



## Absolute Configuration of some Dinorlabdanes from the Copaiba Oil

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Um novo *ent*-dinorlabdano (–)-13(*R*)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-eno-3,13-diol foi isolado a partir do óleo de copaíba comercial juntamente com dois outros dinorditerpenos conhecidos. A configuração absoluta destes dinorditerpenos foi determinada pela primeira vez através de síntese partindo do ácido (–)-3-hidróxi-copalico isolado do mesmo óleo.

A novel *ent*-dinorlabdane (–)-13(*R*)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol was isolated from commercial copaiba oil along with two known dinorlabdanes. The absolute configuration of these dinorditerpenes was established for the first time through synthesis starting from known (–)-3-hydroxycopalico acid, which was also isolated from the same oleoresin.

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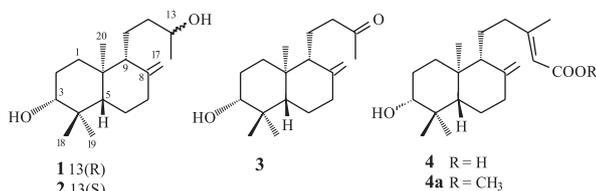
### Introduction

Copaiba oil is a resin exudate obtained from the *Copaifera* sp. tree (*Fabaceae-Caesalpinioideae*) distributed throughout the Amazon basin.<sup>1</sup> This resin is commonly used in folk medicine to treat inflammations and tumors, especially in northern Brazil.<sup>2,3</sup> In early investigations, diterpenes belonging to the clerodane,<sup>4,5</sup> *ent*-labdane,<sup>6</sup> labdane<sup>5,7</sup> and *ent*-kaurane<sup>8,9</sup> skeletons were isolated from copaiba oil and recently, the presence of dinorditerpenes<sup>10-12</sup> was reported. This paper describes the isolation and structural elucidation of three dinorditerpenes, each bearing a small excess of the levorotatory enantiomer. The new (–)-13(*R*)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**1**) was isolated together with known (–)-13(*S*)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3 $\beta$ ,13-diol (**2**) and (–)-3-hydroxy-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-en-13-one (**3**),<sup>10,11</sup> and additional diterpenes previously described in the literature<sup>6</sup> (Figure 1). The absolute configurations of diols (–)-**1** and (–)-**2** and

hydroxyl-ketone (–)-**3** were elucidated through total synthesis beginning from (–)-3-hydroxycopalico acid (**4**). The stereochemistry of the carbinolic carbon at C-13 of **1** and **2** was established through analysis of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (*S*)- $\alpha$ -methoxyphenylacetate derivatives.

### Results and Discussion

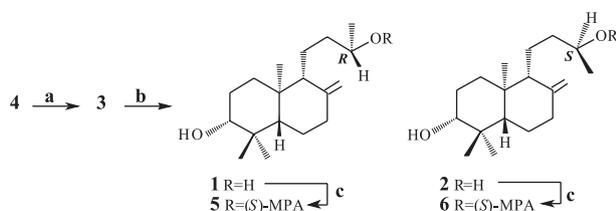
The commercial copaiba oleoresin was fractionated as described in the Experimental Section. Successive column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> of the neutral fraction employing a gradient of petroleum ether and Et<sub>2</sub>O, furnished two known *ent*-dinorlabdanes. These were characterized as (–)-3-hydroxy-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-en-13-one (**3**) {oil, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –1.3° (*c* 1.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>10</sup> [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –1.0° (*c* 1.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)} and (–)-13(*S*)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**2**) {oil, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –1.0° (*c* 1.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>11</sup> [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –1.7° (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)}. All other spectral data for both compounds matched those previously reported in the literature.<sup>10,11</sup> A third *ent*-dinorlabdane, identified as the novel (–)-13(*R*)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**1**), was isolated as colorless crystals, mp 165.0-166.5 °C, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –1.3° (*c* 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The HREIMS spectrum indicated a molecular formula of C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (*m/z* 281.2484, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>) and the IR spectrum showed characteristic absorptions of a hydroxyl group at 3333 cm<sup>-1</sup> and an exocyclic double bond at 2930, 1642, and 885 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The contour of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** was nearly superimposable on that of **2** and displayed three methyl group singlets at  $\delta$  0.70, 0.78 and 1.00, and one



**Figure 1.** Structures of dinorlabdanes **1-3** and (–)-3-hydroxycopalico acid (**4**).

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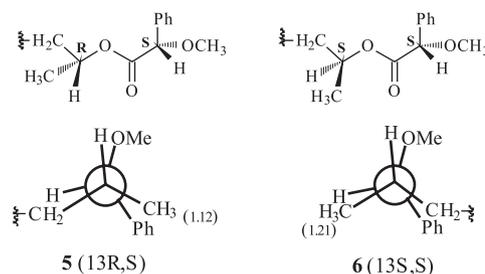
methyl group doublet at  $\delta$  1.18 ( $J$  6.2 Hz). The presence of two characteristic exocyclic methylene hydrogens was also confirmed as singlets at  $\delta$  4.56 and 4.85, and two carbinolic hydrogens at  $\delta$  3.25 (dd,  $J$  11.5, 4.6 Hz) and  $\delta$  3.77 (m) were also present. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra displayed resonances for the four methyl groups at  $\delta$  14.4, 15.4, 23.7 and 28.3, for the exocyclic methylene carbons at  $\delta$  147.9 and 106.9, and for the two carbinolic carbons at  $\delta$  68.4 and  $\delta$  78.8. Based on these spectroscopic data and considering their similarity with those of compound **2**, structure **1**, a C-13 epimer of **2**, was proposed. To confirm the structure and subsequently elucidate the absolute configuration of any of the natural dinorlabdanes, the synthesis of the dinorlabdanes **1-3** was undertaken starting from known (–)-3-hydroxycopallic acid (**4**),<sup>6</sup> isolated from the same oleoresin (Scheme 1).



**Scheme 1.** a)  $\text{KMnO}_4$ , acetone, 80%; b)  $\text{LiAlH}_4$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 95%; c) (S)-(+)-methoxyphenylacetic acid, DCC, 85% for **5** and 90% for **6**.

