two new resveratrol derivatives, named resveratrodehydes A (206) and B (207), isolated from Alternaria sp. R6, were active against MDA-MB-435 and HCT-116, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 6.9 to 8.6  $\mu$ M. Epirubicin was used as a positive control for these cell lines, showing IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.56 and 0.48 µM, respectively [128]. Chloropreussomerins A (208) and B (209), two new chlorinated preussomerins, were isolated from Lasiodiplodia theobromae ZJ-HQ1. These compounds exhibited cytotoxicity against A549, HepG2, HeLa, MCF-7, and HEK293T, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 5.9 to 27  $\mu$ M, whereas epirubicin, as a positive control, inhibited these cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.42 to 1.3  $\mu$ M [129]. *Penicillum* citreonigrum XT20-134 (MCCC 3A00956) yielded 5,5-dichloro-1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,4dihydroxypentan-2-one (210), which showed potent cytotoxicity to the human hepatoma tumor cell Bel7402, with IC\_{50} values of  $13.14 \pm 1.41 \ \mu\text{M}$ , and the human fibrosarcoma tumor cell HT1080, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 16.53  $\pm$  1.67  $\mu$ M, respectively [33]. Two new sulforyl metabolites, pensulfonoxy (211) and pensulfonamide (212), were obtained from the fermentation extract of *Penicillium aculeatum*. Pensulfonamide (212) showed potent preferential cytotoxicity against MCF-7 and HCT-116, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.18 and 6.18, while pensulfonoxy (211) exhibited cytotoxic activity against HCT-116, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 5.23  $\mu$ M. The IC<sub>50</sub> values of the positive control, paclitaxel, exhibited in these cell lines at 0.97 and 0.52 µM, respectively [130]. Aspergillus candidus OUCMDZ-1051, isolated from a marine sponge (XS-3) from the Xisha islands, yielded 4-O-methylcandidusin A (213). The new compound demonstrated cytotoxic activity against 21 tumor cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.98 to 19.1  $\mu$ M among the 26 tested tumor cell lines. Notably, this compound exhibited stronger or comparable inhibitory activity to the positive control (doxorubicin) against the triple-negative breast cancer (MDA-MB-468), breast invasive ductal carcinoma (BT474), and epidermoid carcinoma (A431) cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 1.84, 6.05, and 0.98 µM, respectively [131]. The endophytic fungus Aspergillus micronesiensis derived from Kappaphycus alvarezii led to the isolation of a novel dibenzospiroketal named aspermicrone B (214). This compound displayed selective cytotoxic activity toward the HepG2 cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 9.9  $\mu$ M [132]. A new salicylaldehyde derivative enantiomer, euroticin F (215), isolated from Eurotium sp. SCSIO F452, exhibited cytotoxicity against SF-268, MCF-7, HepG2, and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 21.88 to 37.31  $\mu$ M, whereas the positive control (adriamycin) inhibited these cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  ranging from 1.19 to 2.02 μM [133]. The marine endophytic Alternaria sp. LV52 yielded a novel polyketide named altertoxin II (216), which was tested and displayed cytotoxicity against A549 and PC3, with EC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.15 and 0.33  $\mu$ M [63]. The endophytic fungus *Penicillium* sp. GXIMD 03101 yielded a new xanthene derivative named penicixanthene E (217), which exhibited weak cytotoxic activity against SW1990, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 23.8  $\mu$ M [134]. Penicillium sp. ZH16, a mangrove endophytic fungus from the South China Sea, produced a new furanocoumarin derivative (218) with cytotoxicity against KB and KBV200 cell lines, having IC<sub>50</sub> values of 5 and 10  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [135]. One novel isocoumarin, named Sg17-1-4 (219), was isolated from Alternaria tenuis Sg17-1, which exhibited cytotoxic activities against HeLa and A375-S2, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 0.05 and 0.3 mM [136]. Chrysoarticulins A–B (220–221), isolated from Chrysosporium articulatum, showed cytotoxicity against K562 and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 164.0, 63.0, 147.3, and 63.2  $\mu$ M, while the positive control (doxorubicin) inhibited K562 and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4.8 and 2.8  $\mu$ M, respectively [18]. A new isocoumarin (222), isolated from the mangrove endophytic fungus (no. dz17), showed weak cytotoxic activity against Hep-2 and HepG2 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 52 and  $55 \,\mu\text{g/mL}$  [137]. A new isochroman (223), isolated from *Phomopsis* sp. Gx-4, showed weak cytotoxicity against Hep-2 and HepG2, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of over 50  $\mu$ M [138]. A new isocoumarin, (3*R*\*,4*S*\*)-6,8-dihydroxy-3,4,7-trimethylisocoumarin (224), was isolated from *Penicillium* sp. 091402, which showed moderate cytotoxicity against the K562 cell, with an  $IC_{50}$  value of 18.9  $\mu$ g/mL [139]. Two novel compounds named bipenicilisorin (225) and

penicitrinone F (226) were isolated from a deep-sea-derived fungus *Penicillium chrysogenum* SCSIO 41001. Compound 225 displayed significant cytotoxic activities against K562, A549, and Huh-7 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.78, 6.94, and 2.59  $\mu$ M, while compound 226 showed moderate cytotoxic activity against EV71, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 14.50  $\mu$ M [140].



Figure 8. Structures of compounds 194–226.

#### 2.1.3. Other Cyclic Polyketides

Penostatins A–C (227–229) (Figure 9) were isolated from a strain of *Penicillium* sp., originally purified from the marine alga *Enteromorpha intestinalis*. The three new compounds displayed significant cytotoxicity against P388 cells, with ED<sub>50</sub> values of 0.8, 1.2, and 1.1  $\mu$ g/mL [141]. *Trichoderma harzianum* OUPS-N115, separated from the sponge *Halichondria okadai*, produced trichodenones A–C (230–232), which displayed cytotoxicity against P388 cells, with ED<sub>50</sub> values of 0.21, 1.21, and 1.45  $\mu$ g/mL, while the positive control (mitomycin) inhibited P388, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.05  $\mu$ g/mL [142]. A novel cyclopentenone named trichoderone (233), isolated from *Trichoderma* sp. GIBH-Mf082, was active on HeLa, A549, MCF-7, and DU-145, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 85.6, 50.2, 63.5, and 43.2  $\mu$ M. The IC<sub>50</sub> values of the positive control cisplatin toward these cell lines ranged from 17.5 to 67  $\mu$ M [143]. *Gymnascella dankaliensis* yielded 19 compounds, including gymnastatins A–C (243–244) [148], and dankastatins A–B (245–246) [149]. Among these compounds, compounds 234–236, 238–239, and 240–242 displayed cytotoxicity against P388, with ED<sub>50</sub>

values from 0.018 to 0.21 mg/mL. Meanwhile, compounds **237** and **243–244** showed cyto-toxicity against P388, with  $ED_{50}$  values from 0.9 to 10.8 µg/mL, and the positive control (5-fluorouracil) inhibited P388, with an  $ED_{50}$  value of 0.073 µg/mL.



Figure 9. Structures of compounds 227-246.

