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# Neolignans and Diarylnonanoid Derivatives with Anti-inflammatory Activity from *Myristica fragrans* Houtt. Seeds

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stereoisomers showed distinct behavior, while 10*R*,11*R*-isomers induced cytotoxicity, and 10*S*,11*R*-isomers produced contrasting effects, especially within group-I compounds.

# INTRODUCTION

The nutmeg tree, scientifically named M. fragrans, is an evergreen tropical plant renowned for its delightful fragrance and flavor. It is extensively cultivated for economic purposes in several Southeast Asian nations such as Indonesia and Thailand, as well as in East Asian countries like Japan and China, and also in South Africa and India.<sup>1</sup> The *M. fragrans* plant has three major commercial products: mace, nutmeg, and essential oils, which are widely used as spices in food products.<sup>2</sup> Various parts of the plant have been used in traditional medicine, such as M. fragrans mace in traditional Chinese medicine for stomach ailments and as a possible abortifacient.<sup>3</sup> In Ayurvedic medicine, mace is used to treat asthma and gastrointestinal complaints.<sup>4</sup> Nutmeg has a long history of medicinal use for treating conditions such as diarrhea, rheumatism, headaches, and stimulating appetite. Nutmeg oil is utilized for treating rheumatism, intestinal disorders, and kidney-related issues due to its antiseptic and analgesic properties.<sup>1</sup>

of NF-*k*B/AP1 and IRF signaling induced by TLR agonists. Notably,

*M. fragrans* contains a wide range of botanical compounds, such as lignans, neolignans, diphenylalkanes, phenylpropanoids, terpenoids, alkanes, fatty acids, and fatty acid esters, as well as some minor constituents like steroids, saponins, triterpenoids, and flavonoids.<sup>5–9</sup> These compounds are present in various plant parts, such as the aril (mace), nutmeg (seed), stem bark, and fruit pericarp, and have been reported to have pharmacological effects such as anti-infammatory and analgesic activities,<sup>10,11</sup> antioxidant activities,<sup>8</sup> antibacterial and anti-

fungal activities,<sup>12</sup> and anticancer and chemopreventive activities,<sup>13</sup> suggesting the potential medicinal value of M. *fragrans*.

Diarylnonanoids, lignans, and neolignans are key metabolites identified from *M. fragrans*, and their anti-inflammatory activities have been documented.<sup>14–18</sup> However, there is limited information about the conjugated forms of diarylnonanoids, neolignans, monoterpenes, and other compounds as well as their anti-inflammatory properties. In this study, a diverse array of neolignan-diarylnonanoid, 2,3-dimethylbutanetype lignan-diarylnonanoid, propenylbenzene-diarylnonanoid, and rare monoterpene-diarylnonanoid conjugates were isolated from the seeds of *M. fragrans*. Some of these compounds were investigated for their impact on NF- $\kappa$ B/AP1 and IRF activity as well as their role in regulating the production of proinflammatory cytokines and nitric oxide.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Utilizing repeated column chromatography on the 75% EtOH extract obtained from *M. fragrans* nutmegs, we have identified and isolated one new dihydrobenzofuran neolignan (20), one

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## Chart 1. Structures of Isolated Compounds 1- 22 and 41- 52



Figure 1. Key NOESY (black dash), COSY (red bold), and HMBC (blue arrows) correlations of representative compounds 1, 10, 14, 17, 21, and 47.

new 1,4-benzodioxane neolignan (49), and 31 new diarylnonanoid derivatives (2-7, 9-19, 21, 22, 41-48, and 50-52), as well as known compounds (1, 8, and 23-40) (Figure S.36). The compounds (1-19, 21-22, 41-48, and 50-52) isolated in this study were categorized into six groups (I-VI) based on the manner in which structural part 2 was substituted in structural part 1 and the specific properties of part 2 (see Chart 1, Figures S.51-S.53). In this paper, we provide structure determination for one representative compound from each group, and those of the other compounds can be found in the Supporting Information.

Myricone A (1) is also known as myrifragranone B<sup>19</sup> and was obtained as a yellowish gum with a molecular formula of  $C_{42}H_{50}O_{10}$  from the ion peak at m/z 737.3302 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> in the positive ion HRESIMS (calcd. for  $C_{42}H_{50}O_{10}Na$ , 737.3302). For part 1, the NMR spectrum showed signals of an asymmetric 1,2,3,6-tetrasubstituted benzene ring [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.20 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-4') and 6.46 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-5')], a set of 1,3,4-trisubstituted benzene rings [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.69 (1H, d, J =

## Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectroscopic Data for Compounds 1, 10, 14, and 17 in $CDCl_3$ ( $\delta$ in ppm, J in Hz)