The synthesis began with (–)-3-hydroxycopallic acid (**4**) {colorless crystals, mp 153–155 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –38.3° ( $c$  0.8,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), lit.<sup>6</sup> mp 158–160 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –38.7° ( $c$  3.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )}, which was submitted to an oxidative cleavage of the side chain with  $\text{KMnO}_4$ .<sup>13</sup> After work-up and purification on  $\text{SiO}_2$  (hexane:EtOAc, 85:15), keto-alcohol **3** was obtained in 80% yield. All spectroscopic data of **3** were identical with those reported for the natural product, except for the optical rotation, for which a higher value was observed for the synthetic product { $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –8.8° ( $c$  1.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) and  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –1.3° ( $c$  1.6,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for the natural product}, [lit.<sup>10</sup>  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –1.0° ( $c$  1.4,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )]. Next, the reduction of synthetic keto-alcohol **3** with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  and purification on  $\text{SiO}_2$  (petroleum ether :  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ; 9:1) furnished epimeric diols **1** and **2**. The less polar diol was isolated with a 49% yield as colorless crystals, mp 165.0–167.0 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –27.0° ( $c$  1.1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) {natural product proposed as **1**: mp 165.0–166.5 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –1.3° ( $c$  1.1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )} and the more polar diol (46% yield) was also isolated as colorless crystals, mp 169.5–171.0 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –12.0° ( $c$  1.7,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) {natural product identified as **2**: oil,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –1.0° ( $c$  1.7,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), lit.<sup>11</sup>  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –1.7° ( $c$  0.7,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )}. All spectroscopic data for both synthetic diols (**1** and **2**) were in agreement with those observed for the natural products, except for the optical rotation for which a higher value was observed for the synthetic products. Finally, in order to establish the absolute

configuration of the carbon at C-13 of diols **1** and **2**, the C-13 (S)-(+)- $\alpha$ -methoxyphenylacetate derivatives **5** and **6** were prepared in 90% and 85% yield, respectively, using Trost's protocol.<sup>14</sup> According to the Trost model, the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shift of the methyl group at C-16 of ester **5** was observed at  $\delta$  1.12 (upfield) and the C-16 methyl group of ester **6** was observed at  $\delta$  1.21 (downfield), indicating the absolute configuration of carbon C-13 for isomer **5** as *R* and for isomer **6** as *S* (Figure 2). No signals corresponding to the diastereoisomeric ester prepared from the possible enantiomer of acid **4** were observed.



**Figure 2.** Trost model for the (S)-(+)- $\alpha$ -methoxyphenylacetate derivatives **5** and **6**.

Reduction of a sample containing natural dinorlabdane **3** with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  also yielded the C-13-epimeric diols **1** and **2** with the same absolute value for the optical rotation observed for the isolated natural products. Thus, in the present investigation we observed that dinorditerpenes **1-3** are present in the resin as a mixture of enantiomers. At this point, the (–)-3-hydroxycopallic acid (**4**)<sup>15</sup> was considered enantiomerically pure since the optical rotation was comparable with that reported for the enantiomer isolated from the leaves of *Metasequoia glyptostroboids*,<sup>16</sup> {mp 157.5–158.5 °C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  +40.7° ( $c$  2.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )} and for the corresponding methyl ester derivative isolated from the needles of *Pinus pumila*<sup>17</sup> { $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  +36.0° ( $c$  13.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); for methyl (–)-3-hydroxycopalate (**4a**),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$  –35.0° ( $c$  2.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )}.

## Experimental

### General

$^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz) spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution on an INOVA 500 spectrometer, with  $\delta$  (ppm),  $J$  in Hz, and spectra referred to  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  7.27 for  $^1\text{H}$  and 77.0 for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) as an internal standard. IR spectra of neat samples or as a KBr disk were measured using a Perkin-Elmer 1600 series FTIR. The mass spectra of purified compounds were recorded with a Hewlett-Packard 5890 GC equipped with a Model 5970 mass-selective

detector. Optical rotations were measured with a Perkin-Elmer photoelectric polarimeter.

### Isolation

Commercial copaiba oleoresin (*Copaifera sp.*) (301 g), purchased at "Botica Veado d'ouro", the market in São Paulo, São Paulo State, was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (600 mL) and extracted with 5% KOH (5 × 100 mL). The aqueous layer was acidified with HCl (pH ca. 2), and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine until neutral, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under vacuum to afford 244 g (81.1%) of the neutral fraction and 55 g (18.3%) of the acidic fraction. Percolation of the neutral fraction (100 g) on silica gel, eluting with hexane followed by hexane-EtOAc (85:15), furnished 1 g of the more polar fraction. Repeated column chromatography of this material (500 mg) eluted with light petroleum ether:Et<sub>2</sub>O (9:1) furnished a fraction containing a mixture of (-)-3-hydroxy-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-13-one (**3**) and (+)-7 $\alpha$ -acetoxybacchotricuneatin D (300 mg), as previously observed.<sup>10</sup> Continuing the elution with petroleum ether : Et<sub>2</sub>O (7:3) furnished fractions containing pure dinorlabdane **1** (20 mg) and dinorlabdane **2** (12 mg). A fraction containing a mixture of dinorlabdane **3** and (+)-7 $\alpha$ -acetoxybacchotricuneatin D showed only a slight difference in R<sub>F</sub> using TLC impregnated with AgNO<sub>3</sub> (15%, hexane-EtOAc, 8:2), and a successive column chromatography using the same conditions as above allowed for the isolation of pure dinorlabdane **3** (7 mg).

#### (-)-13(R)-14,15-Dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**1**)

Colorless crystals, mp 165.0-166.5 °C; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -1.3° (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3333, 2930, 2851, 1642, 1628, 1033, 885; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.70 (3H, s, H-18), 0.78 (3H, s, H-19), 1.00 (3H, s, H-20), 1.08 (1H, dd, *J* 12.5, 2.9 Hz, H-5), 1.18 (3H, d, *J* 6.2 Hz, H-16), 1.25 (2H, m, H-12), 1.49 (2H, m, H-11), 1.76 (1H, dq, *J* 10.3, 2.9 Hz, H-6 $\beta$ ), 1.81 (1H, dt, *J* 13.1, 3.6 Hz, H-1 $\beta$ ), 1.96 (1H, ddd, *J* 13.0, 12.5, 2.9 Hz, H-7 $\beta$ ), 2.40 (1H, dt, *J* 13.0, 2.9 Hz, H-7 $\alpha$ ), 3.25 (1H, dd, *J* 11.5, 4.6 Hz, H-3), 3.77 (1H, m, H-13), 4.56 (1H, brs, H-17'), 4.85 (1H, brs, H-17''); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  37.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1), 27.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-2), 78.8 (CH, C-3), 39.1 (C, C-4), 54.6 (CH, C-5), 23.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-6), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-7), 147.9 (C, C-8), 56.4 (CH, C-9), 39.4 (C, C-10), 19.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-11), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-12), 68.4 (CH, C-13), 23.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-16), 106.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-17), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-18), 15.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-19), 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-20); HREIMS *m/z* 281.2484 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 281.2481).

