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3 *ABSTRACT* Four new polyketides (**1-4**) were isolated from the EtOAc extract of
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5 the fungus *Embellisia eureka*, an endophyte of the Moroccan plant *Cladanthus arabicus*
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7 (*Asteraceae*). The structures of these new compounds were determined on the basis of one-
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9 and two-dimensional NMR spectroscopy as well as by high-resolution mass spectrometry.
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11 The absolute configurations of **1-3** were determined by TDDFT ECD calculations of solution
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13 conformers, online HPLC-ECD analysis and modified Mosher's method.
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INTRODUCTION

Natural products from endophytic fungi continue to be an interesting research topic which attracts chemists and pharmacologists alike due to their unique skeletons and their important biological activities.¹⁻⁵ Several studies proved the role of such metabolites in mutualistic interactions between endophytes and host plants which in many cases result in benefits for both partners.⁶ Recent reviews showed that endophytes are an inexhaustible source of bioactive secondary metabolites and lead structures, from which a significant number of natural drugs may be developed. These secondary metabolites include alkaloids, benzopyranones, chinones, flavonoids, phenolic acids, quinones, steroids, terpenoids, tetralones, xanthenes and others.^{2-5,7} Such bioactive metabolites find wide-ranging application as agrochemicals, antibiotics, immunosuppressants, antiparasitics, antioxidants and anticancer agents.^{2-5,7-8} During our ongoing search for new bioactive metabolites from terrestrial endophytes,⁹⁻¹² we isolated an endophytic *Embellisia eureka* strain from stem tissues of the plant *Cladanthus arabicus* (Asteraceae) growing in Morocco. Literature survey on members of the genus *Embellisia* showed that a heptatrienoic acid-substituted bicyclic ketone derivative¹³ and terpestacin¹⁴ were previously reported from *Embellisia chlamydospora*. Moreover, hydroxyl substituted indolizidine alkaloids were obtained from *Embellisia oxytropis*.¹⁵ Thus the fungal strain *E. eureka* evoked our attention since apparently it had only received scant attention in the past.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

General Experimental Procedures

Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer-241 MC polarimeter. 1D and 2D NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 300, ARX 400 or AVANCE DMX 600 NMR spectrometers. ESIMS and HRESIMS were obtained on Finnigan LCQ Deca and Micromass Qtof 2 mass spectrometers, respectively. ECD spectra were recorded on a J-810 spectropolarimeter.

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3 Solvents were distilled prior to use, and spectral grade solvents were used for spectroscopic
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5 measurements. HPLC/ECD analysis: HPLC separations were carried out with a Jasco HPLC
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7 system on a Chiralpak IC column (5 μm , 150 \times 4.6 mm) using hexane/isopropanol 6:4 as
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9 eluent. The HPLC/ECD and HPLC/UV traces were recorded at 270 nm with a Jasco J-810
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11 CD spectropolarimeter equipped with a 1 cm pathlength HPLC flow cell and the
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13 chromatogram was zeroed right after the start of recording, and hence relative absorbance was
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15 measured. The on-line CD and UV spectra (200–400 nm) were recorded simultaneously at the
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17 maxima of the UV peaks where the flow was stopped. ECD ellipticity values were not
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19 corrected for concentration. For an HPLC-ECD spectrum, three consecutive scans were
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21 recorded and averaged with 2 nm bandwidth, 1 s response, and standard sensitivity. The
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23 HPLC-ECD spectrum of the eluent recorded in the same way was used as back-ground. The
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25 UV-absorption trace was recorded as high tension voltage (HTV) and converted to
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27 absorbance. The concentration of the injected sample was set so that the HT value did not
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29 exceed 500 V in the HT channel down to 220 nm.
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36 ***Fungal Material***

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38 Fresh, healthy stems of *Cladanthus arabicus* (Asteraceae) were collected in September 2010
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40 in Morocco. Stems were rinsed twice with sterilized distilled water. Surface sterilization was
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42 achieved by immersing the leaves in 70% ethanol for 2 min (twice) followed by rinsing twice
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44 in sterilized distilled water. The stems were then cleaved aseptically into small segments
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46 (approx.1 cm in length). The material was placed on a Petri dish (malt agar medium)
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48 containing chloramphenicol to suppress bacterial growth (medium composition: 15 g/L malt
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50 extract, 15 g/L agar, and 0.2 g/L chloramphenicol in distilled water, pH 7.4-7.8) and
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52 incubated at room temperature (22 $^{\circ}\text{C}$). After several days, hyphae growing from the plant
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54 material were transferred to fresh plates with the same medium, incubated again for 10 days,
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56 and periodically checked for culture purity.
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Identification of Fungal Cultures