A strain of Periconia byssoides OUPS-N133, originally purified from the sea hare Aplysia kurodai, produced compounds A (247) and B (248) (Figure 10). These two compounds exhibited cytotoxicity against P388, with  $ED_{50}$  values of 0.12 and 4.0  $\mu$ g/mL [150]. Moreover, the fungi yielded pericosines A–E (249-253), which were active on P388, with ED<sub>50</sub> values of 0.1, 4.0, 10.5, 3.0, and 15.5 µg/mL [151]. A cultured marine fungus, Aspergillus sp., produced a new polyketide named aspermytin A (254). The compound induced neurite outgrowth in rat pheochromocytoma (PC-12) cells at a concentration of 50  $\mu$ M [152]. Penicillone A (255) was isolated from *Penicillium terrestre*, which showed weak cytotoxicity against P388 and A-549 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 83.0 and 68.4  $\mu$ M; a positive control, VP16, inhibited P388 and A-549, with IC\_{50} values of 0.064 and 1.4  $\mu$ M [153]. Four new polyketide derivatives named trichodermatides A–D (256–259) were isolated from Trichoderma reesei. Among these compounds, trichodermatide A (256) has a ketal-containing pentacyclic skeleton. These compounds displayed cytotoxicity against A375-S2, with  $IC_{50}$ values of 102.2, 187.3, 38.8, and 220.0 µg/mL, respectively [154]. Compounds 260-263 were isolated from Phialocephala sp. FL30r. Among these compounds, compound 260 showed cytotoxicity against P388 and HL60 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 9.10 and 3.14  $\mu$ M, respectively, while the other compounds exhibited cytotoxicity against K562, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 88.2, 54.3, and 51.2  $\mu$ M, and against P388 with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 77.1, 78.3, and 65.7  $\mu$ M [155,156]. One new compound, JBIR-59 (264), was isolated from *Penicillium citrinum* SpI080624G1f01. The compound exhibited cytotoxicity against the N18-RE-105 cell, with an  $EC_{50}$  value of 71 µM [157]. Two new bisorbicillinoids, compounds 265 and 266, were isolated from Penicillium terrestre. These compounds showed cytotoxicity against P388 and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.8, 2.1, and 8.8, 4.3 µM [158]. Moreover, 10,11-dihydrobisvertinolone (267), isolated from *Trichoderma* sp., showed cytotoxicity against HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 49.0  $\mu$ M; a positive control (VP16) inhibited HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 2.1  $\mu$ M [102]. The deep-sea-derived *Penicillium* sp. F23–2 produced three new nitrogen-containing sorbicillinoids named sorbicillamines B-D (268-270). These compounds displayed cytotoxic activity against HeLa, BEL-7402, HEK-293, HCT-116, and P388 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values greater than 10 µM [159]. Penicillium terrestre produced two new chlorinated sorbicillinoids named chloctanspirones A (271) and B (272). Chloctanspirone A (271) was active against both HL-60 and A-549 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 9.2 and 39.7  $\mu$ M, respectively, while chloctanspirone B (272) showed weaker activity only against HL-60 cells, with an  $IC_{50}$  of 37.8 μM [160]. Chaetomugilins G-H (273–274) [161], I-L (275–278) (Figure 11) [50], and seco-chaetomugilins D (279) [162] were isolated from *Chaetomium globosum* OUPS-T106B-6. All the compounds could inhibit the proliferation of various tumor cells, including P388, HL-60, L1210, and KB. One new metabolite (280) was isolated from a mangrove endophytic fungus, Penicillium 303#. This compound showed cytotoxic activities against HCT-116, HepG2, and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 11.09 to 24.62  $\mu$ g/mL, while a positive control (epirubicin) inhibited these cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values ranging from 0.28 to 0.6 µg/mL [163]. Penicilazaphilone C (281), an azaphilonidal derivative, was isolated from Penicillium sclerotiorum M-22, which was isolated from a rotten leaf. Penicilazaphilone C (281) was selective against melanoma cells B-16 and human gastric cancer cells SGC-7901, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.065 and 0.720 mM, respectively [164]. Rhizopus sp. 2-PDA-61 yielded a new pyran derivative named aspericin C (282), which exhibited cytotoxicity against P388, HL-60, and BEL-7402, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 14.6, 7.1, and 24.2  $\mu$ M, while VP16, a positive control, inhibited these cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.064 to 1.025  $\mu$ M [165].

Moreover, 7-epiaustdiol (283) and 8-O-methyl-epiaustdiol (284) were isolated from the mangrove endophytic fungus Talaromyces sp. ZH-154. These compounds showed cytotoxicity, with IC  $_{50}$  values of 20.04  $\pm$  1.26, 16.37  $\pm$  0.54 against KB, and 19.32  $\pm$  0.60, 37.16  $\pm$  1.43 against KBv200  $\mu$ g/mL; compared to a positive control (cisplatin), it was 0.56  $\pm$  0.18 and  $0.78 \pm 0.23 \ \mu g/mL$  [166]. The saline soil-derived fungus *Penicillium raistrickii* yielded peneciraistin C (285), which exhibited moderate cytotoxic activity against MCF-7 and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 7.6 and 3.2  $\mu$ M, which are stronger than that of the positive control, fluorouracil (with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 9.3 and 11.2  $\mu$ M) [167]. Sorbicillamine E (286) was isolated from *Penicillium* sp. F23–2. This compound displayed cytotoxic activity against HeLa, BEL-7402, HEK-293, HCT-116, and P388 cell lines, with  $IC_{50} > 10 \ \mu M$  [159]. A new decaline derivative, decumbenone C (287), was isolated from Aspergillus sulphureus KMM 4640. The compound displayed potent cytotoxic activity against SK-MEL-5 human melanoma cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.9  $\mu$ M [168]. Penicillone A (288) was isolated from *Penicillium* sp. F11. The compound showed cytotoxicity against Cne2 and HT1080 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 46.2 and 45.8 µM, respectively [169]. Using a modified diethyl sulphate mutagenesis procedure on *Penicillium purpurogenum* G59 could yield penicimutanolone (289). This compound inhibited HeLa, K562, HL-60, BGC-823, and MCF-7 human cancer cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 10.9, 17.4, 4.2, 12.6, and 8.6  $\mu$ M [170]. Isariketide (**290**) was isolated from the marine-sediment-derived fungus Isaria feline KMM 4639. This compound displayed cytotoxicity against HL-60 and THP-1, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4.3 and 37.4  $\mu$ M compared to a positive control (cisplatin), with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.28 and 80.6 [171]. Sorbicillfuran B (291), a novel sorbicillinoid adduct containing bicyclo [2.2.2] octane and tetrahydrofuran moieties, was isolated from Penicillium citrinum SCSIO41402. Sorbicillfuran B (291) exhibited weak cytotoxicity against HL-60 cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 9.6  $\mu$ M [172]. Euroticin I (292), isolated from *Eurotium* sp. SCSIO F452, exhibited cytotoxicity against SF-268, MCF-7, HepG-2, and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 12.74 to 23.73  $\mu$ M [133].



Figure 10. Structures of compounds 247–276.



Figure 11. Structures of compounds 277–292.

#### 2.1.4. Linear Polyketides

Gliocladium roseum KF-1040 produced roselipins 1A (293) (Figure 12) and 1B (294), demonstrating cytotoxicity against Raji cells, with a mean IC<sub>50</sub> value of 39  $\mu$ M [173–175]. Flavicerebrosides A (295) and B (296) were isolated from Aspergillus flavipes, found in the sea anemone Anthopleura xanthogrammica, exhibiting cytotoxic activity against the KB cell line, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 20.7 and 14.3  $\mu$ g/mL [176]. Cladionol A (297), a novel polyketide glycoside from Gliocladium sp. L049 isolated from sea grass Syringodium isoetifolium, displayed activity against L1210 and KB cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 5 and 7  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [177]. Aspergillus sp. 16-02-1, isolated from deep-sea sediment, produced epiaspinonediol (298), with significant cytotoxic activities against K562, HL-60, HeLa, and BGC-823 human cancer cell lines at 100 µg/mL, showing inhibitory rates of 79.7%, 72.5%, 14.9%, and 21.8% [23]. Pestalotiopsis clavispora, isolated from the Mangrove plant Rhizophora harrisonii, yielded the polyketide derivative pestalpolyol I (299), with cytotoxicity against the mouse lymphoma cell line L5178Y, exhibiting an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 4.10  $\mu$ M, which was comparable to that of the positive control, kahalalide F (4.3 µM) [178]. Triacremoniate (300), isolated from mangrovederived fungus Acremonium citrinum, showed cytotoxicity against HeLa cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 30.46  $\pm$  1.99  $\mu$ M compared to 15.82  $\pm$  0.30  $\mu$ M for cisplatin (the positive control) [179]. Kaneoheoic acid I (301), isolated from Fusarium graminearum FM1010, displayed cytotoxic activities against the ovarian cancer cell line A2780 and TNF- $\alpha$ -induced NF- $\kappa$ B inhibitory activity, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 18.52 and 15.86 µM, respectively [180]. Pestalotiopsis heterocornis XWS03F09 yielded six novel polyketide derivatives named heterocornols A-C (302–304) and F–H (305–307). These compounds displayed cytotoxic activities against BGC-823, H460, PC-3, and SMMC-7721, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 18.7 to 83.5  $\mu$ M, whereas adriamycin, as the positive control, inhibited these cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.48, 0.98, 1.80, and 2.24 µM [181].



Figure 12. Structures of compounds 293–307.