$\delta_{ m C}$				$\delta_{ m H}$			
17	14	10	1	17	14	10	1
208.26, C	208.70, C	208.33, C	209.44, C				
44.91, CH <sub>2</sub>	44.93, CH <sub>2</sub>	44.95, CH <sub>2</sub>	45.17, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.07, t (7.5)	3.07, t (7.5)	3.07, t (7.4)	3.18, m
24.59, CH <sub>2</sub>	24.69, CH <sub>2</sub>	24.69, CH <sub>2</sub>	24.64, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.65, m	1.65, m	1.64, m	1.68, p (7.4)
29.38, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.36, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.48, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.27, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.22 – 1.32, m <sup>a</sup>	1.24 – 1.38, m <sup>a</sup>	1.11 – 1.33, m <sup>a</sup>	1.22–1.37, m <sup>a</sup>
29.36, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.32, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.38, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.21, CH <sub>2</sub>				
29.32, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.24, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.38, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.11, CH <sub>2</sub>				
29.29, CH <sub>2</sub>	28.98, CH <sub>2</sub>	28.86, CH <sub>2</sub>	28.86, CH <sub>2</sub>				
31.12, CH <sub>2</sub>	31.52, CH <sub>2</sub>	31.47, CH <sub>2</sub>	31.35, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.51, m	1.54, m	1.38, m	1.53, p (7.2)
32.18, CH <sub>2</sub>	35.26, CH <sub>2</sub>	35.22, CH <sub>2</sub>	35.11, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.50, t (7.5)	2.47, m	2.33, t (7.4)	2.46, t (7.6)
130.71, CH	45.87, CH	86.04, CH	53.85, CH	6.27, m	4.18, d (11.9)	5.19, d (2.7)	4.21, d (6.5)
127.56, CH	36.94, CH	81.82, CH	80.28, CH	6.13, dt (15.8, 6.4)	2.26, m	4.46, qd (6.4, 2.7)	5.30, p (6.2)
35.79, CH <sub>2</sub>	35.03, CH	12.79, CH <sub>3</sub>	18.57, CH <sub>3</sub>	3.39, d (6.5)	1.84, m	1.22, d (6.4)	1.17, d (6.1)
94.08, CH	41.99, CH <sub>2</sub>	40.73, CH <sub>2</sub>	40.51, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.07, d (9.4)	2.47, m	3.31, d (6.8)	3.35, d (6.7)
45.76, CH	11.11, CH <sub>3</sub>	137.35, CH	137.06, CH	3.42, m	0.74, d (6.7)	5.93, ddt (16.9, 10.1, 6.7)	5.96, ddt (16.9, 10.2, 6.7)
17.82, CH <sub>3</sub>	13.33, CH <sub>3</sub>	116.29, CH <sub>2</sub>	116.16, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.34, d (6.7)	0.85, d (6.8)	5.08, m	5.13, m
110.26, C	109.98, C	110.29, C	111.98, C				
161.45, C	161.51, C	161.56, C	158.73, C				
108.60, CH	125.47, C	108.48, CH	119.32, C	6.35, d (8.2)		6.35, d (8.2)	
135.90, CH	134.08, CH	135.85, CH	138.38, CH	7.17, d (8.2)	7.14, d (8.5)	7.14, d (8.2)	7.20, d (8.5)
108.60, CH	106.61, CH	108.48, CH	108.65, CH	6.35, d (8.2)	6.21, d (8.4)	6.35, d (8.2)	6.46, d (8.5)
161.45, C	156.82, C	161.56, C	162.37, C				
134.09, C	136.33, C	134.55, C	135.93, C				
130.77, C	115.66, CH	118.25, CH	115.45, CH		6.70, d (2.0)	6.49, d (2.1)	6.69, d (2.0)
116.96, CH	143.53, C	146.66, C	143.41, C	6.70, s			
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141.50, C	115.38, CH	115.53, CH	115.14, CH		6.77, m	6.82, d (8.1)	6.77, d (8.0)
116.54, CH	120.97, CH	123.25, CH	120.70, CH	6.69, s	6.60, dd (8.0, 2.0)	6.65, dd (8.2, 2.0)	6.59, dd (8.0, 2.0)
132.04, C	136.28, C	131.07, C	132.45, C				
109.77, CH	111.15, CH	109.49, CH	111.60, CH	6.76, s	6.68, d (1.9)	7.04, d (1.9)	6.89, s
144.30, C	146.53, C	146.85, C	146.32, C				
146.89, C	143.70, C	145.14, C	144.03, C				
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113.87, CH	120.66, CH	119.97, CH	121.26, CH	6.76, s	6.65, dd (8.1, 1.9)	6.86, dd (8.2, 1.8)	6.87, s
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146.92, C	147.55, C	105.56, CH	105.23, CH			6.38, s	6.39, s
146.00, C	145.63, C	136.34, C	136.61, C				
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31.35, CH, 25.00, t (7.5)         2.47, m           31.12, CH, 31.52, CH, 31.47, CH, 28.86, CH, 35.11, CH, 25.00, t (7.5)         2.47, m         130.71, CH, 45.87, CH         8604, CH         53.85, CH, 6.13, dt (15.8, 2.26, m)         6.41           35.79, CH, 35.03, CH         12.79, CH, 18.57, CH, 3.39, d (6.5)         1.84, m         94.08, CH         41.99, CH, 40.73, CH, 40.51, CH, 50.70, 40.49, 2.47, m           130.71, CH         45.87, CH 80.42, CH 51.82, CH 80.28, CH 61.3, dt (15.8, 2.26, m)         6.41         1.54, m           35.79, CH, 35.03, CH 12.79, CH, 18.57, CH, 3.39, d (6.5)         1.84, m         94.08, CH 41.99, CH_ 40.73, CH_ 40.51, CH_ 50.70, d (9.4), 2.47, m           102.6, C         109.98, C         110.29, C         111.98, C         161.45, C         161.45, C         162.9, CH, 119.32, C         35.5, d (8.2)           153.90, CH 105.42, C         108.48, CH 108.45, CH 6.35, d (8.2)         161.45, C         164.45, C         161.45, C         164.45, 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2.0 Hz, H-2"), 6.77 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, H-5"), and 6.59 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, H-6")], an alkyl chain with eight methylene groups, one flanking the carbonyl group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.18 (2H, m, H-2),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  45.17], one benzylic [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.46 (2H, t, J = 7.6 Hz, H-9),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  35.11], and six others [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.68 (2H, p, J = 7.4 Hz, H-3),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  24.64;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.53 (2H, p, J = 7.2 Hz, H-8),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  31.35;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.22–1.37 (8H, m, H-4–7)], and a carbonyl group ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  209.44). The association between the two aromatic rings via the alkyl chain and carbonyl groups was established by analyzing the HMBC spectrum (Figure 1). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of part 2 contained the characteristic resonances for a set of 1,3,4-trisubstituted benzene rings [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.89 (1H, s, H-2<sup>'''</sup>) and 6.87

(2H, s, H-5<sup>'''</sup>,6<sup>'''</sup>)], three methoxy groups [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.80 (3H, s, H-16) and 3.73 (6H, s, H-17,18)], a methyl group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.17 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, H-12)], two methines [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.21 (1H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-10), 5.30 (1H, p, J = 6.2 Hz, H-11)], and a monosubstituted olefin [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.13 (2H, m, H-15), 5.96 (1H, ddt, J = 16.9, 10.2, 6.7 Hz, H-14)]. The linkage of a propyl moiety between the two benzene rings and an allyl group was established from the HMBC cross-peaks (Figure 1). The positions of the methoxy groups were characterized by using HMBC correlations and supported by NOESY experiments (Figure 1). Finally, part 1 was revealed to be attached to part 2 via the connection between C-10 and C-3', as confirmed by

HBMC cross-peaks of H-10 with C-2' and C-4' (Figure 1). When the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic data for 1 were acquired using deuteriochloroform as the solvent, protons H-2", H-5''', and H-6''' were not distinguishable and appeared as two singlets at chemical shifts of 6.89 (1H) and 6.87 ppm (2H). The absence of coupling between these signals and the fact that H-5"' and H-6"' had identical chemical shifts could lead to an incorrect identification of a 1,3,5-trisubstituted benzene ring instead of a 1,3,4-trisubstituted benzene ring, as reported in the literature.<sup>20,21</sup> To verify the structure, additional NMR spectra of 1 were obtained by using acetone- $d_6$  as the solvent, which allowed for the differentiation of all aromatic protons (Table S.11). Collectively, the use of one- and two-dimensional NMR (COSY, HSQC, HMBC, and NOESY) permitted assignments of all the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C signals for 1 (Table 1). In addition, a planar structure of 1 was determined, in an agreement with the planar structure of myrifragranone B reported by Oanh et al.<sup>19</sup> However, the determination of the relative configuration of 1 as the threo-form through the NOESY correlation between H-10 and H-12, as described in the aforementioned report, was found to be incorrect because of the spatial proximity of these protons. This was further proven because the NOESY correlation between H-10 and H-12 was also observed in 2 (erythro-form). Next, we identified the relative configuration of 1 using Maestro 10.6 for the coupling constant prediction of all possible relative configurations of 1. The predicted J value between H-10 and H-11 protons  $(J_{10-11} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ Figure S.42})$  showed a very good correspondence with the observed experimental value  $(J_{10-11} =$ 6.5 Hz, Table 1). Thus, the relative configuration of 1 was established as the threo-form. This finding is consistent with those of previous studies that used large or small coupling constants in CDCl<sub>3</sub> to ascertain the relative configuration.<sup>22,</sup> The absolute configuration of 1 was established on the basis of ECD spectroscopic evidence. The experimental ECD spectrum fit the calculated spectrum for the 10R,11R-configuration of simplified-1 well (Figure S.43). Based on the above evidence, the structure of 1 is shown in Chart 1.