Fungal cultures were identified according to a molecular biological protocol by DNA amplification and sequencing of the ITS region as described previously.¹⁶ The sequence data have been submitted to GenBank, accession number HE653395. The fungal strain was identified as *Embellisia eureka*. A voucher strain (strain designation CATS2) is kept in the Institute of Pharmaceutical Biology and Biotechnology, Duesseldorf, Germany.

Cultivation

Twenty Erlenmeyer flasks (1L each) containing 100 g of rice and 100 mL of distilled water were autoclaved. A small part of the medium from a Petri dish containing the purified fungus was transferred under sterile conditions to the rice medium. The fungal strain was grown on solid rice medium at room temperature (22 °C) for 40 days.

Extraction and Fractionation

The culture was extracted with EtOAc. The EtOAc extract was washed with water, taken to dryness and partitioned between *n*-hexane and 90% MeOH. The 90% MeOH fraction was chromatographed over silica gel F₂₅₄ (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) using gradient elution (*n*-Hexane: EtOAc: DCM: MeOH). One of the resulting fractions (70 % EtOAc/30 % *n*-hexane) was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 using 100% methanol as mobile phase. Yields of compounds were as follows: **1/2** 2.5 mg, **3** 4 mg and **4** 1.5 mg.

rac-**Embeurekols**: yellow amorphous mass; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 0 (*c* 0.05, MeOH); ¹H and ¹³C in DMSO-*d*₆, see table 1; HRESIMS *m/z* 241.0707 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for C₁₁H₁₂O₆, 241.0707).

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3 **Embeurekol A:** (*R*)-1: retention time (t_r) 4.48 min ; ECD data recorded online in
4 hexane/isopropanol 6:4 as λ_{\max} ($\Delta\epsilon$): 323 (0.20), 271 (-2.46), 241 (-0.89), 225 (1.27), 217sh
5 (1.23), negative below 210 nm.
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9 **Embeurekol B:** (*S*)-2: retention time (t_r) 4.25 min (Chiralpak IC, 5 μm , 150 \times 4.6 mm,
10 hexane/isopropanol 6:4 eluent); ECD data recorded online in hexane/isopropanol 6:4 as λ_{\max}
11 ($\Delta\epsilon$): 319 (-0.10), 271 (2.39), 240 (1.26), 226 (-1.50), 214sh (-1.29), positive below 210 nm.
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18 **Embeurekol C (3):** yellow amorphous mass; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -17 (c 0.05, MeOH); ECD (CH_3CN , c =
19 3.8×10^{-4}) λ_{\max} ($\Delta\epsilon$): 301 (-0.71), 254 (3.27), 225 (2.06), 208 (-11.04). ^1H and ^{13}C in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$,
20 see table 2; HRESIMS m/z 241.0688 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$, 241.0707).
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28 **Embeurekol D (4):** yellow amorphous mass; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -8 (c 0.05, MeOH); ^1H and ^{13}C in DMSO-
29 d_6 , see table 2; HRESIMS m/z 285.0423 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6\text{S}$, 285.0433).
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35 **Mosher Method**

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37 The reaction was performed according to a convenient Mosher ester procedure.¹⁷
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41 **Computational Section**

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43 Conformational searches were carried out by means of the Macromodel 9.7.211¹⁸ software
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Geometry reoptimizations at B3LYP/6-31G(d) in vacuo and B3LYP/TZVP levels of theory
applying a PCM solvent model for MeCN followed by TDDFT ECD calculations using
various functionals (B3LYP, BH&HLYP, PBE0) and TZVP basis set were performed by the
Gaussian 09¹⁹ package. Boltzmann distributions were estimated from the ZPVE corrected
B3LYP/6-31G(d) energies in the gas-phase calculations, and from the B3LYP/TZVP energies