## 2.2. Peptides

## 2.2.1. Diketopiperazine

Asperazine (308) (Figure 13), obtained from a sponge-derived culture of *Aspergillus niger*, demonstrated selective activity in a primary in vitro assay at 50  $\mu$ g/disk, targeting human leukemia murine colon 38, and human colon H116 or CX1 cell lines [182]. Leptosins A–C (309–311) [183], leptosins G (312), G1 (313), G2 (314), and H (315) [184], leptosins I–J (316–317) [185], leptosins K (318), K1 (319), and K2 (320) [186], leptosins M (321), M1 (322), N (323), and N1 (324) [187], and leptosins O–S (325–329) [188], isolated from Leptosphaeria sp. OUPS-4, found in the marine alga Sargassum tortile, exhibited strong cytotoxicity against P388, with ED<sub>50</sub> values of 1.85, 2.40, 1.75, 4.6, 4.3, 4.4, 3.0, 1130, 1250, 3.8, 2.2, 2.1, 1050, 1400, 180, 190, 1100, 100, 14,800, 15,200, and 10,100 ng/mL, respectively, whereas 5-fluorouracil (positive control) inhibited P388, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.058  $\mu$ g/mL. Compound **321** also demonstrated cytotoxicity against 39 other human tumor cell lines, with a mean  $\log GI_{50}$ of -5.25. Four new cytotoxic disulfides, rostratins A-D (330-333), were isolated from *Exserohilum rostratum* CNK-630, displaying cytotoxic activities against HCT-116, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 8.5, 1.9, 0.76, and 16.5 µg/mL [189]. Oidiodendron truncatum GW3-13 produced two new epipolythiodioxopiperazines, chetracins B (334), C (335), and a new diketopiperazine, chetracin D (336), showing cytotoxicity against BEL-7402, BGC-823, HCT-8, A549, and A2780, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.003–1.83  $\mu$ M. Concurrently, a positive control (paclitaxel) inhibited HCT-8, Bel-7402, and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.051, 0.006, and 0.016  $\mu$ M, and with  $IC_{50}$  values stronger than 0.001 against BGC-823 and A2780 [190]. Fusaperazines A (337) from Fusarium chlamydosporum OUPS-N124, separated from the marine alga Carpopeltis affinis, exhibited cytotoxic activity against P388, with an ED<sub>50</sub> value of 22.8  $\mu$ g/mL [191]. Gliocladium roseum OUPS-N132, isolated from a sea hare, produced glioperazine (338), showing significant cytotoxicity against P388, with an  $ED_{50}$  value of 6.7  $\mu$ g/mL [192]. A new thiodiketopiperazine, phomazine B (339) from Phoma sp. OUCMDZ-1847, associated with the mangrove plant Kandelia candel, displayed cytotoxic activity against MGC-803, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 8.5  $\mu$ M, while adriamycin (the positive control) inhibited the cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.17  $\mu$ M [193]. Two new diketopiperazines, spirobrocazine C (340) and brocazine G (341), were isolated from the mangrove-derived *Penicillium brocae* MA-231. Compound **340** exhibited moderate activities against A2780, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 59  $\mu$ M, while compound 341 displayed strong activities against A2780 cells and A2780 CisR cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 664 and 661 nM, which were stronger than that of cisplatin (the positive control), showing IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.67 and 12.63  $\mu$ M, respectively [194]. Penicimutide (342), a novel cyclic dipeptide from Penicillium purpurogenum G59, selectively inhibited HeLa cells, with an inhibition rate (IR%) of 39.4% at 100  $\mu$ g/mL, a similar inhibition intensity to that of the positive control, 5-fluorouracil (IR % of 41.4% at 100  $\mu$ g/mL against HeLa cells) [195]. Aspergillus nidulans SD-531 produced three novel emestrin-type thiodiketopiperazines, including didethio-11a-methylthioemestrin (343), 7'-epi-didethio-11a-methylthioemestrin (344), and 2"-desmethyl-MPC1001F (345). These compounds exhibited cytotoxic activity against the tumor cell line Huh 7.5, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 19, 10, and 8  $\mu$ M, a similar inhibition intensity to that of the positive control (sorafenib), with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 8.2  $\mu$ M [196].

Four undescribed indole diketopiperazine-based hybrids (**346–349**) were isolated from *Aspergillus* sp. EGF 15-0-3. Compounds **346** and **347** displayed cytotoxicity against bladder cancer cell lines 5637 and T24, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 13.11, 18.47, 41.26, and 47.92  $\mu$ M, while compounds **348** and **349** were active against hepatoma cell lines HCC-LM3 and 97H, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 5.42 and 3.40, and 3.73 and 8.22  $\mu$ M, respectively [197]. *Penicillium* sp. F23-2, obtained from a deep-ocean sediment, yielded two new diketopiperazines, roquefortines F (**350**) and G (**351**), which showed varying degrees of cytotoxicities against A549, HL-60, BEL-7402, and MOLT-4 [198]. Variecolortins B (**352**) and C (**353**) were isolated from *Eurotium* sp. SCSIO F452, which displayed moderate cytotoxicities, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 12.5, as well as values of 30.1  $\mu$ M against SF-268, and 15.0 and 37.3  $\mu$ M against HepG2 [199].



Figure 13. Structures of compounds 308–353.

# 2.2.2. Cyclicpetides

Sansalvamide A (**354**) (Figure 14), a novel cyclic pentadepsipeptide isolated from *Fusarium* sp. CNL-292, demonstrated selective cytotoxicity against HCT-116, COLO-205, and SK-MEL-2, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 9.8, 3.5, and 5.9  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [200]. Another

cyclic depsipeptide, N-Methylsansalvamide (355), obtained from Fusarium sp. CNL-619, exhibited weak cytotoxicity against the NCI human tumor cell line, with a mean  $GI_{50}$ value of 8.3 µM [201]. Scytalidium sp. CNC-310 produced two new cyclic heptapeptides, named scytalidamides A (356) and B (357), showing cytotoxicity against HCT-116, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 2.7 and 11.0  $\mu$ M. Both compounds displayed cytotoxicity against 60 NCI human tumor cell lines, with mean  $GI_{50}$  values of 7.9 and 4.1  $\mu$ M. Additionally, compound 356 exhibited cytotoxicity against MOLT-4, with a GI\_{50} value of 3.0  $\mu$ M, and 357 showed cytotoxicity against Uacc-257, with a  $GI_{50}$  value of 1.2  $\mu$ M [202]. Zygosporamide (358), a novel cyclic pentadepsipeptide from Zygosporium masonii CNK458, exhibited significant cytotoxicity across the NCI's 60 cell line panel, with a mean  $GI_{50}$  of 9.1  $\mu$ M. It displayed highly enhanced selectivity against SF-268, with a GI<sub>50</sub> value of 6.5 nM, and for RXF393, with a  $GI_{50}$  value lower than 5.0 nM [203]. A new cyclic depsipeptide 1962A (359) from a mangrove endophytic fungus (no. 1962) demonstrated cytotoxic activity against MCF-7, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 100  $\mu$ g/mL [204]. Trichoderide A (360), isolated from *Trichoderma reesei* YZ48-08, inhibited A375-S2 at a concentration of 18.5 µg/mL [205]. Clonostachys sp. ESNA-A009 produced a new cytotoxic cyclodepsipeptide with a  $C_2$  symmetry named IB-01212 (361). This compound exhibited cytotoxicity against HeLa, SK-BR3, LN-caP, and HT29, with a GI<sub>50</sub> value of 10 nM [206]. Two new cyclohexadepsipeptides, spicellamides A (362) and B (363), isolated from Spicellum roseum, showed cytotoxicity against neuroblastoma cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 30 and 6.2  $\mu$ g/mL [207]. Scopularides A (364) and B (365), novel cyclodepsipeptides from Scopulariopsis brevicaulis separated from the marine sponge Tethya aurantium, exhibited cytotoxic activities against HT29, Colo357, and Panc89, with inhibitory rate values between 24% and 49% at 10  $\mu$ g/mL [208]. Sclerotide B (366), containing both anthranilic acid and dehydroamino acid units, was isolated from Aspergillus sclerotiorum PT06-1, showing weak cytotoxicity against HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 56.1  $\mu$ M [209]. Pullularin E (367), obtained from Bionectria ochroleuca isolated from the inner leaf tissues of the plant Sonneratia caseolaris from Hainan Island, exhibited activity against the mouse lymphoma cells L5178Y, with an EC<sub>50</sub> value of 5.6  $\mu$ g/mL, which is comparable to the positive control (kahalalide F), with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 6.4  $\mu$ g/mL [210]. Cordyheptapeptides C (368) and E (369), isolated from Acremonium persicinum SCSIO 115, demonstrated cytotoxicity against SF-268, MCF-7, and NCI-H460 tumor cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values ranging from 2.5–12.1  $\mu$ M whereas the positive control (cisplatin) with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 1.6 to 10.2  $\mu$ M [211]. A novel cyclodecadepsipeptide, phaeosphamide A (370), isolated from mangrove-derived fungus Phaeosphaeriopsis sp. S296, exhibited inhibitory activities against AGS, BEL-7402, HepG2, B16, and BIU87 cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values ranging from 5.14 to 66.38 µM [212].

#### 2.2.3. Linear Peptides

RHM1 (371) and RHM2 (372) are highly *N*-methylated linear octapeptides isolated from an atypical strain of *Acremonium* sp. These compounds showed limited cytotoxicity against the murine cancer cell line L1210 [213]. Another compound, fellutamide C (373), was extracted from *Aspergillus versicolor* and demonstrated cytotoxic activity against XF498, SK-MEL-2, and HCT15, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 3.9, 5.1, and 3.1  $\mu$ M, while doxorubicin (the positive control) inhibited these cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.22, 0.07 and 0.33  $\mu$ M, respectively [214]. From the deep-sea-derived fungal strain *Simplicillium obclavatum* EIODSF 020, four novel linear peptides named simplicilliumtides A, E, G, and H (374–377) were obtained. Among these, compounds 374 and 376 exhibited weak cytotoxicity against the human leukemia HL-60 cell line, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 64.7 and 100  $\mu$ M. Additionally, compounds 375 and 377 displayed weak cytotoxicity towards the K562 cell line, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 39.4 and 73.5  $\mu$ M [215].



Figure 14. Structures of compounds 354–377.