Myricone K (10) was obtained as a yellowish gum with a molecular formula of  $C_{42}H_{50}O_{10}$  from the ion peak at m/z737.3301  $[M + Na]^+$  in the positive ion HRESIMS (calcd. for  $C_{42}H_{50}O_{10}Na$ , 737.3302). Similar to compounds in group I, the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 10 revealed the presence of a diphenylnonanoid group (part 1) and two phenylpropyl groups (part 2) (Tables S.3 and S.4). However, part 1 of 10 was connected to part 2 via an oxygen atom between C-10 and C-3", as confirmed by the presence of an HMBC cross-peak of H-10 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.19) with C-3" ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  146.66) (Figure 1). The detected downfield chemical shift of H-10 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.19) and C-10  $(\delta_{\rm C} 86.04)$  in 10 indicated a connection to oxygen rather than to the benzene ring. The relative configuration of 10 was determined to be the erythro-form based on the observed small  $J_{10-11}$  coupling constant of 2.7 Hz in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Figure S.42). Moreover, a comparison between the experimental ECD spectrum and the calculated spectrum for the 10R,11S-configuration of simplified-10 (Figure S.44) revealed compelling evidence of their similarity. These findings provide conclusive evidence of the structure of 10, as shown in Chart 1.

Myricone O (14) was obtained as a yellowish gum with a molecular formula of  $C_{41}H_{48}O_9$  from the ion peak at m/z 707.3196 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> in the positive ion HRESIMS (calcd. for  $C_{41}H_{48}O_9Na$ , 707.3196). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 14

revealed the presence of a diphenylnonanoid moiety (part 1), similar to those of compounds in groups I and II. However, 14 was found to contain a 2,3-dimethylbutane-type lignan unit (part 2) instead of the two phenylpropyl groups. In addition, the signals of the 2,3-dimethylbutane-type lignan unit of 14 are similar to those of myristargenol A (Table 1).<sup>24</sup> This similarity was validated by observing signals of two sets of 1,3,4trisubstituted benzene ring  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.68 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, H-2'''), 6.79 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, H-5'''), and 6.65 (1H, dd, J =8.1, 1.9 Hz, H-6''')] and [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.55 (1H, m, H-2'''), 6.75 (1H, d, J = 7.7 Hz, H-5<sup>"''</sup>), and 6.53 (1H, m, H-6<sup>"''</sup>)], two methyl groups [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.74 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz, H-14) and 0.85 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H-15)], three methines [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.18 (1H, d, J = 11.9 Hz, H-10), 2.26 (1H, m, H-11), and 1.84 (1H, m, H-12)], one methylene [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.47 (2H, m, H-13)], one methoxy group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.79 (3H, s, H-17)], and one methylenedioxy group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.95 (2H, s, H-16)]. The linkage between C-10 and C-3', as validated by the HMBC cross-peak of H-10 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.18) with C-2' ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  161.51) and C-4' ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  134.08), established the correlation between parts 2 and 1 (Figure 1). The relative rigidity of the molecule was attributed to the anti-periplanar alignment between H-10 and H-11, which was revealed by applying the Karplus equation to the coupling constant (J =11.9 Hz).<sup>25</sup> The coupling constant between H-11 and H-12 was initially predicted to be approximately 2.5 Hz by NMR simulation (Figure S.37) and further determined to be 2.2 Hz (Figure S.38) by selective homonuclear decoupled <sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments, suggesting the gauche correlation between H-11 and H-12. Thus, based on the NOESY data (Figure S.38), the relative configurations of 14 were proposed as rel-10S,11R,12S. Finally, the absolute configuration of 14 was determined by comparing calculated and experimental ECD spectra (Figure S.45), and the structure of 14 is as shown in Chart 1.

Myricone Q (17) was isolated as a yellowish gum with a molecular formula of  $C_{41}H_{46}O_9$  from the ion peak at m/z705.3040  $[M + Na]^+$  in the positive ion HRESIMS (calcd. for  $C_{41}H_{46}O_{0}Na$ , 705.3040). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 17 indicated the presence of a diphenylnonanoid group (part 1), akin to that observed in compounds of groups I, II, and III. However, 17 exhibited a dihydrobenzofuran neolignan moiety (part 2) instead of two phenylpropyl groups. The signals of the dihydrobenzofuran neolignan moiety of 17 are similar to those of 20 (Table 1), and structural determination was achieved after detecting signals of a pair of *meta*-coupled aromatic protons  $[\delta_{\rm H} 6.76 (2H, s, H-2^{\prime\prime\prime}, 6^{\prime\prime\prime})]$ , an ABX system  $[\delta_{\rm H} 6.93$ (1H, s, H-2"'')], 6.87 (2H, s, H-5"'',6"'')], two methine protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.07 (1H, d, J = 9.4 Hz, H-13) and 3.42 (1H, m, H-14)], one methyl proton [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.34 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz, H-15)], a disubstituted *trans*-olefin [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.27 (1H, m, H-10) and 6.13 (1H, dt, J = 15.8, 6.4, H-11)], and two methoxy groups  $[\delta_{\rm H} 3.85 (3H, s, H-16) \text{ and } 3.84 (3H, s, H-17)]$ . The locations of the methoxy groups were characterized by NOESY experiments, which revealed NOE correlations between H-17  $(\delta_{\rm H}$  3.84) and H-2<sup>''''</sup>  $(\delta_{\rm H}$  6.93), as well as H-16  $(\delta_{\rm H}$  3.85) and H-2''' ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.76) (Figure 1). Further, part 2 was connected to part 1 via C-12 and C-2", as confirmed by the HBMC crosspeak of H-12 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.39) with C-1″ ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  134.09) and C-3″ ( $\delta_{\rm C}$ 116.96) (Figure 1). As for 1, 17 was analyzed by NMR in acetone- $d_{6i}$  which enabled the identification of more aromatic protons (Table S.15). In the dihydrobenzofuran ring, the large vicinal coupling constant (J = 9.4 Hz) between H-13 and H-14 indicates a trans-relative configuration for these methine protons.<sup>26,27</sup> The absolute configuration of 17 was determined

as 13*S*,14*S* from the positive Cotton effect at 241 nm in the ECD spectrum, which is in contrast to that of 3'-methoxylicarin B (Figure S.46).<sup>27,28</sup> Therefore, the structure of compound **17** was elucidated, as shown in Chart 1.