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3 in the PCM calculations. ECD spectra were generated as the sum of Gaussians²⁰ with 2400
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5 cm^{-1} half-height width (corresponding to ca. 14 at 240 nm), using dipole-velocity computed
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7 rotational strengths for conformers above 3%. The MOLEKEL²¹ software package was used
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9 for visualization of the results.
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11 12 13 14 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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16 The crude ethyl acetate extract of *Embellisia eureka*, cultured on solid rice medium, was
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18 taken to dryness and then partitioned between *n*-hexane and 90% methanol. The 90%
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20 methanol fraction was chromatographed over different stationary phases. Final purification
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22 by semi-preparative reversed-phase HPLC afforded four new compounds whose structures
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24 were elucidated by high resolution ESI mass spectrometry and NMR spectroscopy. These
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26 new compounds were identified as the polyketides named, embeurekols A (**1**) and B (**2**),
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28 embeurekol C (**3**) and embeurekol D (**4**).
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34 Embeurekols A (**1**) and B (**2**) were obtained as a racemic mixture forming a yellowish
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36 amorphous mass. The HRESI-MS exhibited a strong peak at m/z 241.0707 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ indicating a
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38 molecular formula of $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ (calcd for 241.0707) for both **1** and **2**. The NMR data of **1** and **2**
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40 showed only one set of signals. Comparison of NMR data of embeurekols **1** and **2** with those of
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42 the known 3,6,8-trihydroxy-3-methyl-3,4-dihydroisocoumarin, isolated from *Alternaria*
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44 *kikuchiana* by Kameda *et al.*,²² showed a close relationship except for an extra methoxy group
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46 in embeurekols. The ^1H NMR spectrum showed a singlet at δ_{H} 1.62 ppm assigned for CH_3 -11,
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48 two doublets at δ_{H} 3.10 (d, 16.9 Hz) and 3.18 ppm (d, 16.9 Hz) integrated for 2 protons,
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50 attributed to the CH_2 -4 geminal protons, an aromatic singlet at δ_{H} 6.29 ppm assigned to H-7, a
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52 singlet integrated for 3 protons at δ_{H} 3.63 ppm assigned to OCH_3 -12, and three singlets at δ_{H}
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54 7.42, δ_{H} 10.70 and 10.90 ppm which were attributed to the hydroxyl groups 3-OH, 6-OH and 8-
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56 OH, respectively. In the HMBC spectrum, H-7 showed strong 3J correlations to C-5 and C-9, 2J
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3 correlations to C-6 and C-8 and a weak 4J correlation to the *keto*-group C-1. Further inspection
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5 of the HMBC spectrum revealed correlations of CH₃-11 at δ_H 1.62 ppm to C-3 (δ_C 105.1) and
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7 C-4 (δ_C 32.2), and of CH₂-4 at δ_H 3.10 and 3.18 ppm to C-3, C-5, C-9, C-10 (δ_C 130.9) and C-
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9 11 (δ_C 22.3). The attachment of the methoxy group to the aromatic ring was confirmed by its
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11 HMBC correlation to C-5. The structure was further confirmed by a ROESY experiment. The
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13 OCH₃-12 signal at δ_H 3.63 ppm showed strong ROESY correlations to CH₂-4 at δ_H 3.10 and
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15 3.18 ppm, whereas H-7 at δ_H 6.29 ppm showed strong ROESY correlations to both aromatic
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17 hydroxyl groups at δ_H 10.70 and 10.90 ppm indicating its position between both hydroxyls.