#### 2.3. Terpenoids and Sterols

#### 2.3.1. Sesquiterpenoids

Penicillium sp. SS080624SCf1 produced a novel sesquiterpene named JBIR-28 (378) (Figure 15), exhibiting cytotoxicity against the human cervical carcinoma cell line HeLa, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 92  $\mu$ M [216]. Aspergillus sp. yielded two phenolic bisabolane sesquiterpenoid dimers, disydonols A (379) and C (380). These compounds were tested for cytotoxic activity against HepG-2 and Caski human tumor cell lines, displaying  $IC_{50}$  values of 9.31, 2.91 μg/mL against HepG-2, and 12.40 and 10.20 μg/mL against Caski, respectively [217]. *Chondrostereum* sp. nov. SF002, isolated from a soft coral *Sarcophyton tortuosum* in the South China Sea, produced a new triquinane-type sesquiterpenoid named chondrosterin A (381). This compound demonstrated cytotoxicity against A549, CNE2, and LoVo, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.45, 4.95, and 5.47 µM [218]. Additionally, chondrosterin J (382) from the same fungi exhibited potent cytotoxic activities against the cancer cell lines CNE-1 and CNE-2, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.32 and 0.56 µM [219]. Penicillium sp. FJ-1 yielded a new compound, 15hydroxy- $6\alpha$ ,12-epoxy- $7\beta$ ,10 $\alpha$ H,11 $\beta$ H-spiroax-4-ene-12-one (383), with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 10  $\mu$ M against Tca8113, 58 µM against the normal liver cell line WRL-68, and an antitumor effect on MG-63 cells with an  $IC_{50}$  value of 55 nM, whereas taxol (the positive control) inhibited Tca8113 and MG-63, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 46 and 10 nM, respectively [220]. Penicillium sp. PR19 N-1, an Antarctic deep-sea-derived fungus, produced two new eremophilane-type sesquiterpenes (384–385) with cytotoxicity, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 82.8, 5.2 against A-549, and 45.8 and 28.3 against HL-60 μM [221]. Ascotricha sp. ZJ-M-5 yielded two new caryophyllene derivatives (386 and 387) with a five-membered hemiacetal structural moiety. These compounds showed activity with  $GI_{50}$  values of 10.1, 12.3  $\mu$ M against K562, and 6.9 and  $8.5 \,\mu\text{M}$  against HL-60, which were greater than the positive control (cisplatin), with GI<sub>50</sub> values of 19.1 and 13.4 µM [222]. Aspergillus flocculosus, a Vietnamese marine-sedimentderived fungus, produced a new drimane derivative (388) displaying cytotoxic activity against murine neuroblastoma Neuro-2a and human prostate cancer 22Rv1, with  $IC_{50}$ values of 24.1 and 31.5  $\mu$ M, while docetaxel (the positive control) inhibited 22Rv1, with an  $IC_{50}$  value of 0.02  $\mu$ M [223]. A new nitrobenzoyl sesquiterpenoid, 6 $\beta$ ,9 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-14-pnitrobenzoylcinnamolide (389), was isolated from Aspergillus ochraceus Jcma1F17, showing significant cytotoxicity against various cancer cell lines, including H1975, U937, K562, BGC-823, Molt-4, MCF-7, A549, Hela, HL60, and Huh-7 (with  $IC_{50}$  values from 1.95 to 6.35 μM) [224]. Penicillium chrysogenum LD-201810 yielded a drimane sesquiterpene ester named chrysoride A (390), which displayed moderate cytotoxicity against HeLa and HepG2 cancer cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 35.6 and 28.9  $\mu$ M, respectively [225]. Lastly, two new compounds, nigerin (391) and ochracene J (392), isolated from Aspergillus niger, exhibited potent inhibitory activity on the production of nitric oxide (NO) in lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-stimulated RAW264.7 macrophages, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 8.5 and 4.6  $\mu$ M [226]. A pair of new enantiomers, (+)-393 and 394, and a new derivative (395) were produced by Aspergillus flavipes 297. Compounds 393 and 394 exhibited cytotoxicity, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 39.9, 43.3 μg/mL against HepG2, and 28.7 and 30.1 μg/mL against MKN-45, while compound **395** only inhibited HepG2, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 19.8  $\mu$ g/mL [227]. A new chlorinated, cyclic sesquiterpene, chloriolin A (396), was isolated from an unidentified fungus separated from the marine sponge Jaspis aff. Johnstoni. The new compound showed cytotoxicity against SNB-75 and T-47D, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.5 and 0.7  $\mu$ M, respectively [228]. Compound **397**, a new cytotoxic trichothecene sesquiterpene, was isolated from Acremonium neocaledoniae. The compound displayed cytotoxicity against KB, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.4  $\mu$ g/mL [229]. Talaromyces flavus produced talaperoxides A–D (398–401), two new norsesquiterpene peroxides. Compounds 399 and 401 exhibited cytotoxicity against MDA-MB-435, HeLa, MCF-7, HepG2, and PC-3, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.70 to 2.78  $\mu$ g/mL, which was stronger than compounds **398** and **400**, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 2.64 to 19.77  $\mu$ g/mL [230]. An Antarctic deep-sea-derived fungus Penicillium sp. PR19N-1 yielded a new chlorotrinoreremophilane sesquiterpene (402), which showed moderate cytotoxic activity against A549 and HL-60, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 12.2 and 11.8 µM [231].



Figure 15. Structures of compounds 378-402.

#### 2.3.2. Diterpenoids

Myrocin D (403) (Figure 16), obtained from Arthrinium sp. 9287, isolated from the Mediterranean sponge Geodia cydonium, exhibited cytotoxicity against K562, L5178Y, A2780CisR, and A2780, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 50.3, 2.05, 66.0, and 41.3  $\mu$ M compared to sunitinib (with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.12  $\mu$ M) [232]. *Epicoccum* sp. HS-1 produced a new pimarane diterpenes (404–405), with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 3.51, 20.74  $\mu$ g/mL against KB, and 2.34 and 14.47 µg/mL against KBv200 [233]. Four new oxygenated pimarane diterpenes, scopararanes C–E and G (406–409), were isolated from Eutypella scoparia FS26 collected from the South China Sea. These compounds exhibited activity against MCF-7, with  $IC_{50}$ values of 35.9, 25.6, 74.1, and 85.5 µM. Additionally, compound 407 displayed cytotoxicity against SF-268 and NCI-H460, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 43.5 and 46.1  $\mu$ M, whereas cisplatin (the positive control) inhibited SF-268, MCF-7, and NCI-H460, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4.0, 9.2, and 1.5 µM, respectively [234]. Another new pimarane-type diterpene, scopararane I (410), was identified from Eutypella sp. FS46. Compound 410 demonstrated activity against MCF-7, NCI-H460, and SF-268 tumor cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 83.91, 13.59, and 25.31 μg/mL [235]. The Penicillium brefeldianum strain WZW-F-69 produced a novel indole diterpenoid named paspaline C (411). This compound displayed inhibition rates of 55.1%, 56.1%, 56.4%, 71.2%, and 65.8% against HepG-2, U2OS, MCF7, JeKo-1, and HL-60 cell lines at a concentration of  $1 \mu M$  [236].



Figure 16. Structures of compounds 403-437.

Aspergillus wentii EN-48 yielded tetranorlabdane diterpenoids, asperolides A-B (412–413), which were evaluated for cytotoxic activity against several tumor cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values from 35 to 97  $\mu$ M [237]. Botryosphaerin F (414) was isolated from the mangrove fungus Aspergillus terreus GX73B. This novel compound showed potent inhibitory activity towards MCF-7 and HL-60 cancer cell lines, with a 50% inhibition of cell growth, with  $IC_{50}$ values of 4.49 and 3.43  $\mu$ M compared to the positive control epirubicin (with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.98 and 0.71 µM) [238]. A novel tetranorlabdane diterpenoid, known as asperolide E (415), was isolated from the fungus Aspergillus wentii SD-310, which was derived from deep-sea sediment. Compound 415 was assessed for its cytotoxicity against HeLa, MCF-7, and NCI-H446 cell lines, revealing  $IC_{50}$  values of 10.0, 11.0, and 16.0  $\mu$ M, respectively [239]. Five new 20-nor-isopimarane diterpenoids having a 14,16-cyclic ether unit and possessing a unique 6/6/6/5 tetracyclic skeleton, named asperethers A–E (416–420), isolated from Aspergillus wentii SD-310, showed cytotoxic activities against the A549 cell line, with  $IC_{50}$ values of 20, 16, 19, 17, and 20  $\mu$ M, while adriamycin as the positive control inhibited A549, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 8  $\mu$ M [240]. Three new bioactive breviane spiroditerpenoids named breviones F-H (421-423) were isolated from Penicillium sp., which were purified from a deep-sea sediment sample. Breviones F-H (421-423) were evaluated against HeLa cells and displayed inhibitory effects of 25.2%, 44.9%, and 25.3% at  $10 \,\mu$ g/mL, respectively [241]. Penicillium sp. F23-2, obtained from a deep-ocean sediment, yielded conidiogenone B-G (424-429), which showed varying degrees of cytotoxicities against A549, HL-60, BEL-7402, and MOLT-4, while compound 425 inhibited BEL-7402 and HL-60 cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$ values of 0.97 and 0.038 µM [198]. Ascandinine D (430), one novel indole diterpenoid, was isolated from an Antarctic sponge-derived fungus Aspergillus candidus HDN15-152, which displayed cytotoxicity against HL-60 cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 7.8  $\mu$ M, while adriamycin, as the positive control, inhibited HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.02  $\mu$ M [242]. Acremonium striatisporum KMM 4401, initially isolated from the holothurian Eupentacta fraudatrix, produced virescenosides O–Q (431–433) [243] and R–U (434–437) [244]. Compounds 432 and 434–437 showed cytotoxicity against various cancer cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values ranging

from 5.0 to 150  $\mu$ M. Moreover, compounds **431–437** demonstrated the ability to inhibit Ehrlich carcinoma, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 20 to 100  $\mu$ M [243,244].