Myricone Z (21) was obtained as a yellowish gum with a molecular formula of  $C_{32}H_{38}O_7$  from the ion peak at m/z 557.2515 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> in the positive ion HRESIMS (calcd. for  $C_{32}H_{38}O_7$ Na, 557.2515). The NMR data for 21 (Table 2)

Table 2. <sup>1</sup> H and <sup>13</sup> C NMR Spectroscopic Data	a for
Compounds 21 and 47 in $\text{CDCl}_3$ ( $\delta$ in ppm,	J in Hz)

	δ	н	$\delta_{ m C}$			
position	21	47	21	47		
1	208.49, C	208.84, C				
2	45.04, CH <sub>2</sub>	45.09, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.09, t (7.4)	3.09, t (7.4)		
3	24.65, CH <sub>2</sub>	24.81, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.66, m	1.67, m		
4	29.38, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.43, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.21–1.36, m <sup>a</sup>	1.22 – 1.39, m <sup>a</sup>		
5	29.37, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.39, CH <sub>2</sub>				
6	29.28, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.28, CH <sub>2</sub>				
7	29.02, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.01, CH <sub>2</sub>				
8	31.55, CH <sub>2</sub>	31.56, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.51, m	1.53, m		
9	35.29, CH <sub>2</sub>	35.28, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.45, t (7.6)	2.47, t (7.6)		
10	131.34, CH	32.04, CH	6.41, d (15.8)	1.52, m		
11	126.18, CH	20.56, CH <sub>3</sub>	6.20, dt (15.8, 6.7)	0.82, d (6.8)		
12	33.40, CH <sub>2</sub>	20.20, CH <sub>3</sub>	3.46, d (6.7)	0.82, d (6.8)		
13	56.16, CH <sub>3</sub>	23.95, CH <sub>3</sub>	3.85, s	1.42, s		
14	56.04, CH <sub>3</sub>		3.84, s			
1'	110.29, C	110.29, C				
2'	160.44, C	162.85, C				
3′	119.06, C	128.67, C				
4′	136.48, CH	133.50, CH	7.15, d (8.3)	7.32, d (8.5)		
5'	107.43, CH	105.24, CH	6.30, d (8.2)	6.17, d (8.5)		
6′	158.91, C	156.59, C				
1″	136.32, C	136.46, C				
2″	115.67, CH	115.73, CH	6.66, d (2.0)	6.69, d (1.9)		
3″	143.53, C	143.48, C				
4″	141.49, C	141.38, C				
5″	115.39, CH	115.45, CH	6.73, d (8.1)	6.75, d (8.0)		
6″	121.01, CH	121.08, CH	6.57, dd (8.1, 2.0)	6.59, dd (8.0, 2.0)		
$1^{\prime\prime\prime}$	130.50, C	45.37, C				
2'''	108.87, CH	32.74, CH	6.89, d (2.0)	1.50, m		
3'''	149.19, C	9.74, CH <sub>2</sub>		0.44, t (4.4)		
				0.32, dd (8.4, 5.0)		
4′′′	148.78, C	34.71, C				
5'''	111.38, CH	28.18, CH <sub>2</sub>	6.78, d (8.2)	1.53/1.38, m		
6'''	119.52, CH	33.61, CH <sub>2</sub>	6.87, dd (8.2, 2.0)	2.09/1.18, m		
Overlapped.						

revealed that the signals of part 1 are similar to those of part 1 of 1. For part 2, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum contains signals for a set of 1,3,4-trisubstituted benzene rings [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.89 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-2<sup>*m*</sup>), 6.78 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, H-5<sup>*m*</sup>), and 6.87 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, H-6<sup>*m*</sup>)], two methoxy groups [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.85 (3H, s, H-13) and 3.84 (3H, s, H-14)], and a disubstituted *trans*olefin [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.41 (1H, d, J = 15.8 Hz, H-10) and 6.20 (1H, dt, J = 15.8, 6.7 Hz, H-11)]. Finally, we found that part 2 was connected to part 1 via the NOE correlations between H-12 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.46) and C-2' ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  160.44), C-4' ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  136.48) (Figure 1). The positions of the methoxy groups were confirmed from the HBMC correlations between H-13 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.85) and C-3<sup>*m*</sup> ( $\delta_{\rm C}$ 

149.19) and between H-14 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.84) and C-4<sup>'''</sup> ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  148.78) (Figure 1) and reconfirmed through a NOESY experiment, which revealed the correlations between H-13 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.85) and H-2<sup>'''</sup> ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  108.87), as well as between H-14 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.84) and H-5<sup>'''</sup> ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  111.38) (Figure 1). Consequently, the structure of **21** was determined and is displayed in Chart 1.

Myfracone D (47) was isolated as a yellowish gum with a molecular formula of  $C_{31}H_{42}O_5$  from the ion peak at m/z517.2929  $[M + Na]^+$  in the positive-ion HRESIMS (calculation for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 517.2930). Belonging to group VI, which includes monoterpene-diarylnonanoid conjugates, the monoterpene moiety of 47 displayed characteristic resonances for three methylene groups [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.44 (1H, t, J = 4.4 Hz, H-3<sup>*m*</sup>a), 0.32 (1H, dd, J = 8.4, 5.0 Hz, H-3<sup>*m*</sup>b),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  9.74;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.53/1.38 (2H, m, H-5"''),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  28.18;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.09/1.18 (2H, m, H-6<sup>'''</sup>),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  33.61], two methines [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.50 (1H, m, H-2<sup>'''</sup>),  $\delta_{\rm C}$ 32.74;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.52 (1H, m, H-10),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  32.04], and three methyl groups [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.82 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H-11),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  20.56;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.82 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H-12),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  20.20;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.42 (3H, s, H-13),  $\delta_{\rm C}$ 23.95]. Part 1 was demonstrated to be connected to part 2 via the C-1'''/C-3' linkage, which was verified by detecting HBMC cross-peaks between C-1''' ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  45.37) and H-4' ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.32) (Figure 1). The relative configuration of 47 was determined to be rel-1"'S,2"'S,4"'R based on observed NOE correlations between H-4' ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.32) and H-11 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.82), H-12 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.82) as well as H-3‴a ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.44) and H-13 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.42) (Figure 1). Afterward, we established the absolute configuration of 47 by comparing its experimental ECD spectrum with the calculated spectrum for the 1<sup>m</sup>S,2<sup>m</sup>S,4<sup>m</sup>R-configuration of simplified-47. This analysis confirmed its absolute configuration as  $1'''S_{2}'''S_{4}'''R$  (Figure S.47). As a result, we finalized the structural assignment of 47, as outlined in Chart 1.