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20 The ECD measurement of embeurekols A (**1**) and B (**2**) did not afford a distinct ECD spectrum
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24 equatorial 3-OH of comparable populations. Thus a chiral HPLC analysis was performed,
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26 which could confirm that the sample is a racemic mixture and the two enantiomers were base-
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30 chromatograms. Since online HPLC-ECD measurements had been found an efficient tool to
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32 study stereoisomeric mixtures of natural products,^{23,24} the online HPLC-ECD spectra of the
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34 separated enantiomers were recorded showing characteristic transitions of dihydroisocoumarins
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36 with mirror image relationship. The second-eluted enantiomer had a weak positive CE at 323
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38 nm (1L_b type), two negative transitions at 271 and 241 nm ($n-\pi^*$ and $\pi-\pi^*$), a positive one at
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40 225 nm ($\pi-\pi^*$) and the ECD curve had negative values below 210 nm. The heteroring of
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42 dihydroisocoumarins adopts a half-chair or envelop conformation, the helicity of which is
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44 defined by the $\omega_{C-5a,C-4,C-3,O}$ torsional angle. Negative $\omega_{C-5a,C-4,C-3,O}$ torsional angle implies *M*
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46 helicity of the heteroring, which results in negative $n-\pi^*$ CE regardless of the substitution
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48 pattern of the aromatic ring. This helicity rule was established on the basis of synthetic 3-
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50 substituted dihydroisocoumarin derivatives²⁵ and it was confirmed by TDDFT ECD
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52 calculations and applied to the configurational assignment of natural dihydroisocoumarins.²⁶⁻²⁸
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3 derives from *M* helicity of the heteroring. For the configurational assignment, one has to know
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6 by both B3LYP/6-31G(d) in vacuo and B3LYP/TZVP applying a PCM solvent model for
7 MeCN. The two methods came to the same conclusion; the 3-OH preferably adopts *axial*
8 orientation. In the B3LYP/TZVP optimization, 82.7% population was represented by the 3-
9 OH_{ax} and 10.5% by the 3-OH_{eq} conformers when populations above 3% were considered
10 (Figure 1). The preferred 3-OH_{ax} conformation also corroborates the observed ROE effects
11 among the equatorial 3-Me and both 4-Hs. The *M* helicity of the heteroring and the *axial*
12 orientation of 3-OH defines the (3*R*) absolute configuration of the second-eluted enantiomer,
13 which was named embeurekol A (**1**). Since the n-π* CE of dihydroisocoumarins often overlaps
14 with π-π* transitions, our assignment was also confirmed by the TDDFT ECD calculation of
15 the solution conformers using various functionals (B3LYP, BH&HLYP, PBE0) and TZVP
16 basis set. The Boltzmann-averaged ECD curve of (*R*)-**1** reproduced well the experimental curve
17 of the second-eluted enantiomer, which unambiguously confirmed our former assignment by
18 the semi-empirical ECD rule (Figure 2). Thus compounds **1** and **2** were found to be new
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46 strong peak at *m/z* 241.0688 [M+H]⁺ indicating the molecular formula C₁₁H₁₂O₆ (calcd for
47 241.0707). Comparison of NMR data of **3** with those of the known acetophthalidin, previously
48 isolated from *Aspergillus fumigates*,²⁹ showed a close relationship except for an extra methoxy
49 group as well as reduction of the C-1' ketone carbonyl of acetophthalidin in **3**. ¹H NMR
50 spectrum showed a doublet resonating at δ_H 0.73 ppm (*J*=6.3 Hz) assigned for CH₃-2', a
51 multiplet at δ_H 4.24 ppm for H-1', a doublet at δ_H 5.45 ppm (*J*=2.3 Hz) for H-3, a singlet at δ_H
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3 3.69 ppm for OCH₃-10, an aromatic singlet at δ_{H} 6.45 ppm for H-6 and two singlets at δ_{H} 10.21
4 and 10.46 ppm assigned for the aromatic hydroxyl groups 7-OH and 5-OH, respectively. The
5 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum showed one distinct spin system including CH₃(2')CH(1')OH(1')CH(3).
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9 In the HMBC spectrum, H-6 showed strong ³J correlations to C-4 and C-8, whereas ²J
10 correlations to C-5 and C-7 and a weak ⁴J correlation to the C-1 carbonyl group were likewise
11 observed. Moreover, correlations of CH₃-2' at δ_{H} 0.73 ppm to C-1' and C-3, of H-1' at δ_{H} 4.24
12 ppm to C-2' and C-3 and of H-3 at δ_{H} 5.45 ppm to C-1, C-4, C-8, C-9, C-1' and C-2' as well as
13 to C-5 and C-7 *via* ⁴J-correlation, were also detected. The attachment of the methoxy group (δ_{H}
14 3.69 ppm) to the aromatic ring at position C-4 was confirmed by its HMBC correlation to C-4.
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23 The structure was further confirmed by a ROESY experiment. The OCH₃-10 at δ_{H} 3.69 ppm
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25 δ_{H} 0.73 ppm. In addition, H-6 resonating at δ_{H} 6.45 ppm showed a strong ROESY correlation to
26 both aromatic hydroxyl groups at δ_{H} 10.21 and 10.46 ppm indicating its position between both
27 hydroxyls.
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34 Embeurekol C (**3**) was optically active and it showed negative CEs at 301 (n- π^*) and 208 nm
35 and positive ones at 254 and 225 nm. Since the ECD spectrum is governed by the absolute
36 configuration of the fused heteroring, ECD calculation could be used to determine the absolute
37 configuration of C-3. The B3LYP/TZVP reoptimization (PCM solvent model for MeCN) of
38 the initial MMFF conformers of (3*S*,1'*S*)-**3** afforded five conformers above 3% population
39 totalling 90.8%. Two major conformations could be identified; in the low-energy one
40 represented by two conformers (54.3% and 8.3%), 3-H is *anti-periplanar* with 1'-H and 1'-
41 OH is hydrogen-bonded to 4-OMe, while in the higher-energy one manifested in three
42 conformers (18.4%, 5.0% and 4.8%), the 3-H is *anti-periplanar* with the C-2' (Figure 4). The
43 Boltzmann-averaged TDDFT ECD spectra of (3*S*,1'*S*)-**3** was in agreement with the
44 experimental curve (Figure 5) allowing the configurational assignment of C-3 as (*S*).
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5 ECD curve of the experimental spectrum confirming the above assignment. It is worth noting
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7 that ECD spectra of the related phthalide metabolites (+)-spiroloxine and sporotricale could
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9 not be used for the configurational assignment of C-3, since they showed markedly different
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11 ECD curves, which can be attributed to the chelating 7-OH group of **3**.³⁰