#### 2.3.3. Sesterterpenoids

Fusarium heterosporum CNC-477 produced neomangicol A (438) (Figure 17) and B (439) [245], and mangicols A–G (440–446) [246]. Compound 438–439 had a previously undescribed carbon skeleton, representing a novel class of C<sub>25</sub> rearranged sesterterpenes. Compounds 440-446 were structurally unique sesterterpene polyols. Compound 438 displayed activity against MCF-7 and CACO-2, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4.9 and 5.7  $\mu$ M, which was stronger than the mean IC<sub>50</sub> value of 27  $\mu$ M, while compounds 440–446 exhibited IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 18 to 36 µM against 60 cell lines. Aspergillus CNK-371 yielded tropolactones A–C (447–449) containing an intriguing substituted 2,4,6-cycloheptatriene (tropone) ring. These compounds demonstrated in vitro cytotoxicity against human colon carcinoma (HCT-116), with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 13.2, 10.9, and 13.9 µg/mL [247]. Phomeroids A (450) and B (451), two novel meroterpenoids representing two types of skeletons, were isolated from the deep-sea-derived fungus Phomopsis tersa FS441. These compounds showed significant cytotoxicity against SF-268, MCF-7, HepG-2, and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 14.2, 12.0, 11.7, and 17.6  $\mu$ M for **450** and 0.50, 1.30, 1.00, and 1.10  $\mu$ M for **451**. Meanwhile, adriamycin as a positive control inhibited these cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 1.1 to 1.5  $\mu$ M [248]. A novel meroterpenoid, insuetolide C (452), isolated from Aspergillus insuetus (OY-207) from the Mediterranean sponge Psammocinia sp., exhibited mild cytotoxicity against MOLT-4 human leukemia cells, with an inhibition rate (IR%) of 51% at 50 mg/mL [249]. Two new sesterterpenes, ophiobolin O (453) and 6-epi-ophiobolin O (454), were isolated from the marine-derived fungus Aspergillus sp. 094102. These compounds demonstrated strong cytotoxicity against P388, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4.7 and 9.3  $\mu$ M [250]. Meroterpenes (455–456) were isolated from the marine fungus Penicillium sp. 303#, separated from seawater in Zhanjiang Mangrove National Nature Reserve, Guangdong Province, China. These compounds showed moderate cytotoxic activities against various cancer cell lines, including MDA-MB-435, HepG2, HCT-116, and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 34.25, 24.56, 33.72, and 37.82  $\mu g/mL$  , and 31.32, 23.87, 29.19, and 34.06  $\mu g/mL$  [163].



Figure 17. Structures of compounds 438–456.

# 2.3.4. Sterols

The fungus Gymnacella dankaliensis, derived from the Halichondria sponge, produced novel compounds: gymnasterone B-D (457-459) (Figure 18) and dankasterones A (460) and B (461) [251,252]. These compounds demonstrated cytotoxicity against P388, with  $ED_{50}$  values ranging from 0.9 to 2.5  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively. Six new ergosterols (462–467) were isolated from the marine-derived fungus Rhizopus sp., exhibiting stronger inhibition against P388 and HL-60 compared to A549 and BEL-7402. The cytotoxic activities against P388 and HL-60 showed IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 14 to 9.3 and 1.3 to 7.1  $\mu$ M [253]. Penicillium chrysogenum QEN-24S, an endophytic fungus from an unidentified marine red algal species, yielded the polyoxygenated steroid penicisteroid A (468). This structurally unique steroid with tetrahydroxy and C-16-acetoxy groups displayed cytotoxicity against NCI-H460, Hela, and SW1990 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 40, 15, and 31 µg/mL [254]. Aspergillus niger MA-132, an endophytic fungus from the mangrove plant Avicennia marina, produced two new 6,8(14),22-hexadehydro-5a,9a-epidioxy-3,15-dihydroxy sterols, named nigerasterols A (469) and B (470). These compounds showed cytotoxic activity, with  $IC_{50}$ values of 1.82, 5.41 µM against A549, and 0.30 and 1.50 µM against HL-60 [255]. Three new C<sub>25</sub> steroids (471–473) with an unusual bicyclo [4.4.1] A/B ring system were isolated from an antitumor mutant AD-1-2 of marine-derived Penicillium purpurogenum G59. These compounds exhibited cytotoxicity against HL-60 and K562, with an inhibition ranging from 13.3 to 34.7% at a tested concentration of 100 µg/mL [256]. Penicillium citrinum SC-SIO 41017, associated with the sponge Callyspongia sp., produced a new steroid named 16a-methylpregna-17a,19-dihydroxy-(9,11)-epoxy-4-ene-3,18-dione-20-acetoxy (474). Compound 474 exhibited moderate activity against SF-268, MCF-7, HepG-2, and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 13.5 to 18.0 μM [257]. A novel oxygenated steroid, aspersteroid A (475), was isolated from Aspergillus flavus YJ07-1, showing selective cytotoxicity against the A-549 cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 14.6  $\mu$ M [258].



Figure 18. Structures of compounds 457–475.

## 2.4. Hybrids

#### 2.4.1. Hybrids of Polyketides and Peptides (or Amino Acids)

Cytotoxic peptides, fellutamides A (476) (Figure 19) and B (477), were isolated from Penicillium fellutanum Btourge, found in the gastrointestinal tract of the marine fish Apogon endekataenia Bleeker. These two compounds (476 and 477) exhibited cytotoxicity against P388, L1210, and KB cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 0.2 and 0.1, 0.8 and 0.7, and 0.5 and 0.7 µg/mL [259]. Aspergillus fumigatus produced fumiquinazolines A (478), B (479), and D–G (480–483), displaying moderate cytotoxicity against P388, with ED<sub>50</sub> values of 6.1, 16.0, 13.5, 13.8, 14.6, and 17.7 µg/mL [260]. Gliocladium roseum OUPS-N132, isolated from the sea hare, yielded gliocladins A–C (484–486). Gliocladins A (484) and B (485) exhibited cytotoxicity against P388, with ED<sub>50</sub> values of 6.5 and 20  $\mu$ g/mL, while compound 486 showed more potent activity against P388, with an  $ED_{50}$  of 2.4 µg/mL [192]. Two new quinazoline alkaloids, aurantiomides B (487) and C (488), were isolated from the sponge-derived fungus Penicillium aurantiogriseum SP0-19. Aurantiomide B (487) exhibited moderate cytotoxicities against P388 and HL-60, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 54 and 52  $\mu$ g/mL. Aurantiomide C (488) showed cytotoxicity against P388 and BEL-7402, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 48 and 62  $\mu$ g/mL [261]. Luteoalbusins A (489) and B (490), two new indole diketopiperazines, were isolated from Acrostalagmus luteoalbus SCSIO F457, originally purified from deep-sea sediment. Compounds 489 and 490 showed cytotoxicity against MCF-7, NCI-H460, SF-268, and HepG-2, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.23–1.31  $\mu$ M, which was stronger than cisplatin, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.45–4.76 μM [262]. Using a modified diethyl sulfate mutagenesis procedure on Penicillium purpurogenum G59 yielded penicimutanins A (491) and B (492). These compounds inhibited HeLa, K562, HL-60, BGC-823, and MCF-7 human cancer cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 9.5/17.7, 11.4/19.9, 5.4/12.1, 8.0/16.6, and 5.4/8.0 μM [170]. Leptosins D–F (493–495) were isolated from Leptosphaeria sp. OUPS-4, separated from the marine alga Sargassum tortile. These compounds showed strong cytotoxicity against P388, with  $ED_{50}$  values of 86, 46, and 56 ng/mL [183]. Trichodermamide B (496), possessing a rare cyclic O-alkyl-oxime functionality incorporated into a six-membered ring, was isolated from Trichoderma virens CNL910. The novel modified dipeptide exhibited cytotoxicity against HCT-116, with an  $IC_{50}$  of 0.32 µg/mL [263]. *Microsporum* cf. gypseum CNL-629, separated from a sample of the bryozoan Bugula sp. collected in the U.S. Virgin Islands, yielded two new cyclic peptides named microsporins A (497) and B (498). These compounds showed cytotoxic activity against HCT-116, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.6 and 8.5  $\mu$ g/mL. Meanwhile, compound **497** also showed cytotoxic activities against 60 cancer cells, with a mean IC<sub>50</sub> value of 2.7  $\mu$ M [264]. A novel class of cytochalasans, penochalasins A–C (499–501) (Figure 20), was isolated from a strain of *Penicillium* sp. originally separated from the marine alga *Enteromorpha intestinalis*. All the compounds exhibited potent cytotoxicity against cultured P388 cells, with  $ED_{50}$ values of 0.4, 0.3, and 0.5 µg/mL [265].