In terms of initial biological activity, the isolated compounds were initially assessed for their impact on the viability of RAW 264.7 cells using the MTT assay (Figure S.54). The results indicated that compounds 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, and 21 significantly affected cell viability, while compounds 2, 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 17-20 showed no significant effect on cell viability. Therefore, a concentration of  $12.5-50 \ \mu M$  of compounds 2, 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 17-20 was selected for subsequent experiments, which evaluated effects of those compounds on NFkB/AP1, IRF activity, and proinflammatory cytokine and NO production. The investigation of compounds 2, 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 17-20 for their inhibitory effects on NF- $\kappa$ B/AP1 and IRF signaling pathways induced by the TLR agonists Pam3CSK4 (TLR2), Poly (IC) (TLR3), LPS (TLR4), FLA-ST (TLR5), and R848 (TLR7-8) yielded significant insights into their potential as therapeutic agents for modulating immune responses. We found that compounds 2, 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, and 18 exhibit notable dose-dependent inhibition of the NF- $\kappa$ B/AP1 signaling pathway when exposed to TLR2, TLR4, TLR7, and TLR8 agonists (Figure 2). This finding suggests that these compounds could effectively mitigate the activation of this pathway, which is a central regulator of proinflammatory cytokines and immune responses. Such inhibition could be valuable in the context of diseases characterized by excessive inflammation. Moreover, our results demonstrate that compounds 2, 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, and 18 also effectively inhibit the IRF signaling pathway when treated with TLR2, TLR3, TLR4, TLR5, TLR7, and TLR8 agonists (Figure 3). The dose-dependent manner of inhibition implies the potential for precise control over type I interferon production and downstream antiviral responses. This finding

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**Figure 2.** Effects of compounds on NFkB/AP1 activity. (A) NFkB/AP1 activity (100 ng/mL Pam3CSK4; TLR2 ligand), (B) NFkB/AP1 activity (1  $\mu$ g/mL LPS; TLR4 ligand), and (C) NFkB/AP1 activity (1  $\mu$ g/mL R848; TLR7,8 ligands). Experimental values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  standard error of the mean values from three independent experiments (\*\*\*p < 0.001).



**Figure 3.** Effects of compounds on IRF activity: (A) IRF activity (100 ng/mL Pam3CSK4; TLR2 ligand), (B) IRF activity (10  $\mu$ g/mL Poly (I:C); TLR3 ligand), (C) IRF activity (1  $\mu$ g/mL LPS; TLR4 ligand), (D) IRF activity (1  $\mu$ g/mL FLA-ST; TLR5 ligand), and (E) IRF activity (1  $\mu$ g/mL R848; TLR 7,8 ligand). Experimental values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  standard error of the mean values from three independent experiments (\*\*\*p < 0.001).

underscores the versatility of these compounds in modulating immune reactions. Additionally, the assessment of the final products of these pathways (interleukin-6 and NO) revealed that compounds 2, 4, 6, and 11 can inhibit the production of these proinflammatory mediators (Figure 4). The reduction in IL-6 levels suggests the potential dampening of the proinflammatory cytokine storm, which has a critical role in various inflammatory diseases. The inhibition of NO production is of significance because excessive NO release is associated with inflammation and tissue damage.

## CONCLUSIONS

A total of 33 new compounds were isolated from the seeds of *M. fragrans*. These include 8-O-4'-neolignan-diarylnonanoid conjugates (groups I, II), 2,3-dimethylbutane-type lignan-diarylnonanoid conjugates (group III), dihydrobenzofuran neolignan-diarylnonanoid conjugates (group IV), propenyl-



**Figure 4.** Effects of compounds on proinflammatory cytokine production and NO production. RAW 264.7 cells were pretreated with 50  $\mu$ M compounds for 1 h and treated with 10 ng/mL LPS for 24 h. (A) The level of IL-6 induced by LPS in RAW 264.7 cells. (B) The level of nitric oxide induced by LPS in RAW 264.7 cells. Experimental values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  standard error of the mean values from three independent experiments (\*p < 0.05, \*\*\*p < 0.001).

benzene-diarylnonanoid conjugates (group V), and monoterpene-diarylnonanoid conjugates (group VI), along with two other neolignans (compounds 20 and 49), and 20 known compounds (compounds 1, 8, and 23-40). Compounds 2, 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, and 18 demonstrated promising inhibitory effects on NF- $\kappa$ B/AP1 and IRF signaling pathways induced by TLR agonists (data summarized in Table S.16). Notably, different behavior was observed for the stereoisomers, particularly within the subset of group-I compounds. Specifically, although the 10R,11R-isomers (1, 3, 5, 6, and 8) exhibited cytotoxicity leading to cell death, the 10S,11Risomers (2 and 4) yielded the opposite effect (Figure S.54). Together, these findings significantly enrich the chemical diversity of *M. fragrans* and suggest the potential of these compounds as therapeutics for conditions characterized by dysregulated immune responses and inflammation. However, further studies are required to elucidate the precise mechanisms of action and evaluate their safety and efficacy in in vivo models. Nonetheless, the findings of this study provide valuable insights into the development of targeted immunomodulatory interventions.

## EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

General Experimental Procedures. Optical rotations were measured with a PerkinElmer Model 343 polarimeter. UV spectra were acquired by using a PerkinElmer Lambda 35 UV/vis spectrophotometer. ECD spectra were acquired on a Chirascan V100 spectropolarimeter. IR spectra were obtained by using a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS10 FT-IR spectrometer. The NMR spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC, HMBC, and NOESY) were obtained using a Varian 500 MHz NMR spectrometer and Bruker AVANCE III HD 800 NMR spectrometer equipped with a 5 mm TCI CryoProbe operating at 850 MHz. The HRESIMS data were acquired on a Waters SYNAPT G2 (Waters, Milford, MA, USA) mass spectrometer. HPLC chromatograms and ESIMS data were obtained using an Agilent 1200 system connected to a 6120 quadrupole MSD with a Triart YMC C18 column (3  $\mu$ m, 250 × 4.6 mm). Preparative MPLC was carried out using a YMC MPLC system with a YMC ODS column (5  $\mu$ m, 250  $\times$  20 mm). Open columns were filled with normal-phase silica gel 60 (70-230; Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was conducted using precoated silica gel F254

plates for normal-phase separation. Spots were visualized either under UV light or by heating the plates after spraying them with 10% sulfuric acid.

**Plant Material.** The nutmegs of *M. fragrans* from Indonesia were purchased from a commercial market (Dongkwang, Seoul, Korea) in 2023. The sample was authenticated by Prof. Sang Hoon Jung (one of the authors), and a voucher specimen (KISTMF-0223) was deposited at the Natural Product Center, Korea Institute of Science and Technology, Gangwon-do, Republic of Korea.