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16 Mosher method was applied¹⁷ to deduce the absolute configuration at C-1'. The chemical shift
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18 differences between the (*S*)- and the (*R*)-MTPA esters allowed the assignment of the absolute
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20 configuration as (1'*S*) (Table 3). Thus compound **3** was identified as a new natural product with
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22 (–)-(3*S*,1'*S*) absolute configuration and named as embeurekol C.

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29 strong peak at m/z 285.0423 [M+H]⁺ indicating the molecular formula C₁₂H₁₂O₆S (calcd for
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31 285.0433). NMR data of **4** were very similar to those of **3**. ¹H NMR spectrum showed a singlet
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33 at δ_{H} 2.13 ppm for CH₃-2', a singlet at δ_{H} 1.80 ppm for CH₃-3', a singlet at δ_{H} 3.69 ppm for
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35 OCH₃-10, an aromatic singlet at δ_{H} 6.61 ppm for H-6, and two singlets at δ_{H} 10.81 and 11.00
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37 ppm attributed to the aromatic hydroxyl groups 7-OH and 5-OH, respectively. The ¹³C chemical
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39 shift of CH₃-3' (δ_{C} 11.2 ppm) indicated its attachment to a sulfur atom (which is also confirmed
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41 by HRMS). The attachment of SCH₃-3' to C-3 was confirmed by the HMBC correlation of
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43 CH₃-3' to C-3. In the HMBC spectrum, H-6 showed strong ³*J* correlations to C-4 and C-8, ²*J*
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47 of the HMBC spectrum revealed additional correlations of CH₃-2' at δ_{H} 2.13 ppm to C-1' and C-
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3 ECD measurement and thus its absolute configuration could not be determined. According to its
4 spectroscopic data, compound **4** is a new natural product which is named embeurekol D.

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7 Compounds **1/2** and **3** were evaluated for their biological activities, including cytotoxic
8 activity against murine L5178Y cells and antibacterial activity against multi drug resistant
9 strains of *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Enterococcus faecium* and
10 *Enterococcus cloacae*. In addition, anti-fungal activity of the isolated compounds against drug
11 resistant strains of *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Aspergillus faecalis*, *Candida albicans* and *Candida*
12 *krusei* was likewise investigated. However, none of the isolated natural products proved to be
13 active in the bioassays carried out.
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24 25 **Conclusion**

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27 Four new polyketides (**1-4**) were isolated and identified from the endophytic fungus
28 *Embellisia eureka*, an endophyte of *Cladanthus arabicus*. Absolute configurations of the
29 isolated structures (**1-3**) were determined by TDDFT ECD calculations of their solution
30 conformers. In addition, the modified Mosher method was applied to determine the absolute
31 configuration at C-1' in **3**, which could not be unambiguously determined by CD. However, **1-3**
32 were inactive when tested for their antimicrobial and cytotoxic activities.
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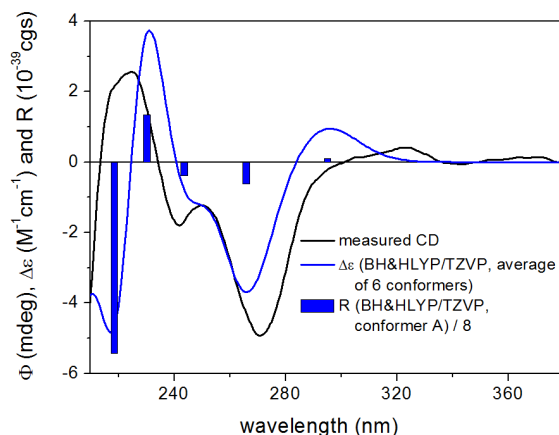