*Penicillium* sp. OUPS-79, purified from the marine alga *Enteromorpha intestinalis*, yielded five new cytotoxic metabolites designated as penochalasins D-H (502-506). These compounds displayed moderate cytotoxic activities against P388, with ED<sub>50</sub> values of 3.2, 2.1, 1.8, 1.9, and 2.8 µg/mL [266]. Chaetoglobosin-542 (507) was extracted from Phomopsis asparagi, demonstrating weak cytotoxicity against C38, L1210, and CFU-GM [267]. Spicaria elegans KLA03 produced compounds 508–510 [268], 511–512 [269], 513 [270], 514–515 [271], and 516–517 [272]. Among these, compounds 508–513 and 516–517 exhibited cytotoxic activity against A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 4.3 to 21.0  $\mu$ M. Compounds 508–510 displayed cytotoxic effects on P388, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 56–99  $\mu$ M, and compounds 514–515 showed cytotoxicity against HL-60, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 19.9 and 20.0 µM. Xylaria sp. SC-SIO156, from the South China Sea marine sediment, produced 21-O-deacetylcytochalasin Q (518), with weak cytotoxic activity against SF-268 and NCF-H460 (with  $IC_{50}$  values of 44.3 and 96.4  $\mu$ M) [273]. Two new cytochalasin derivatives, deoxaphomins B (519) (Figure 21) and C (520), were isolated from the fungus Phoma sp. from the giant jellyfish Nemopilema nomurai. Compounds 519-522 displayed cytotoxicity against SK-MEL-2, SK-OV-3, A549, HCT15, and XF498, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 4.19 to 29.32  $\mu$ M [274]. The cytochalasan

asporychalasin (523) was isolated from Aspergillus oryzae in the Red Sea sediments off Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, showing moderate cytotoxic activity against A549, HepG2, and MCF-7, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 8.8  $\pm$  0.4, 7.4  $\pm$  0.2, and 8.3  $\pm$  0.3  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [275]. Aspergillus versicolor, isolated from a marine sponge Petrosia sp., produced fellutamide F (524), exhibiting cytotoxicity against A549, SK-OV-3, SK-MEL-2, XF498, and HCT15, with  $ED_{50}$  values ranging from 0.13 to 1.81 µg/mL, while doxorubicin (the positive control) inhibited these cell lines, with  $ED_{50}$  values ranging from 0.01 to 0.18 µg/mL [276]. Aspergillus terreus SCSGAF0162 produced asperterrestide A (525), a novel compound with cytotoxicity against U937 and MOLT4 human carcinoma cell lines, having  $IC_{50}$  values of 6.4 and 6.2 µM [277]. The fungus Aspergillus clavatus C2WU was found to produce clavatustides A (526) and B (527), which demonstrated the dose-dependent suppression of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) cell lines (HepG2, SMMC-7721, and Bel-7402). These compounds induced cell-cycle arrest in the G1 phase and reduced cells in the S phase [278]. Another fungus, Penicillium purpurogenum G59, yielded seven new lipopeptides named penicimutalides A-G (528-534), exhibiting cytotoxicity against various cancer cell lines, including K562, HL-60, HeLa, BGC-823, and MCF-7 [279].



Figure 19. Structures of compounds 476–498.



Figure 20. Structures of compounds 499-518.

In a mixed culture of two marine-alga-derived fungal strains of the genus *Aspergillus*, a new cyclotripeptide named psychrophilin E (**535**) was isolated. This compound showed cytotoxicity against HCT-116, A2780, K562, and A2780CisR cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 27.3 to 67.8  $\mu$ M, compared to 0.8 to 33.4  $\mu$ M for cisplatin [280]. From the marine-sponge-derived fungus *Aspergillus versicolor* SCSIO 41016, a new diketopiperazine alkaloid (**536**) exhibited weak cytotoxic activities against ACHN, OS-RC-2, and 786-O cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 27.0 to 47.1  $\mu$ M [281]. A deep-sea-derived fungus, *Aspergillus sydowii* MCCC 3A00324, produced a novel acremolin type alkaloid named acremolin D (**537**), exhibiting inhibitory effects against the proliferation of Hela-S3 and K562 cell lines, with an inhibition rate of 30.6% and 25.1% at the concentration of 20  $\mu$ M, respectively [282]. Additionally, a pentacyclic alkaloid named citrinadin C (**538**) was isolated from *Penicillium citrinum*, showing cytotoxic activities against the human liver cancer cell line MHCC97H, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 16.7  $\mu$ M [283]. *Aspergillus* sp. was found to produce asperphenins

A (539) and B (540), demonstrating significant antiproliferative activity against various human cancer cell lines, including RKO colorectal carcinoma cells. The IC<sub>50</sub> values for these compounds ranged from 0.8 to 9.7  $\mu$ M, which was comparable to the positive control etoposide [284].



Figure 21. Structures of compounds 519-540.

2.4.2. Hybrids of Polyketides and Terpenoids (or Steroids or Isoprenyls)

Aspergillus versicolor CNC 327, isolated from the surface of the Caribbean green alga *Penicillus capitatus*, produced a novel sesquiterpenoid nitrobenzoyl ester (**541**) (Figure 22). This compound exhibited potent cytotoxic effects against HCT-116, HCC-2998, SNB-75, and BT-549, with LC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.27 to 0.53  $\mu$ g/mL. Additionally, it demonstrated selective cytotoxicity against CAK-1, 786-0, TK-10, ACHN, and UO-31, with LC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.47 to 0.57  $\mu$ g/mL [285]. *Gymnacella dankaliensis*, a fungus derived from a Halichondria sponge, produced a novel compound called gymnasterone A (**542**). This compound exhibited inhibitory activity against P388, with an ED<sub>50</sub> value of 10.1  $\mu$ g/mL [252]. Another fungus, *Hypoxylon croceum*, yielded a sordarin derivative named hypoxysordarin (**543**), which displayed cytotoxicity against HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 50  $\mu$ g/mL [286]. A novel eremophilane sesquiterpene, 07H239-A (**544**), was isolated from *Xylariaceous* LL-07H239 and exhibited selective cytotoxic activity against CCRFCEM, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 0.9  $\mu$ g/mL [287]. *Chaetomium globosum*, isolated from the inner tissue of the marine red alga *Polysiphonia urceolata*, produced chaetopyranin (**545**), which displayed weak cytotoxicity against HMEC, SMMC-7721, and A549 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 15.4, 28.5, and

39.1 µg/mL [288]. Two newly identified drimane sesquiterpenoids (546–547) were obtained from the fungus Aspergillus ustus 8009, isolated from the marine sponge Suberites domuncula. Compound 546 demonstrated cytotoxic activity against the L5178Y cell line, with an  $EC_{50}$ value of 5.3  $\mu$ g/mL. On the other hand, compound 547 exhibited cytotoxic effects against L5178Y, PC12, and HeLa cell lines, with  $EC_{50}$  values of 0.6, 7.2, and 5.9  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [289]. Epoxyphomalins A (548) and B (549), characterized by unusual structural features, were isolated from Phoma sp. These compounds demonstrated mean IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.11 and 1.25  $\mu$ g/mL against 36 human tumor cell lines [290]. Epoxyphomalin D (550), produced by Paraconiothyrium sp. 193H12, displayed cytotoxic activity against prostate PC3M and bladder BXF 1218L, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.72 and 1.43  $\mu$ M, respectively [291]. A new compound, (E)-6-(4'-hydroxy-20-butenoyl)-strobilactone A (551), was isolated from Aspergillus insuetus (OY-207), which was purified from the Mediterranean sponge Psammocinia sp. This compound exhibited mild cytotoxicity against MOLT-4 human leukemia cells, with an inhibition rate (IR%) of 55% at 50 mg/mL [249]. Additionally, a novel drimane sesquiterpene (552) was isolated from Aspergillus ustus, displaying antitumor activity against P388, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 8.7  $\mu$ M [292]. Aspergillus ustus 094102 yielded ustusolates C (553) and E (554). Among these compounds, compound 554 demonstrated cytotoxicity against HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 9.0  $\mu$ M, while compound 553 showed moderate cytotoxicity against A549, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 10.5 μM [293].