Extraction and Isolation. The dried nutmegs of M. fragrans (5.0 kg) were extracted with 75% aqueous EtOH at room temperature, and the extract was filtered and concentrated to yield an EtOH extract (205 g), which was suspended in distilled water and sequentially partitioned with methylene chloride (MC) and ethyl acetate (EA) to obtain residues of 100 and 2 g, respectively. The MC-soluble fraction (100 g) was fractionated over a silica gel column (hexanes-EA,  $20:1 \rightarrow 100\%$  EA) to furnish 30 fractions (MFMC-1-30). Small portions (50 mg) of fraction MFMC-1 (10.2 g), fraction MFMC-4 (3.4 g), and fraction MFMC-10 (2.3 g) were subjected to preparative MPLC utilizing acetonitrile (ACN)/ H<sub>2</sub>O (gradient, flow rate 5 mL/min, YMC C18 column) to yield myristicin<sup>8,28,29</sup> (33, 12.1 mg), methyleugenol<sup>8,29,30</sup> (36, 3.2 mg), and 3'-methoxylicarin  $B^{27}$  (30, 15.3 mg), respectively; myristic acid<sup>31</sup> (31, 8.2 mg) was precipitated and collected from fraction MFMC-9 (2.1 g) using MeOH as the solvent for the precipitation. Similar to 31,  $\beta$ -sitosterol<sup>32</sup> (29, 6.1 mg) was separated from fraction MFMC-13 (500 mg). Fraction MFMC-21 (3.2 g) was applied to a Sephadex LH-20 column eluted with MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (2:10  $\rightarrow$  100% MeOH) to produce six subfractions (21-1 to 21-6). trans-3,4,5-Trimethoxycinnamic alcohol<sup>32</sup> (32, 2.1 mg), trans-3,4-dimethoxyeinnamyl alcohol<sup>33</sup> (34, 3.4 mg), and anthriscinol<sup>34</sup> (35, 2.1 mg) were acquired by purifying subfraction 21-2 (120 mg) using preparative MPLC with ACN/ $H_2O$  (gradient, flow rate 5 mL/ min). Subfraction 21-5 was applied again to a Sephadex LH-20 column eluted with MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (3:10  $\rightarrow$  100% MeOH) to obtain 67 subfractions (21-5-1 to 21-5-67). Myricone E (5, 4.2 mg), myricone F (6, 6.2 mg), giganteone A<sup>35</sup> (26, 3.1 mg), giganteone  $B^{35}$  (28, 2.3 mg), and giganteone  $C^{36}$  (27, 2.1 mg) from subfraction 21-5-61, myricone A or myrifragranone  $B^{1}$ (1, 46.2 mg), myricone B (2, 34.8 mg), myricone C (3, 21.6

mg), myricone D (4, 13.3 mg), myricone G (7, 1.3 mg), myrifragranone  $A^{19}$  (8, 4.3 mg), malabaricone  $B^{9,37}$  (23, 19.1 mg), and malabaricone  $C^{9,37}$  (24, 113.3 mg) from subfraction 21-5-63, the mixture of myricone H, I (9a and 9b, 11.5 mg), myricone K (10, 5.3 mg), myricone L (11, 6.4 mg), myricone M (12, 5.7 mg), and myricone N (13, 1.4 mg) from subfraction 21-5-65; myricone O (14, 7.5 mg), myricone P (15, 7.3 mg), myricone R (16, 1.2 mg), myricone Q (17, 3.1 mg), myricone T (18, 3.3 mg), myricone X (19, 2.9 mg), myricone Z (21, 2.1 mg), and myricone W (22, 1.1 mg) from subfraction 21-5-60, myrifratin  $D^{38}$  (38, 1.6 mg), myrifratin  $E^{38}$  (39, 1.8 mg), malabaricone  $A^{39}$  (40, 2.9 mg), myricone J (41, 5.6 mg), myricone S (42, 1.6 mg), and myricone U (43, 2.3 mg) from subfraction 21-5-57, myfracone G (50, 1.7 mg), myfracone H (51, 1.9 mg), and myfracone I (52, 0.7 mg) from subfraction 21-5-58 were purified using preparative MPLC with ACN/H<sub>2</sub>O (isocratic, 70% ACN, flow rate 8 mL/min). Fraction MFMC-28 (550 mg) was separated on a Sephadex LH-20 column eluted with MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (3:10  $\rightarrow$  100% MeOH), then purified using preparative MPLC with ACN/ H<sub>2</sub>O (gradient, flow rate 5 mL/min) to afford trans-3,4dimethoxycinnamic acid<sup>40</sup> (37, 2.5 mg), promalabaricone B<sup>37</sup> (25, 1.9 mg), and myricone Y (20, 2.2 mg). Finally, fraction MFMC-29 (720 mg) was separated on a Sephadex LH-20 column eluted with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (7:3  $\rightarrow$  100% MeOH), then purified using preparative MPLC with ACN/H2O (isocratic, 85% ACN, flow rate 8 mL/min) to collect myfracone A (44, 2.1 mg), myfracone B (45, 2.2 mg), myfracone C (46, 3.2 mg), myfracone D (47, 3.1 mg), myfracone E (48, 2.5 mg), and myfracone F (49, 3.7 mg). The known compounds were determined by comparing the spectroscopic data with the reported literature values.

*Myricone A* (1): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +96 (c 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 240 (3.09), 273 (3.01), and 353 (2.23) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3645, 3235, 2925, 2858, 1745, 1598, 1515, 1241, 1053, 1032, 755, and 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 238 (-18.03) and 273 (1.65) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Table 1), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.11); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 737.3302 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na, 737.3302).

*Myricone B* (2): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +83 (*c* 0.03, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 240 (3.04), 273 (2.83), and 353 (2.08) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3680, 2924, 2862, 1600, 1515, 1228, 1054, 1033, and 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 238 (20.23) and 284 (3.45) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.1 and S.2; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 737.3301 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na, 737.3302).

*Myricone C* (3): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +62 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 240 (2.95), 273 (2.56), and 353 (1.88) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3698, 2975, 2862, 1698, 1599, 1514, 1231, 1057, 1032, and 655 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 238 (-24.23) and 273 (2.44) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Tables S.1 and S.2), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.11); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 721.3354 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 721.3353).

*Myricone D* (4): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +56 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 240 (3.02), 273 (2.70), and 353 (1.98) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2924, 2855, 1744, 1601, 1513, 1261, 1055, 1032, and 655 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 238 (17.78) and 284 (2.53) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz)

and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.1 and S.2; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 721.3352 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 721.3353).

*Myricone E* (5): yellowish gum;  $[α]^{20}_{D}$  +44 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $λ_{max}$  (log ε) 230 (2.56), 280 (2.26), and 351 (1.30) nm; IR (KBr)  $ν_{max}$  2940, 2833, 1749, 1661, 1549, 1139, 1028, and 767 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $λ_{max}$  (Δε) 238 (–10.84) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Tables S.1 and S.2), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.12); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 707.3198 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 707.3196).

*Myricone F* (**6**): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +76 (*c* 0.03, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 225 (3.06), 272 (2.74), and 340 (2.02) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2926, 2853, 1628, 1512, 1226, 1035, and 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 243 (-3.40) and 291 (2.91) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* see Tables S.1 and S.2; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 737.3300 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na, 737.3302).

*Myricone G* (7): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +19 (*c* 0.01, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 230 (2.77), 270 (2.45), and 351 (1.54) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2924, 2861, 1748, 1600, 1513, 1278, 1054, and 1002 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 238 (+17.56) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Tables S.1 and S.2), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.12); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m/z* 707.3195 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 707.3196).

*Myrifragranone A* (8): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +23 (*c* 0.01, MeOH); ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 239 (-7.86) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Table S.10; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 707.3195 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 707.3196).

*Mixture of Myricone H* (9*a*) and Myricone *I* (9*b*): yellowish gum; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 220 (2.67), 271 (2.02), and 340 (1.30) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2934, 2850, 1741, 1627, 1593, 1509, 1271, 1054, 1033, and 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.3 and S.4; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 737.3300 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na, 737.3302).