Figure 2. Online HPLC-ECD spectrum of (*R*)-**1** (second-eluted enantiomer) in hexane/isopropanol 6:4 compared with the Boltzman-weighted PBE0/TZVP spectrum calculated for six low-energy conformers of (*R*)-**1**. Bars represent rotational strengths of the lowest-energy conformers and online HPLC-ECD spectrum is scaled to the computed curve.

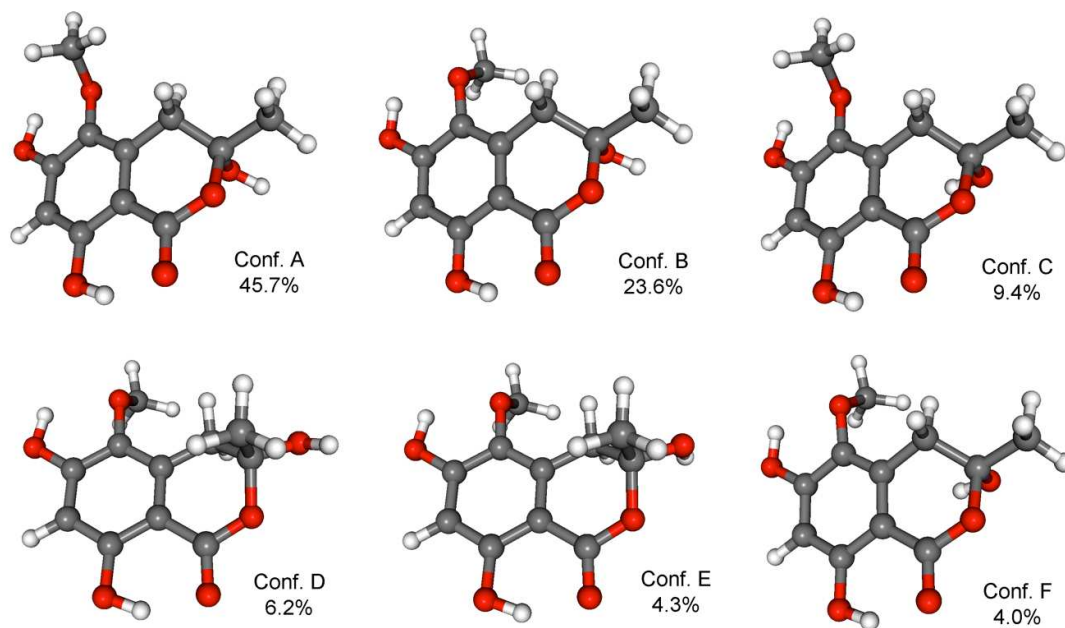


Figure 3. Solution conformers and populations (above 3%) of (*R*)-**1** obtained by B3LYP/TZVP reoptimization (PCM solvent model for acetonitrile) of MMFF conformers.