#### (-)-13(S)-14,15-Dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**2**)

Colorless oil, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -1.0° (c 1.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3400, 2934, 2851, 1642, 1627, 1033, 885; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.70 (3H, s, H-18), 0.78 (3H, s, H-19), 1.00 (3H, s, H-20), 1.08 (1H, dd, *J* 12.5, 2.9 Hz, H-5), 1.20 (3H, d, *J* 6.2 Hz, H-16), 1.25 (2H, m, H-12), 1.49 (2H, m, H-11), 1.76 (1H, dq, *J* 10.3, 2.9 Hz, H-6 $\beta$ ), 1.81 (1H, dt, *J* 13.1, 3.6 Hz, H-1 $\beta$ ), 1.97 (1H, ddd, *J* 13.0, 12.5, 2.9 Hz, H-7 $\beta$ ), 2.40 (1H, dt, *J* 13.0, 2.9 Hz, H-7 $\alpha$ ), 3.25 (1H, dd, *J* 11.5, 4.6 Hz, H-3), 3.77 (1H, m, H-13), 4.56 (1H, brs, H-17'), 4.85 (1H, brs, H-17''); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  37.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1), 27.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-2), 78.8 (CH, C-3), 39.1 (C, C-4), 54.6 (CH, C-5), 24.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-6), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-7), 148.1 (C, C-8), 56.7 (CH, C-9), 39.4 (C, C-10), 20.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-11), 38.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-12), 68.8 (CH, C-13), 23.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-16), 106.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-17), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-18), 15.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-19), 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-20); HREIMS *m/z* 281.2486 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 281.2481).

#### (-)-3-Hydroxy-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-en-13-one (**3**)

Colorless oil, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -1.3° (c 1.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3436, 2937, 2873, 1713, 1640, 1460, 1380, 735; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.70 (3H, s, H-20), 0.78 (3H, s, H-18), 1.00 (3H, s, H-19), 1.08 (1H, dd, *J* 12.5, 2.9 Hz, H-5), 1.78 (1H, dq, *J* 13.0, 2.9 Hz, H-6 $\beta$ ), 1.94 (1H, ddd, *J* 13.0, 12.5, 2.9 Hz, H-7 $\beta$ ), 2.40 (1H, dt, *J* 13.0, 2.9 Hz, H-7 $\alpha$ ), 2.58 (1H, ddd, *J* 17.8, 9.0, 4.0 Hz, H-12''), 3.24 (1H, dd, *J* 11.5, 4.6 Hz, H-3), 4.46 (1H, brs, H-17'), 4.85 (1H, brs, H-17''); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  37.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1), 28.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-2), 78.8 (CH, C-3), 39.2 (C, C-4), 54.6 (CH, C-5), 24.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-6), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-7), 147.6 (C, C-8), 56.0 (CH, C-9), 39.5 (C, C-10), 17.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-11), 42.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-12), 209.0 (C, C-13), 30.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-16), 106.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-17), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-18), 15.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-19), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>, C-20).

#### Synthesis of (-)-3-hydroxy-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-en-13-one (**3**)

(-)-3-Hydroxycopallic acid (**4**) (300 mg), isolated from the same copaiba oleoresin as previously described,<sup>13</sup> was dissolved in acetone (5 mL). KMnO<sub>4</sub> (200 mg) was then added in small portions over a period of 7 h at 0 °C. The excess of KMnO<sub>4</sub> was destroyed by adding isopropanol and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was suspended in EtOAc (60 mL), washed with brine (3 × 30 mL) and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude product on SiO<sub>2</sub> (hexane-EtOAc, 9:1) provided ketone **3** (209.1 mg, 80%) of as an oil, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -8.8° (c 1.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### Syntheses of dinorlabdane alcohols **1** and **2**

To a suspension of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (50 mg, 1.32 mmol) in anhydrous  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3 mL) was added a solution of hydroxyl-ketone **3** (150 mg, 0.54 mmol) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (5 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h and then the excess of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  was destroyed by adding an aqueous solution of 0.1 mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$  NaOH. The solution was filtered and dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude product on  $\text{SiO}_2$  (petroleum ether :  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 7:3) furnished (–)-13(*R*)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**1**) (74 mg, 49%) as colorless crystals, mp 165.0–167.0 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -27.0^\circ$  (*c* 1.1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) and (–)-13(*S*)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**2**) (70 mg, 46%) as colorless crystals, mp 169.5–171.0 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -12.0^\circ$  (*c* 1.7,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).

### Synthesis of (*S*)-(+)- $\alpha$ -methoxyphenylacetate ester **5**

DMAP (17.7 mg, 0.143 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of **1** (40 mg, 0.143 mmol), (*S*)-(+)- $\alpha$ -methoxyphenylacetic acid (24.1 mg, 0.143 mmol) and of DCC (40 mg, 0.143 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL). After stirring for 2 h at room temperature, the dicyclohexylurea was removed by filtration and washed with hexane (10 mL), and the combined filtrates were washed with cold 1.0 mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$  aq. HCl (2 × 10 mL), saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (10 mL), and brine (10 mL). The organic phase was then dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting residue was purified on  $\text{SiO}_2$  (hexane-EtOAc, 8:2) to afford ester **5** (59.4 mg, 85%) as a colorless oil. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3330, 2930, 2850, 1744, 1623, 1452, 1177, 1113, 737, 699;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.62 (3H, s, H-20), 0.77 (3H, s, H-19), 1.00 (3H, s, H-18), 1.12 (3H, d, *J* 6.2 Hz, H-16), 3.25 (1H, dd, *J* 11.5, 4.6 Hz, H-3), 4.43 and 4.82 (each 1H, H-17), 4.75 (1H, s,  $\text{ArCH}(\text{OCH}_3)\text{CO}$ ), 7.29–7.39 (3H, m, Ar), 7.43–7.48 (2H, m, Ar); EIMS 70 eV, *m/z* (rel. int. %): 262 [ $\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_3$ ] (2), (5), 244 (4), 220 (7), 201 (6), 159 (8), 135 (15), 121 (100), 105 (14), 91 (20).