*Myricone K* (10): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +80 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 227 (2.93), 272 (2.71), and 340 (1.95) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2925, 2855, 1592, 1277, 1128, and 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 215 (-13.93), (+3.98), 244 (-6.97), and 274 (-3.09) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Table 1; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 737.3301 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na, 737.3302).

*Myricone L* (11): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{\rm D}$  +50 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 225 (2.91), 272 (2.51), and 340 (1.78) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  2938, 2834, 1631, 1503, 1276, 1030, and 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  ( $\Delta\varepsilon$ ) 211 (+38.25), 226 (+8.96), 237 (+4.23), 247 (-1.80), 288 (-4.15) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Tables S.3 and S.4), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.13); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 737.3303 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na, 737.3302).

*Myricone M* (12): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} + 26$  (*c* 0.04, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 227 (2.92), 272 (2.73), and 340 (2.08) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2933, 2857, 1747, 1592, 1514, 1278, 1056, 1033, and 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 225 (-9.82), 244 (-11.95), and 283 (-7.28) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Tables S.3 and S.4), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table

S.13); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 721.3353 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 721.3353).

*Myricone N* (13): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +33 (*c* 0.01, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log ε) 222 (2.63), 272 (1.90), and 340 (1.60) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2935, 2835, 1683, 1627, 1502, 1227, 1098, 1032, and 674 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (Δε) 230 (+13.40), 245 (-5.08), and 281 (-3.69) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.3 and S.4; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 721.3353 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 721.3353).

*Myricone O* (14): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +131 (*c* 0.03, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 230 (2.94), 279 (2.82), and 356 (2.08) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2925, 2855, 1746, 1694, 1513, 1246, 1034, and 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 241 (+13.66) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Table 1; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 707.3196 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 707.3196).

*Myricone P* (15): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +54 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log ε) 223 (2.79), 279 (2.41), and 356 (1.74) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2935, 1746, 1603, 1513, 1227, 1033, and 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (Δε) 241 (+11.49) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Table S.5), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.14); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 709.3356 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 709.3353).

*Myricone R* (16): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +41 (*c* 0.01, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 223 (2.86), 279 (2.45), and 359 (1.78) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2925, 2853, 1602, 1514, 1270, and 1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 241 (-16.29) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Table S.5; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 709.3353 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 709.3353).

*Myricone Q (17):* yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  -22 (*c* 0.01, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 227 (2.97), 273 (2.87), and 343 (1.85) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2924, 2863, 1746, 1601, 1518, 1288, 1053, and 1033 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 241 (+2.20) and 274 (-4.90) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Table 1), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.15); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 705.3040 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 705.3040).

*Myricone T* (18): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{\rm D}$  -19 (c 0.01, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 230 (1.16), 273 (1.74), and 345 (0.70) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  2947, 2885, 1747, 1641, 1574, 1027, and 659 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  ( $\Delta\varepsilon$ ) 241 (+2.15) and 275 (-3.86) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Table S.6), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.15); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 705.3042 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 705.3040).

*Myricone X* (19): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}{}_{\rm D}$  –16 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 233 (2.04), 273 (2.16), and 352 (1.18) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  2935, 2853, 1732, 1625, 1502, 1226, 1059, 1028, and 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 241 (+3.02) and 275 (-3.71) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Table S.6), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.15); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 705.3042 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 705.3040).

*Myricone Y* (20): white amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  -51 (*c* 0.01, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 202 (3.34), 222 (3.18), and 325 (3.16) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3734, 3645, 2938, 2862, 1746, 1602, 1518, 1269, 1054, 1032, and 655 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 223 (7.10), 244 (6.81), 276 (0.73),

and 320 (-9.40) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in methanol- $d_4$ , see Table S.6; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 379.1157 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{20}O_6Na$ , 379.1158).

*Myricone Z* (21): yellowish gum; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 231 (2.72), 271 (2.45), and 350 (1.54) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2924, 2860, 1746, 1603, 1513, 1277, 1001, and 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Table 2; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 557.2515 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na, 557.2515).

*Myricone W* (22): yellowish gum; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log ε) 231 (2.95), 270 (2.86), and 340 (1.85) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2937, 2844, 1746, 1600, 1512, 1226, 1033, and 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Table S.7; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 557.2516 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na, 557.2515).

*Myricone J* (41): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}{}_{\rm D}$  +36 (*c* 0.01, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 232 (3.01), 274 (2.85), and 338 (2.23) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  2924, 2851, 1693, 1620, 1591, 1515, 1452, 1335, 1279, 1227, 1150, 1126, and 1060 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 227 (-11.28), 244 (-15.19), and 283 (-8.47) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.3 and S.4; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 737.3304 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na, 737.3302).

*Myricone* S (42): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +29 (c 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 215 (2.83), 267 (2.67), and 343 (1.78) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2923, 2851, 1693, 1628, 1597, 1509, 1453, 1341, 1262, 1236, 1140, 1091, 1060, 1044, and 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 214 (-12.33), 222 (+6.86) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.3 and S.4; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 707.3196 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 707.3196).

*Myricone U (43):* yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +93 (*c* 0.03, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 240 (3.10), 277 (3.06), and 354 (2.40) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2922, 2850, 1693, 1602, 1513, 1488, 1432, 1212, 1138, 1039, 1005, and 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 241 (+17.60) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Table S.5; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 691.3246 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na, 691.3247).

*Myfracone A* (44): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +17 (*c* 0.03, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log ε) 232 (2.60), 274 (2.49), and 354 (1.78) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2922, 2850, 1692, 1619, 1525, 1436, 1341, 1213, 1140, 1004, 956, and 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \epsilon$ ) 217 (+2.91), 234 (-1.37) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.8 and S.9; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 515.2774 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 515.2773).

*Myfracone B* (45): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} -29$  (c 0.01, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 230 (2.11), 270 (2.28), and 290 (1.65) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2923, 2851, 1692, 1628, 1598, 1508, 1452, 1365, 1291, 1238, 1138, 1094, 1041, and 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 211 (-12.78), 230 (-1.92) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.8 and S.9; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 517.2929 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 517.2930).

*Myfracone C* (**46**): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  -15 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 228 (2.48), 278 (2.04), and 352 (1.40) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2923, 2850, 1693, 1600, 1524, 1429, 1365, 1280, 1239, 1138 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$ 

 $(\Delta \varepsilon)$  201 (-23.95), 233 (-2.15) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.8 and S.9; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 517.2930 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 517.2930).

*Myfracone* D (47): yellowish gum;  $[α]^{20}_{D}$  +42 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $λ_{max}$  (log ε) 227 (2.56), 275 (2.23), and 352 (1.57) nm; IR (KBr)  $ν_{max}$  2923, 2851, 1692, 1628, 1598, 1524, 1424, 1363, 1240, 1211, 1138, 1045, 1001, and 808 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $λ_{max}$  (Δε) 203 (-13.17), 216 (-2.58) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Table 2; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 517.2929 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 517.2930).