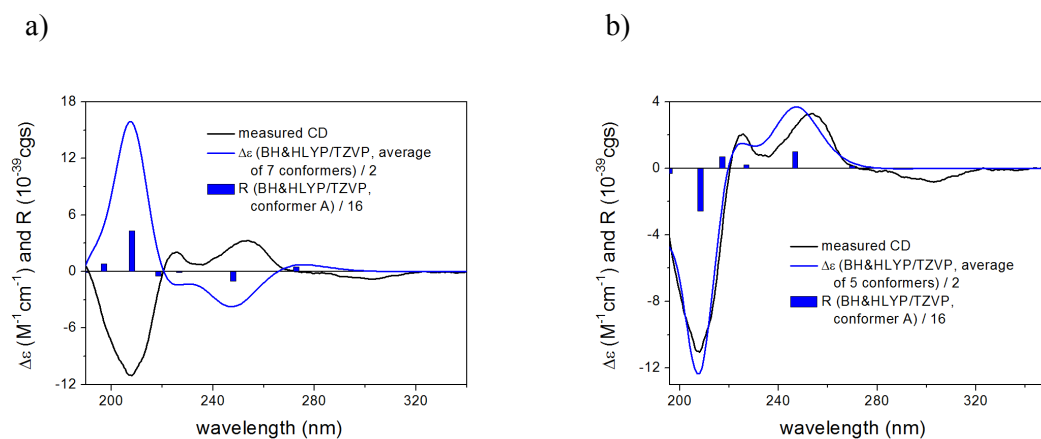


Figure 4. Experimental ECD spectrum of **3** in acetonitrile compared with the Boltzmann-weighted BH&HLYP/TZVP spectra calculated for the seven solution conformers of diastereomers (*3S,1'S*)-**3** (a) and (*3R,1'S*)-**3** (b).

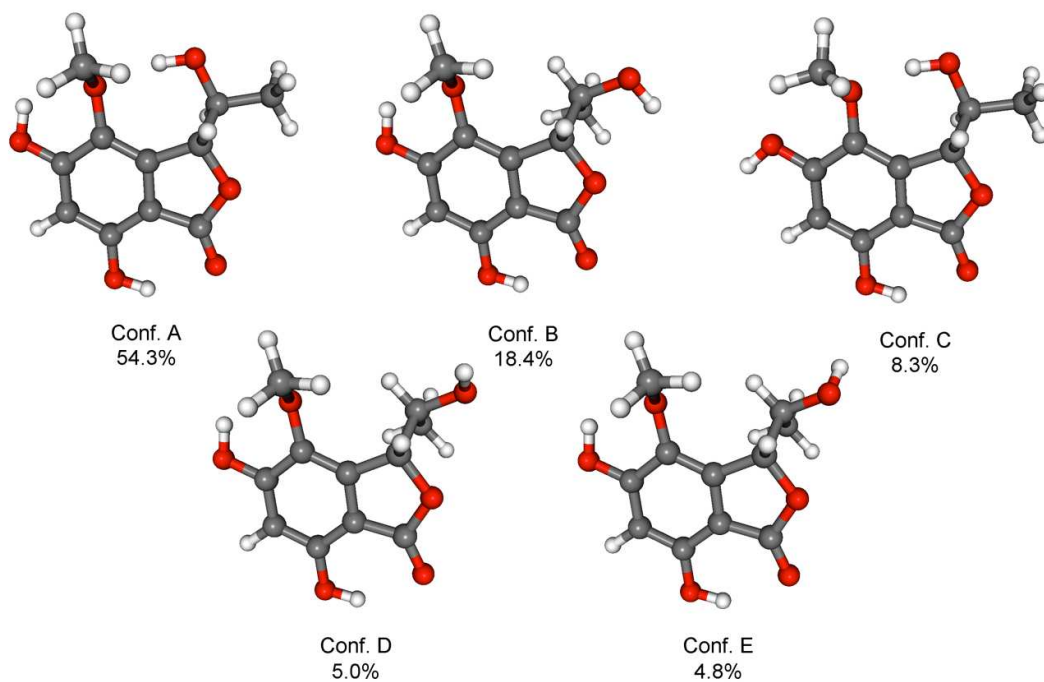


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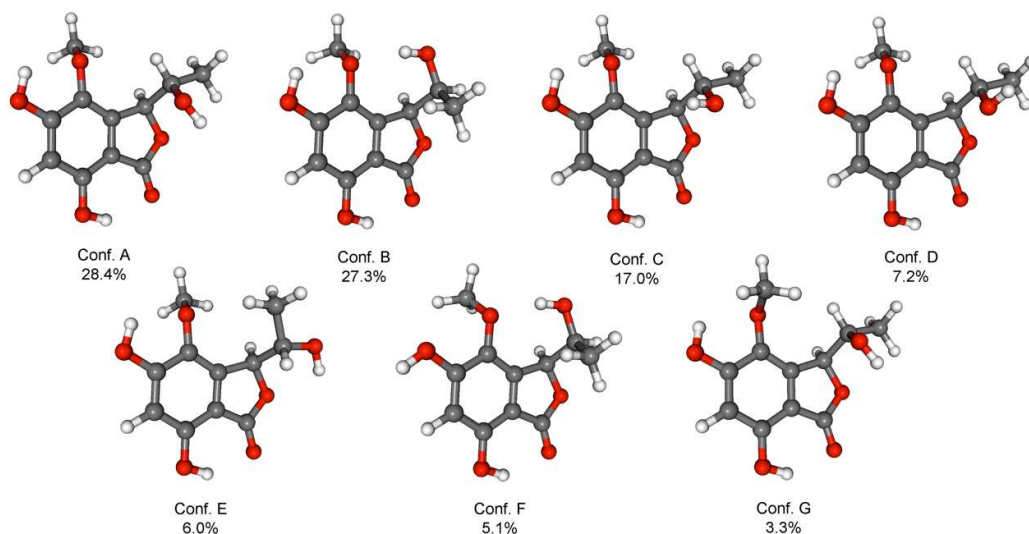