Penicilliumin A (555) was extracted from Penicillium sp. F00120, isolated from a deepsea-sediment sample, and demonstrated moderate cytotoxic activity against B16, A375, and Hela cell lines, with GI<sub>50</sub> values of 27.37, 22.88, and 44.05 µg/mL, respectively [294]. Another newly discovered compound, brevione I (556), was obtained from *Penicillium* sp. C9408-3 in deep-sea sediment, exhibiting cytotoxicity against MCF-7, with an  $IC_{50}$ value of 7.44  $\mu$ M [295]. Aszonapyrone A (557) and aszonapyrone B (558), isolated from the coral-derived fungus Neosartorya laciniosa KUFC 7896, showed significant growth inhibition. Aszonapyrone A (557) displayed lower  $GI_{50}$  values (13.6, 11.6, and 10.2  $\mu$ M) against MCF-7, NCI-H460, and A375-C5 cell lines compared to sartorypyrone B (558) [296]. Anthcolorins B–D (558–560), unique tetrahydropyrane diterpene metabolites with oxoindoline at C-3, were derived from Aspergillus versicolor OUPS-N136, originally purified from the sea urchin Anthocidaris crassispina. These compounds exhibited cytotoxic activity against P388, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 2.2 to 8.5  $\mu$ M, which is comparable to 5-fluorouracil (the positive control) with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 1.2  $\mu$ M [297]. Cryptosphaerolide (561), an ester-substituted sesquiterpenoid from Cryptosphaeria sp. CNL-523, displayed cytotoxicity against HCT-116, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 4.5  $\mu$ M [298]. Penicillium concentricum ZLQ-69 produced phenylpyropene E (562), demonstrating cytotoxicity against the MGC-803 cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 19.1  $\mu$ M [299]. Asperienes A–D (563–566), four C-6'/C-7' epimeric drimane sesquiterpene esters, were isolated from Aspergillus flavus CF13-11. These compounds showed potent bioactivities against HeLa, MCF-7, MGC-803, and A549, with  $IC_{50}$  values ranging from 1.4 to 8.3  $\mu$ M. However, they also exhibited cytotoxicity against GES-1 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 78, 6.2, 4.9, and 83 µM [300]. Paecilomyces sp., a mangrove fungus from the Taiwan Strait, yielded paeciloxocin A (567), exhibiting strong cytotoxicity against HepG2, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 1  $\mu$ g/mL [301]. Penicillium expansum 091006, obtained from the mangrove plant *Excoecaria agallocha*, produced two new polyphenols, expansols A (568) and B (569). Expansol A (568) displayed cytotoxicity against HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 15.7  $\mu$ M, while expansel B (569) exhibited cytotoxicity against A549 and HL-60 cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 1.9 and 5.4 µM, respectively [302]. Meanwhile, the fungi produced expansols C (570) and E (571), showing weak cytotoxicity against HL-60 cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 18.2 and 20.8 µM, respectively [303]. Aspergillus ustus 094102 yielded ustusorane E (572), which exhibited cytotoxicity against HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 0.13 μM [293]. Nigrospora sp. MA75, an endophytic fungus derived from the marine semimangrove plant Pongamia pinnata, produced compound 573, which demonstrated moderate activity against SMMC7721, MCF-7, and SW1990, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 7, 4, and 5  $\mu$ g/mL, whereas fluorouracil (the positive control) demonstrated IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2, 4, and 16  $\mu$ g/mL [304]. *Stachylidium* sp. 220, isolated

from the sponge *Callyspongia* sp. cf. *C. flammea*, yielded two new phthalide derivatives, marilones A (**574**) and C (**575**), exhibiting weak antiproliferative activity, with average  $GI_{50}$  values of 36.7 and 26.6  $\mu$ M [305].



Figure 22. Structures of compounds 541-575.

Marilines  $A_1$  (576) (Figure 23) and  $A_2$  (577) were also produced, with 576 showing cytotoxicity against five cancer cell lines (with a mean GI<sub>50</sub> of 24.4  $\mu$ M) and 577 exhibiting cytotoxicity against 19 cancer cell lines (with a mean GI<sub>50</sub> of 11.02  $\mu$ M) [306].

Alternaria sp. JJY-32 produced bicycloalternarenes A-D (578-581), tricycloalternarenes A-C (582-584), and monocycloalternarenes A-D (585-588), all inhibiting RAW264.7 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 39 to 85 μM [307]. Neosartorya fischeri KUFC 6344 yielded a new meroditerpene (589) active against NCI-H460, MCF-7, and A375-C5, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 37.3, 46.3, and 21.5  $\mu$ M [296]. Prenpenicillide (590), a novel penicillide derivative from *Penicillium* sp. ZLN29, showed weak cytotoxicity against HepG2 cells (with an  $IC_{50}$  value of 9.9  $\mu$ M) [308]. Ligerin (591), a novel chlorinated sesquiterpenoid analogue of fumagillin from Penicillium canescentia MMS35, exhibited strong inhibitory activity against POS1, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 117 nM [309]. Penicillium sp. FJ-1 produced a new compound 592 with cytotoxicity against Tca8113 and MG-63 cells (with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 26 and 35  $\mu$ M, respectively) [220]. Aspergillus terreus OUCMDZ-1925 yielded rubrolides R (593) and S (594), both displaying cytotoxic activity against K562, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 12.8 and 10.9  $\mu$ M, while the  $IC_{50}$  value of adriamycin (the positive control) against K562 was 0.64  $\mu$ M [310]. Two new indole-diterpenoids (595-596) from Aspergillus flavus OUCMDZ-2205 arrested the A549 cell cycle in the S phase at a concentration of 10 µM. Additionally, compounds 595–596 exhibited weak cytotoxic activity against MCF-7 and A549, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 18–30  $\mu$ M [311]. Stachybotrys sp. MF347 produced compound 597, a spirocyclic drimane with activity on NIH-3T3 and HepG2 cells (with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 13.0 and 14.3 µM) [312]. Mucor irregularis QEN-189, originally isolated from the marine mangrove *plant Rhizophora stylosa*, yielded rhizovarins A, B, and E (598-600), which were cytotoxic against the A-549 cell line, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 11.5, 6.3, and 9.2  $\mu$ M. Compounds 598 and 599 also showed cytotoxicity against the HL-60 cell line, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 9.6 and 5.0 µM, respectively [313].



Figure 23. Structures of compounds 576–600.

#### 2.4.3. Hybrids of Peptides and Terpenoids (or Isoprenyls)

(-)-Phenylahistin (601) (Figure 24) was obtained from Aspergillus ustus and demonstrated potent cytotoxicity against various cell lines, including A431, A549, Hela, K562, MCF7, WiDr, and P388, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.18 to 0.33  $\mu$ M [314]. Notoamides A-C (602-604), isolated from Aspergillus sp., exhibited cytotoxicity against Hela and L1210, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 22 to 52  $\mu$ g/mL [315]. Notoamide I (605), also produced by the fungi, displayed weak cytotoxicity against HeLa, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 21  $\mu$ g/mL [316]. Spirotryprostatin E (606), along with two derivatives of fumitremorgin B (607–608) and 13oxoverruculogen (609), were isolated from Aspergillus fumigatus. Compound 606 showed cytotoxicity against A549, MOLT-4, and HL-60, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 3.1, 3.1, and 2.3  $\mu$ M, while compound 607 displayed cytotoxicity against BEL-7402, A549, MOLT-4, and HL-60, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 7.0, 11.0, 11.0, and 3.4  $\mu$ M. Compounds 608 and 609 exhibited cytotoxicity against HL-60, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 5.4 and 1.9  $\mu$ M, whereas VP16 (the positive control) inhibited BEL-7402, A549, MOLT-4, and HL-60, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.003–1.400 μM [317]. Three new diketopiperazine alkaloids, 6-methoxyspirotryprostatin B (610), 18-oxotryprostatin A (611), and 14-hydroxyterezine D (612), were isolated from Aspergillus sydowi PFW1-13. These compounds displayed weak cytotoxicity against A-549 cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 8.29, 1.28, and 7.31 µM, respectively. Compound 610 was slightly cytotoxic against HL-60, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 9.71  $\mu$ M [318]. Indole-3-ethenamide (613), isolated from halotolerant Aspergillus sclerotiorum PT06-1, exhibited cytotoxicity against HL-60 and A549, with  $IC_{50}$ values of 27 and 3.0 µM [319]. Aspergillus fumigatus YK-7 produced two new diketopiperazines, prenylcyclotryprostatin B (614) and 9-hydroxyfumitremorgin C (615), which showed cytotoxicity against U937, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 25.3 and 18.2  $\mu$ M [320]. Two new prenylated indole alkaloids, 5-chlorosclerotiamide (616) and 10-epi-sclerotiamide (617), were isolated from Aspergillus westerdijkiae DFFSCS013. These compounds exhibited cytotoxicity against K562, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 44 and 53  $\mu$ M [321]. A new diketopiperazine (618) from the Antarctic marine-derived fungus Penicillium crustosum HDN153086 displayed cytotoxicity against K562 cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 12.7  $\mu$ M [322].

#### 2.4.4. Other Hybrids

Citrinadin A (619) (Figure 25) is a recently discovered pentacyclic alkaloid isolated from Penicillium citrinum, derived from a marine red alga. In preliminary tests, citrinadin A (619) demonstrated moderate cytotoxic effects on murine leukemia L1210 cells and KB cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.2 and 10  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [323,324]. PJ147 (620), a novel diketopiperazine, was identified in *Gliocladium* sp. YUP08, originally isolated from sea mud in Rushan. PJ147 exhibited cytotoxicity against U937, HL-60, and T47D cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 0.79, 2.02, and 30.51  $\mu$ M, respectively [325,326]. Additionally, two new piperazine-2,5-dione derivatives, gliocladrides A (621) and B (622), from the same fungi, displayed cytotoxic effects on U937, HL-60, and T47D cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 11.60 to 52.83  $\mu$ M, while vincristin (the positive control) inhibited these cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 1.67–12.57  $\mu$ M [326]. Dihydrocryptoechinulin D (623) was isolated from Aspergillus effuses H1-1, sourced from mangrove rhizosphere soil. This compound exhibited potent activity against HL-60 and P388 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 4.80 and 1.83  $\mu$ M [327]. Tryptoquivalines T (624) and U (625), two novel alkaloids isolated from Neosartorya fischeri, demonstrated activity against HL-60 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 82.3 and 90.0  $\mu$ M [328]. Versicamide H (626), isolated from Aspergillus versicolor HDN08-60, displayed moderate cytotoxicity against HCT-116, Hela, K562, and HL-60 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 17.7, 19.4, 22.4, and 8.7 µM, respectively [329].