*Myfracone E* (**48**): yellowish gum;  $[α]^{20}_{D}$  +28 (*c* 0.03, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log ε) 227 (2.34), 275 (1.85), and 352 (1.11) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2923, 2852, 1692, 1599, 1521, 1422, 1363, 1240, 1211, 1137, 1118, 1042, and 807 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (Δε) 201 (-20.91), 216 (+3.38) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.8 and S.9; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 517.2927 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 517.2930).

*Myfracone F* (**49**): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +53 (*c* 0.03, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log ε) 244 (3.22), 272 (3.23), and 292 (3.06) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2920, 2849, 1692, 1629, 1595, 1508, 1453, 1375, 1272, 1238, 1212, 1138, 1094, 1036, and 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (Δε) 204 (+37.13), 217 (-4.74) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.8 and S.9; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 543.2358 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na, 543.2359).

Myfracone G (50): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}{}_{\rm D}$  -39 (c 0.01, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 224 (2.49), 272 (2.11), and 350 (1.48) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  2929, 2857, 1604, 1516, 1430, 1370, 1280, 1252, 1212, 1114, 1094, and 722 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) 209 (+2.78), 222 (+1.47), 246 (-0.38), 266 (-0.28) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Tables S.8 and S.9; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 533.2878 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na, 533.2879).

*Myfracone H* (**51**): yellowish gum;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  –49 (*c* 0.02, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log ε) 222 (2.70), 278 (2.18), and 338 (1.60) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2929, 2854, 1604, 1592, 1515, 1452, 1333, 1277, 1233, 1128, 1070, and 721 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (Δε) 206 (–41.86), 218 (+8.28), 224 (–5.95), 235 (–3.27), 245 (+8.87), 288 (+16.52) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d* (Tables S.3 and S.4), in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Table S.13); HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m/z* 737.3304 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na, 737.3302).

*Myfracone l* (**52**): yellowish gum; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 224 (2.45), 268 (2.00), and 352 (0.90) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2924, 2850, 1628, 1600, 1513, 1452, 1261, 1227, 1138, and 1021 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) data in chloroform-*d*, see Table S.7; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 557.2516 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na, 557.2515).

**Coupling Constant Simulation.** The 3D structures of two possible diastereomers of compounds 1, 2, 10, and 11 and the  $10R^*,11R^*$ - and  $10S^*,11R^*$ -forms were generated and minimized at the MM2 level of theory in Chem3D 19.0. The coupling constants between H-10 and H-11 of the two

resulting structures were predicted using Maestro 10.6 (version 2016–2, Schrödinger LLC).

**NMR Simulation.** MestReNova Version 14.1.2–25024 was used to simulate the H-11 peak of 14. The "Spin Simulation" under the "Prediction" tab was clicked to open the dialogue box. The "Spin Groups" was set to "4", the "Shifts (ppm)" values of "A" to "D" were "2.26", "4.18", "0.74", and "4.232", respectively, "N" values were set to "1" for "A", "B", and "D" and "3" for "C", and the "Line Width" was set to "5.0". After the coupling constants between H-10, H-11, H-12, and H-14 had been set as 11.9 ( $J_{\text{H-10/H-11}}$ ), 6.7 ( $J_{\text{H-11/H-14}}$ ), and 0–12 Hz ( $J_{\text{H-11/H-12}}$ ), the icon with "New Simulation" at the top left was clicked to generate the simulated <sup>1</sup>H NMR peak of H-11.

ECD Calculation. Compounds 1-4, 6, 10-16, and 44-49 were simplified to perform ECD calculation (Figure S.35). The conformers of simplified 1-4, 6, 10-16, and 44-49 used in this research were found using the Macromodel (version 2022-1, Schrödinger LLC) module with "mixed torsional/Low-mode sampling" in the MMFF force field. The searches were conducted in the gas phase, applying a 5 kJ/mol energy window limit and a maximum of 10000 steps to explore all potential conformers. Conformer minimization employed the Polak-Ribiere Conjugate Gradient (PRCG) method with 10000 iterations and a convergence threshold of 0.001 kJ (mol  $\text{\AA})^{-1}$  on the Root Mean Square (RMS) gradient. Geometry optimization of all conformers was performed using Gaussian 16 software (Gaussian Inc.) in the gas phase at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. Subsequently, excitation energies, oscillator strength, and rotatory strength were calculated at the same B3LYP/6-31G(d) level by using the Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM) with methanol as the solvent. The ECD spectra were Boltzmann-averaged based on the calculated Gibbs free energy of each conformer (Table S.17) and visualized with SpecDis software (Version 1.71) with a  $\sigma/\gamma$  value of 0.15 eV for simplified-1/3, 0.24 eV for simplified-2/4, 0.27 eV for simplified-6, 0.26 eV for simplified-10, 0.16 eV for simplified-11, 0.23 eV for simplified-12, 0.18 eV for simplified-13, 0.24 eV for simplified-14/15, 0.23 eV for simplified-16, 0.29 eV for simplified-44, 0.22 eV for simplified-45, 0.26 eV for simplified-46, 0.24 eV for simplified-47, 0.28 eV for simplified-48, and 0.16 eV for simplified-49. Additionally, a UV-shift correction was applied.

**Cell Culture.** RAW-dual cells (InvivoGen) were grown in 10 cm culture dishes using Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM; HyClone) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) plus 100 U/mL penicillin/streptomycin (HyClone) and 0.2% Normocin (InvivoGen). RAW 264.7 cells (Korean Cell Line Bank) were cultured in DMEM containing 10% FBS and 100 U/mL penicillin/streptomycin. Cultures were maintained at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Cell Viability.** RAW 264.7 cells were plated at a density of  $1.0 \times 10^{5}$  cells per well in 96-well plates and incubated for 24 h. Cell viability was assessed by adding 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) solution to the cells (final concentration: 0.5 mg/mL) and incubating for 1 h at 37 °C. The absorbance of the solubilized formazan product was measured using a spectrophotometer (BioTek Instruments).

**Quantification of NF-\kappaB/AP-1 and IRF Activity.** RAW-Dual cells were seeded at  $1 \times 10^5$  cells/well in a 96-well plate. RAW-Dual cells secreted embryonic alkaline phosphatase (SEAP), and Luciferase reporter cells were pretreated with 12.5, 25, 50  $\mu$ g/mL compounds for 1 h and then stimulated with TLR agonist for 18 h. The supernatants were recovered. SEAP activity was measured by QUANTI-Blue assay (InvivoGen) and Luciferase activity was measured by QUANTI-Luc assay (InvivoGen).

Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) and Nitric Oxide (NO) Assay. RAW 264.7 cells were seeded at  $1 \times 10^5$  cells/well in a 96-well plate. After 24 h of secretion of interleukin (IL)-6, the culture supernatants from the cells were analyzed using LEGEND MAX mouse IL-6 ELISA kits (BioLegned). The secretion of NO was measured by using the Griess reagent (Sigma). The optical density of the solubilized formazan product was measured by using a spectrophotometer.

**Statistical Analysis.** Statistical analysis was performed with GraphPad Prism, version 7.0 (GraphPad, San Diego, CA, USA). An unpaired two-tailed t test with a 95% confidence interval was used for the calculation of the p values. Group sizes, reproducibility, and p values for each experiment are given in the figure legends.

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