Figure 6. Solution conformers and populations (above 3%) of (3*R*,1'*S*)-**3** obtained by B3LYP/TZVP reoptimization (PCM solvent model for acetonitrile) of MMFF conformers.

Table 1: ^1H (600 MHz) and ^{13}C (150 MHz) NMR data (ppm) of compounds **1/2** ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$).

No.	1/2				
	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (multiplicity, coupling constant, integral)	COSY	HMBC(H \rightarrow C)	ROESY
1	168.2 (C)				
3	105.1 (CH)				
4	32.2 (CH ₂)	A 3.10 (d, $J = 16.9$ Hz, 1H)	4B	3, 5, 9, 10, 11	11, 12
		B 3.18 (d, $J = 16.9$ Hz, 1H)	4A	3, 7, 9, 10, 11	11, 12
5	137.8 (C)				
6	158.3 (C)				
7	101.6 (CH)	6.29 (s, 1H)		1, 5, 6, 8, 9	6-OH, 8-OH
8	159.1 (C)				
9	98.5 (C)				
10	130.9 (C)				
11	22.3 (CH ₃)	1.62 (s, 3H)		3, 4	4A, 4B
12	60.2 (CH ₃)	3.63 (s, 3H)		7	4A, 4B
3-OH		7.42, br. s			
6-OH		10.70, s		5, 6, 7	7
8-OH		10.90, s		7, 8, 9	7

Table 2: NMR data of embeurekol C (3) and embeurekol D (4).

No.	3*			4*						
	δ_C	δ_H		COSY	HMBC	ROESY	δ_C	δ_H	HMBC	ROESY
1	167.9 (C)						165.9 (C)			
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3	82.0 (CH)	5.45 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H)	1'		1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 1', 2'	OCH ₃ -4, 2'	94.7 (C)			
4	134.2 (C)						135.3 (C)			
5	156.7 (C)						159.2 (C)			
6	104.4 (CH)	6.45(s, 1H)			1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9	5-OH, 7-OH	106.6 (CH)	6.61 (s, 1H)	1, 4, 5, 7, 8	5-OH, 7-OH
7	153.6 (C)						154.5 (C)			
8	102.8 (C)						101.5 (C)			
9	140.4 (C)						137.6 (C)			
1'	66.1 (CH)	4.24 (m, 1H)	2', 3	2', 3			197.9 (C)			
2'	15.1 (CH ₃)	0.73 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H)	1'	1', 3			24.9 (CH ₃)	2,13 (s, 3H)	3, 1'	
3'							11.2 (CH ₃)	1.80 (s, 3H)	3	
10	59.8 (CH ₃)	3.69 (s, 3H)			4	3	60.6 (CH ₃)	3.69 (s, 3H)	4	
5-OH		10.46, s			4, 5	6		11.00, s	4, 5, 6	6
7-OH		10.21, br. s				6		10.81, s	7, 8	6

*) Measured at 300 (¹H) and 75 (¹³C) MHz (DMSO-*d*₆).

•) Measured at 400 (¹H) and 100 (¹³C) MHz (DMSO-*d*₆).

Table 3: Chemical shift differences between the (S)-MTPA and (R)-MTPA esters of 3.

Proton no.	Chemical shift (δ_H , in C ₅ D ₅ N, at 500 MHz)			
	3	(S)-MTPA ester	(R)-MTPA ester	$\Delta \delta_S - \delta_R$
2□	1.03047	1.2948	1.2954	-0.0006
3	6.0673	6.0593	6.0583	+0.001
6	6.9355	7.0739	7.0547	+0.0192
OCH ₃ -5	3.9077	3.9083	3.9075	+0.0008