### Synthesis of (*S*)-(+)- $\alpha$ -methoxyphenylacetate ester **6**

DMAP (17.7 mg, 0.143 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of **2** (40 mg, 0.143 mmol), (*S*)-(+)- $\alpha$ -methoxyphenylacetic acid (24 mg, 0.143 mmol), and DCC (30.3 mg, 0.143 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL). Following the same work-up and purification procedure as described previously, ester **6** (62.9 mg, 90%) was obtained as a colorless oil. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3412, 2930, 2851, 1744, 1623, 1454, 1177, 1100, 737, 696;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.45 (3H, s, H-20), 0.73 (3H, s, H-19), 0.96 (3H,

s, H-18), 1.21 (3H, d, *J* 6.2 Hz, H-16), 3.18 (1H, dd, *J* 11.5, 4.6 Hz, H-3), 4.20 and 4.58 (each 1H, bs, H-17), 3.41 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.73 (1H, s,  $\text{ArCH}(\text{OCH}_3)\text{CO}$ ), 7.29–7.39 (3H, m, Ar), 7.43–7.48 (2H, m, Ar); EIMS 70 eV, *m/z* (rel. int. %): 262 [ $\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_3$ ] (2), (5), 244 (5), 220 (7), 201 (7), 159 (8), 135 (15), 121 (100), 105 (14), 91 (20).

### Reduction of natural (–)-3-hydroxy-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-en-13-one (**3**)

To a suspension of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (40 mg, 1.06 mmol) in anhydrous  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL) was added a solution of **3** (20 mg) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 2 h. Work-up and purification on  $\text{SiO}_2$  (petroleum ether :  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 7:3) afforded alcohol **1** (5 mg, 25%) [ $[\alpha]_D^{20} -1.2^\circ$  (*c* 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )] and **2** (5 mg, 25%) [ $[\alpha]_D^{20} -1.0^\circ$  (*c* 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )].

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## Supplementary Information

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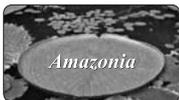
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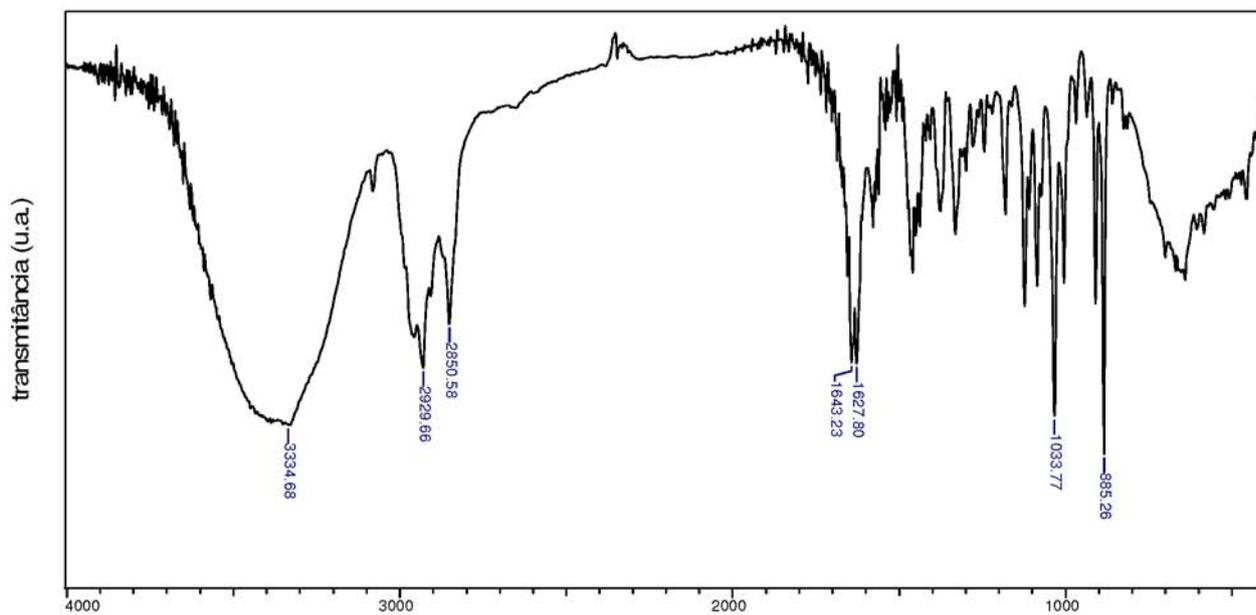
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## Absolute Configuration of some Dinorlabdanes from the Copaiba Oil

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**Figure S1.** IR spectrum of (-)-13(*R*)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**1**).