Figure 24. Structures of compounds 601–618.



Figure 25. Structures of compounds 619–626.

## 2.5. Others

*Penicillium* sp. strain, isolated from the marine alga *Enteromorpha intestinalis*, produced communesins A (**627**) (Figure 26) and B (**628**), with cytotoxic activity against P-388 lymphocytic leukemia cells, exhibiting ED<sub>50</sub> values of 3.5 and 0.45  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively [330]. Another *Penicillium* sp. strain, originally obtained from the Mediterranean sponge *Axinella verrucosa*, yielded communesins C (**629**) and D (**630**). These compounds demonstrated cytotoxicity against U-937, THP-1, NAMALWA, MOLT-3, and SUP-B15 cells, with ED<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 8.2 to 16.2  $\mu$ g/mL [331]. From a mangrove endophytic fungus *Penicil*-

*lium* sp., a novel pyrrolyl 4-quinolinone alkaloid named penicinoline (631) was isolated. Penicinoline exhibited cytotoxicity against 95-D and HepG2 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.57 and 6.5 μg/mL [332]. An unusual alkaloid (632), isolated from Fusarium incarnatum (HKI0504) purified from the mangrove plant Aegiceras corniculatum, showed weak antiproliferative and cytotoxic activities against HUVEC and K-562, with  $GI_{50}$  values of 41.1 and 33.3 µM. Additionally, compound 632 displayed cytotoxic activity against HeLa cells, with a CC<sub>50</sub> of 23.8 µM [125]. Acremonium strictum yielded acremolin (633), a novel modified base, demonstrating cytotoxicity against A549, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 45.9  $\mu$ g/mL (doxorubicin exhibited an IC50 of 1.83 lg/mL as a positive control) [333]. Penicillium aurantiogriseum produced auranomide B (634), which exhibited cytotoxic activity against HEPG2 cells, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 0.097  $\mu$ M [334]. From the deep-sea-derived *Penicillium* sp. F23-2, a new nitrogen-containing sorbicillinoid named sorbicillamine A (635) was isolated. These compounds displayed cytotoxic activity against HeLa, BEL-7402, HEK-293, HCT-116, and P388 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values exceeding 10  $\mu$ M [159]. Penipacids A (636) and E (637), two new anthranilic acid derivatives from Penicillium paneum SD-44, showed inhibitory activity against the human colon cancer RKO cell line, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 8.4 and 9.7  $\mu M$  [335]. Aspergillus violaceus WZXY-m64-17 yielded three new methylsuccinimide-based sulfurbearing compounds named violaceimides A, B, and E (638-640). Among these, compounds 638 and 639 displayed cytotoxicity with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 5.3, 1.8  $\mu$ M against U937, and 1.5 and 2.51  $\mu$ M against HCT-8, while 640 was active on U937, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 16.6  $\mu$ M [336]. Aspergillus terreus [CFCC 81836] produced asperterreusine A (641), exhibiting cytotoxicity against HL-60 and SW-480 cell lines, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 15.3 and 25.7  $\mu$ M [337]. Additionally, a new ester furan derivative (642) isolated from Aspergillus niger BRF-074 demonstrated activity against the HCT-116 cell line, with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 2.9  $\mu$ g/mL [338].



Figure 26. Structures of compounds 627-642.

#### 3. Conclusions and Perspectives

The ocean, serving as a rich habitat for various microorganisms, presents significant untapped potential. Fungi inhabiting marine environments have proven to be prolific producers of secondary metabolites, yielding an abundance of novel compounds with exceptional cytotoxic properties. From 1991 to August 2023, a total of 642 previously undiscovered cytotoxic compounds have been isolated and characterized from marine fungi. While our efforts have been exhaustive in documenting these newfound cytotoxic agents, it is possible that some compounds have eluded inclusion in our compilation. This review, encapsulated in Table S1, provides a comprehensive overview of these novel natural products, encompassing details such as their chemical structures, originating strains, the sources of these strains, and their respective cytotoxic activities. The data gleaned from the summary of cytotoxic compounds isolated from marine-derived fungi spanning 33 years (1991–2023) indicates a notable trend. The majority of these compounds (546 in total) emerged between 2004 and 2023, as illustrated in Figure 27. It is evident that the quantity of reported cytotoxic compounds has steadily increased since 1993, reaching its peak in 2013 with a record high of 69 new compounds. Subsequently, there has been a declining trend in the number of reported cytotoxic compounds. Remarkably, from 1995 to 2021, each year witnessed the discovery of ten or more new cytotoxic compounds, with the exceptions being 1996, 1997, 1999, and 2001.



Figure 27. Numbers of antitumor compounds isolated from marine fungi each year (1991–2023).

The articles reporting these 642 compounds have been published in 50 different journals. Most of the articles reporting these compounds in the period of time (1991–2023) were published in *J. Nat. Prod.* (58), *Mar. Drugs* (41), *J. Antibiot.* (28), *Tetrahedron* (22), *Nat. Prod. Res.* (19), *Tetrahedron Lett.* (16), *J. Org. Chem.* (14), and *Org. Lett.* (11) (Figure 28). The main journals that reported the cytotoxic compounds from marine fungi were *J. Nat. Prod.* (17.4%), *Mar. Drugs* (12.3%), *J. Antibiot.* (8.4%), *Tetrahedron* (6.6%), *Nat. Prod. Res.* (5.7%), *Tetrahedron Lett.* (4.8%), *J. Org. Chem.* (4.2%), and *Org. Lett.* (3.3%) (Figure S1). In particular, the number of articles of these compounds published in *Phytochemistry* was nine, which were second only to the major journals mentioned above.



Figure 28. Journals that reported antitumor compounds and numbers of papers published (1991–2023).

Cytotoxic compounds, based on their structural characteristics, fall into five primary categories: polyketides, peptides, terpenoids and sterols, hybrids, and other miscellaneous compounds. These compounds display a wide array of chemical structures, with polyketides comprising the majority, totaling 307 compounds and accounting for 47.8% of the newly discovered antitumor agents (Figure 29). Among these polyketides, a significant proportion can be further categorized into macrolides, lactones, pyrones, and lactams (105 compounds), as well as chromones, xanthones, coumarins, benzoquinones, naphthoquinones, anthraquinones, and other aromatic compounds (121 compounds), collectively representing 35.2% of the total 642 cytotoxic compounds. Notably, the distribution of these compounds among marine-derived fungi varies. Specifically, the number of such compounds isolated from Aspergillus sp., Penicillium sp., and other fungal sources were 148, 140, and 354 compounds, respectively (Table S1). Aspergillus sp. emerged as the primary source of antitumor compounds, with *Penicillium* sp. following closely behind. These findings indicate that Aspergillus sp. and Penicillium sp. are significant producers of secondary metabolites in marine fungi, yielding a diverse range of promising compounds with potential biological activities.

Among the 642 compounds that have been documented, the majority have undergone testing for their cytotoxic activities, revealing predominantly moderate results. However, a subset of approximately twenty-three compounds within this dataset stands out due to their notably potent cytotoxic activity, exhibiting IC50 values at the nanomolar (nM) or nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) scale. Examples of such compounds include 23 [13], **65** [41], **309–315** [183,184], **318–320** [186], **323–324** [187], **326** [188], **341** [194], **358** [203], 361 [206], 383 [220], 493–495 [183], and 591 [309]. It is noteworthy that most of these 642 compounds are constructed upon known structural frameworks or represent analogues of previously reported structures. Over the past decade, there has been a declining trend in the proportion of compounds with unique structural scaffolds derived from marine fungi. Nevertheless, the exploration and cultivation of uncharted and atypical microbial sources, including microorganisms residing in extreme environments, hold the potential to guide the discovery of novel compounds characterized by distinctive structures and exceptional biological activities. Recent years have witnessed a surge of interest among researchers in the realm of microbial biosynthesis, with the expectation of unearthing compounds featuring novel structures and unique properties through biological means. This pursuit involves the application of an increasing array of bioinformatics tools to

identify potential biosynthetic gene clusters responsible for the production of fungal natural products. A routine sequencing of the genomes of fungal strains has further propelled this endeavor. The development of high-yield, broadly applicable expression systems for the biosynthesis of small molecules, the construction of genetic tools designed to harness the latent biosynthetic capabilities of cultured marine fungi, and the activation of "dormant" biosynthetic pathways all stand as pivotal strategies for the discovery of small molecules originating from marine fungi. Research aimed at comprehending the genetic and biochemical mechanisms underlying the biosynthetic pathways of marine fungi will open promising avenues for the design and identification of compounds endowed with enhanced anti-cancer properties.



Figure 29. Structural classes of antitumor compounds from marine fungi (1991–2023).

**Supplementary Materials:** The following supporting information can be downloaded at: https://www.mdpi.com/article/10.3390/md22020070/s1, Figure S1. Percentages of antitumor compounds published in different journals (1991–2023). Table S1. Cytotoxic compounds isolated from marine fungi (1991–2023).

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