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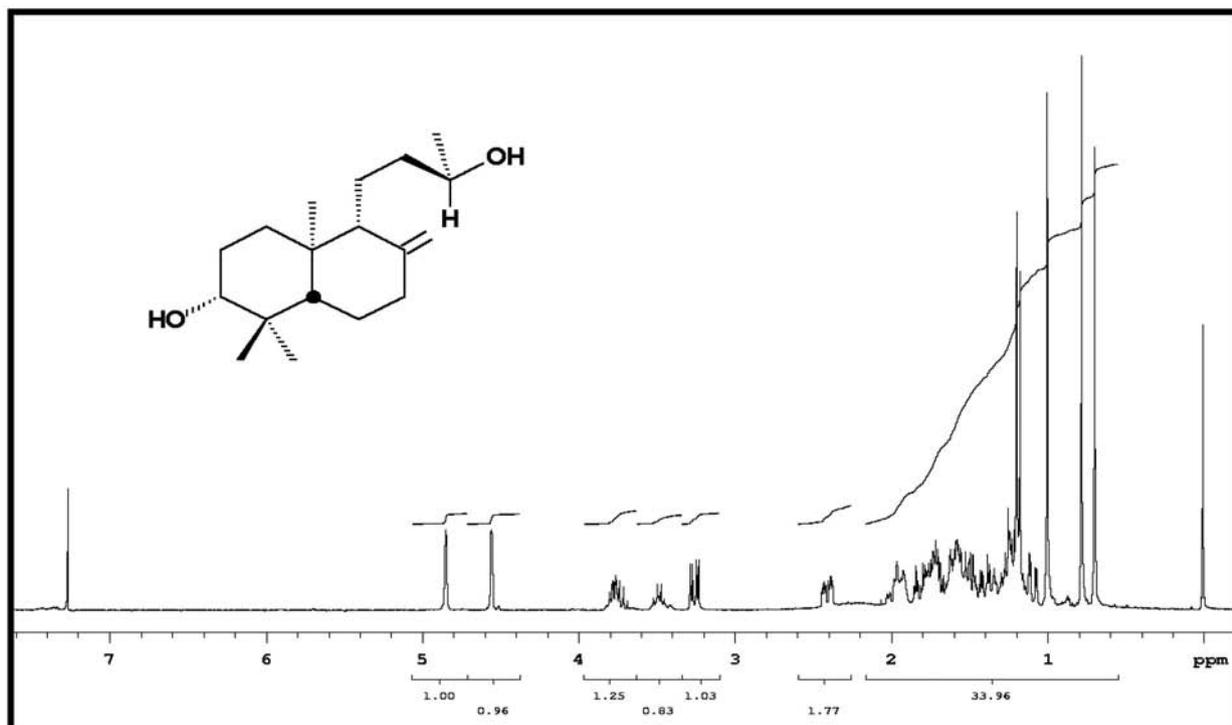


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (-)-13(R)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (1) (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

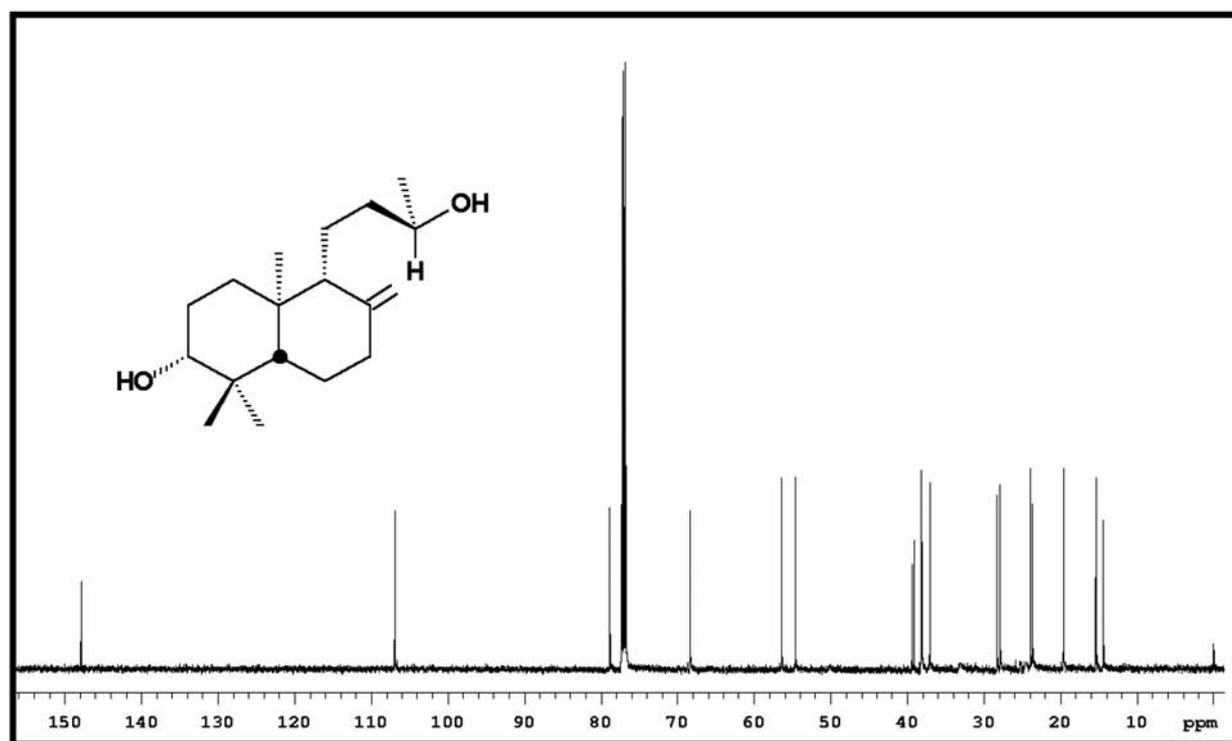


Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (-)-13(R)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (1) (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

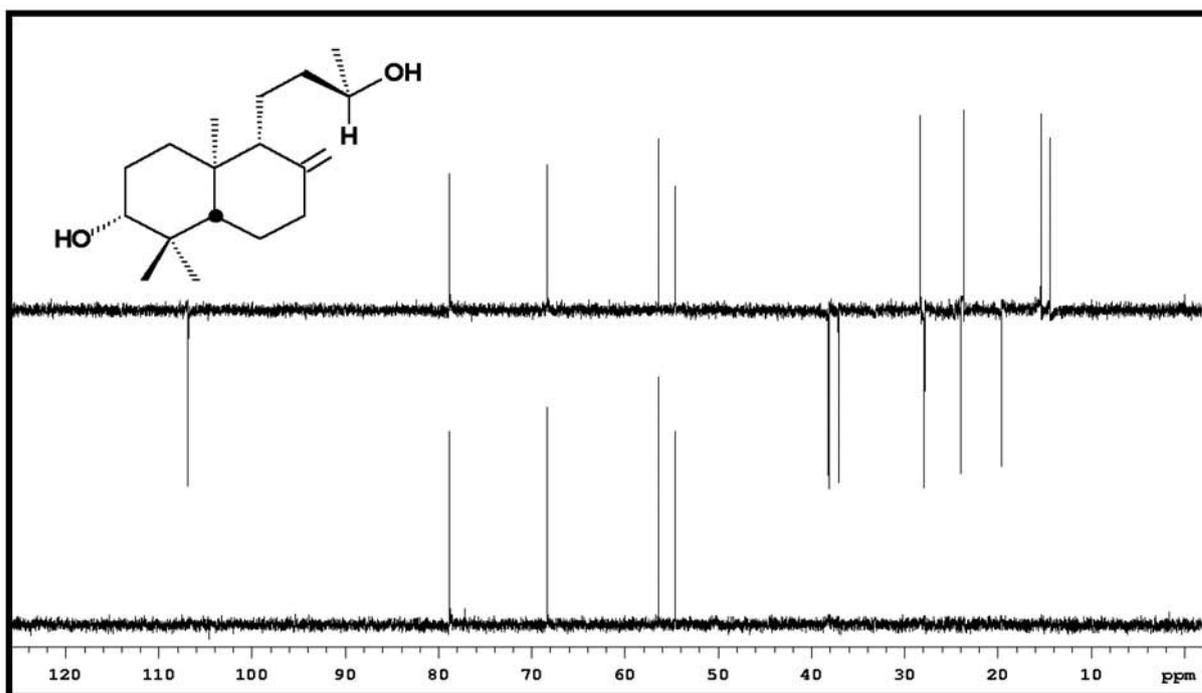


Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DEPT 135 and 90) of (-)-13(R)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (1), (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

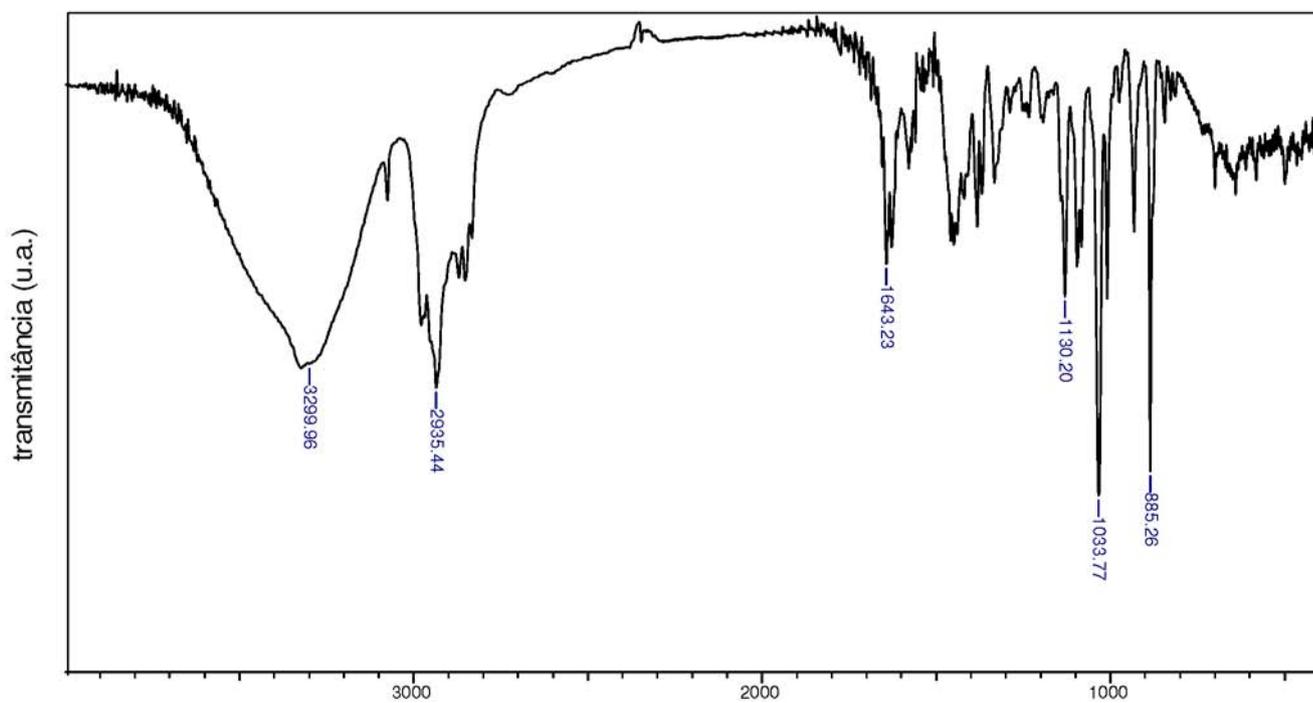


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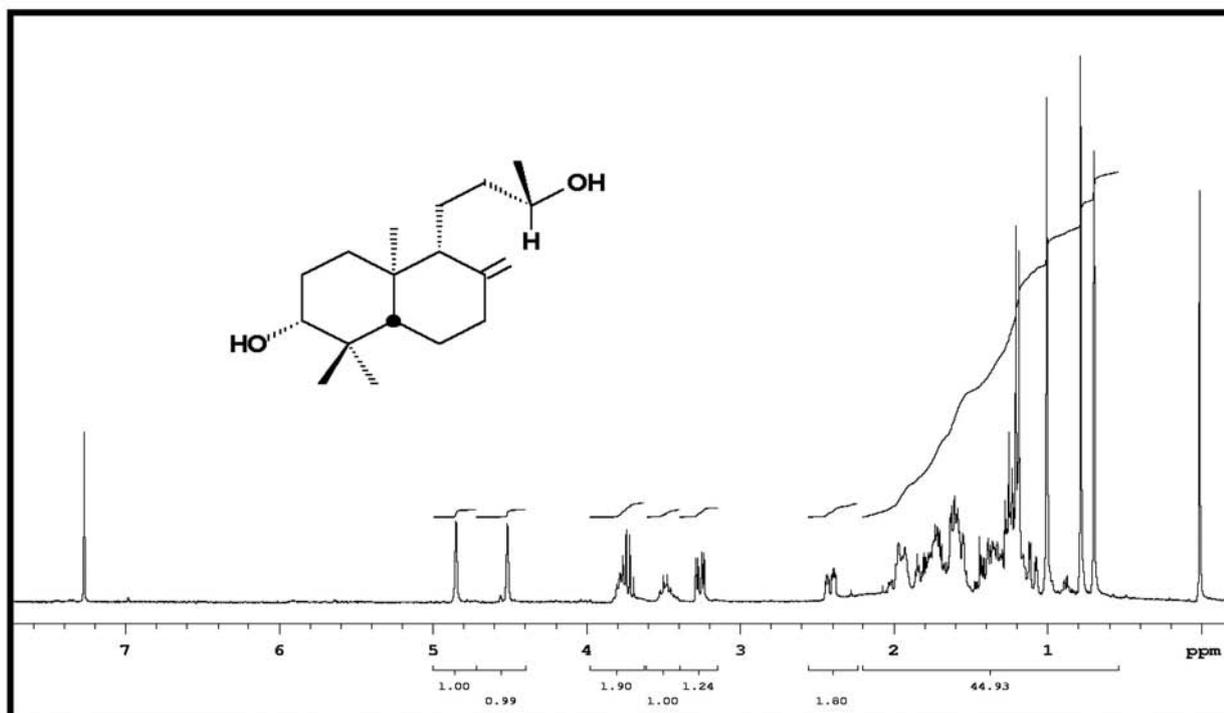


Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (-)-13(S)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**2**) (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS).

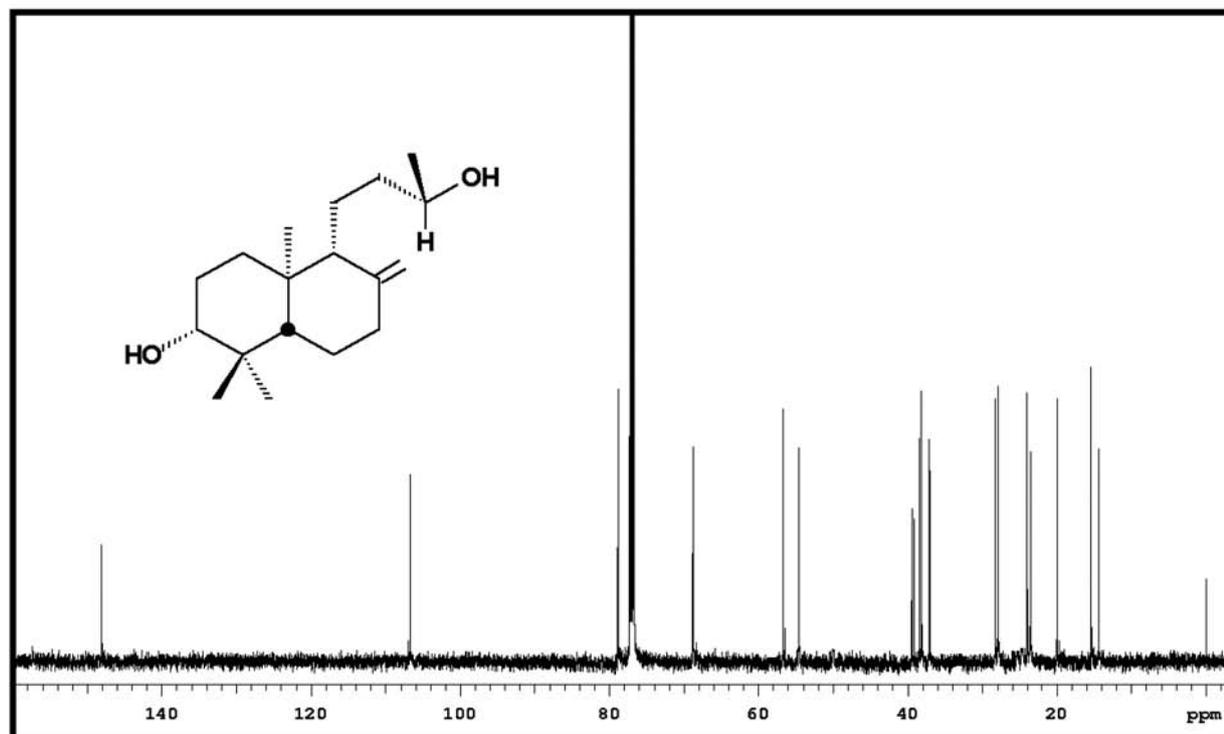


Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (-)-13(S)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (**2**) (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

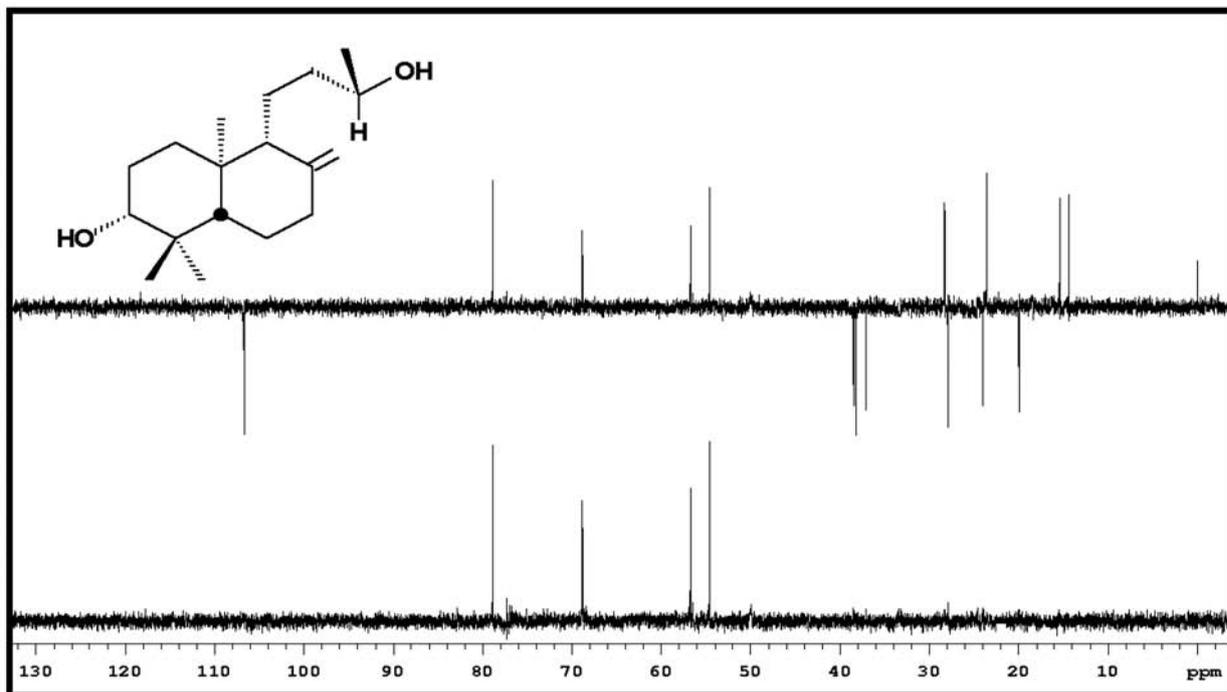


Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DEPT 135 and 90) of (-)-13(S)-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-ene-3,13-diol (2), (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

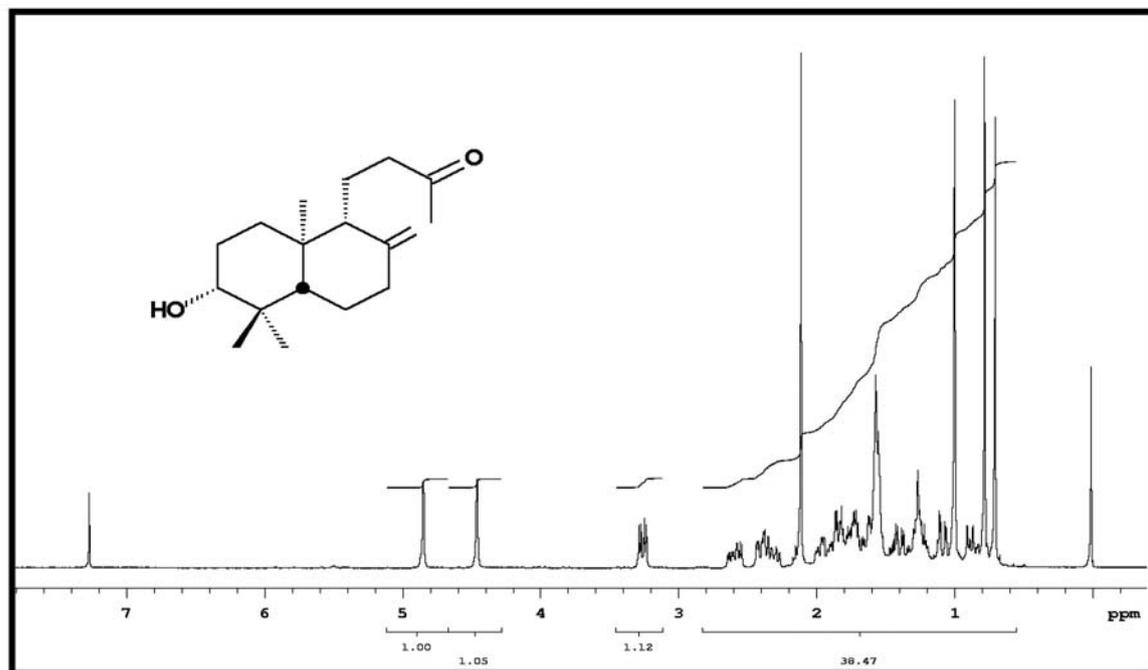


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (-)-3-hydroxy-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-en-13-one (3) (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS).

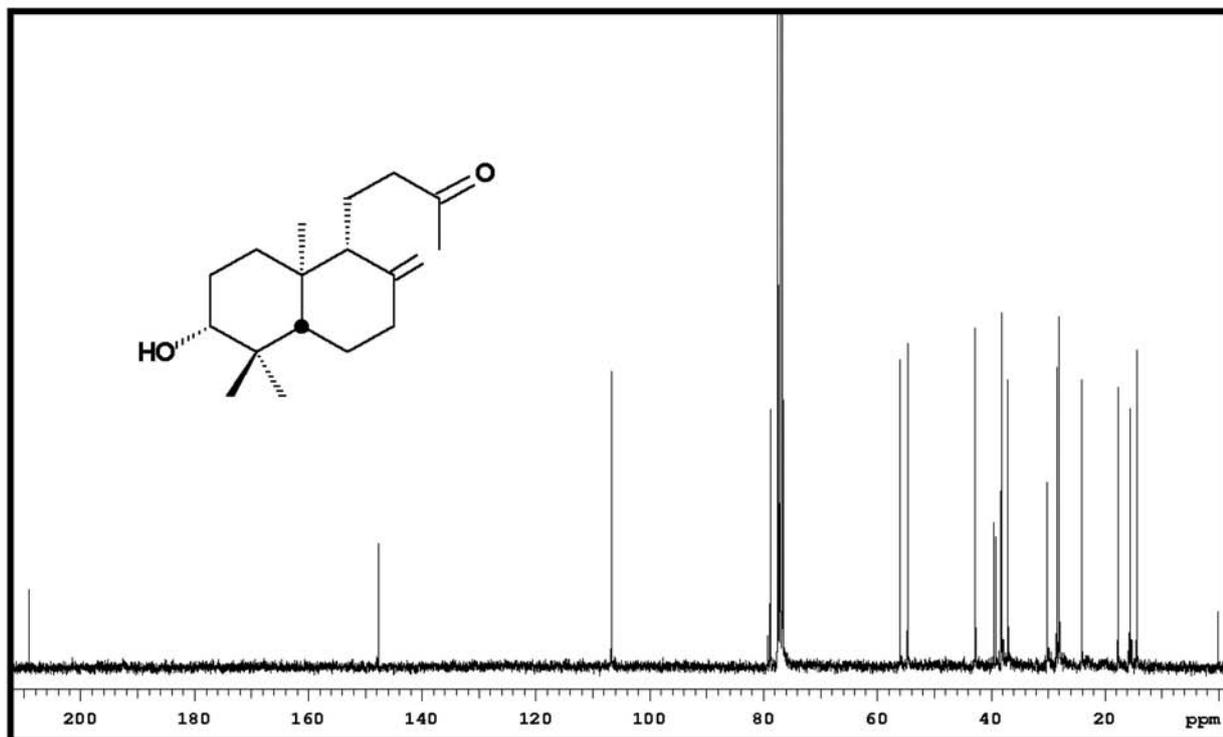


Figure S10.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (-)-3-hydroxy-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-en-13-one (3) (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



Figure S11.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DEPT 135 and 90) of (-)-3-hydroxy-14,15-dinorlabd-8(17)-en-13-one (3) (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).