

The Pharmacological Potential of Nonribosomal Peptides from Marine Sponge and Tunicates

Shivankar Agrawal¹, Alok Adholeya¹, Sunil K. Deshmukh^{1*}

¹TERI-Deakin Nano Biotechnology Centre, The Energy and Resources Institute, India

Submitted to Journal:
Frontiers in Pharmacology

Specialty Section:
Experimental Pharmacology and Drug Discovery

ISSN:
1663-9812

Article type:
Review Article

Received on:
23 Mar 2016

Accepted on:
07 Sep 2016

Provisional PDF published on:
07 Sep 2016

Frontiers website link:
www.frontiersin.org

Citation:

Agrawal S, Adholeya A and Deshmukh SK(2016) The Pharmacological Potential of Nonribosomal Peptides from Marine Sponge and Tunicates. *Front. Pharmacol.* 7:333. doi:10.3389/fphar.2016.00333

Copyright statement:

© 2016 Agrawal, Adholeya and Deshmukh. This is an open-access article distributed under the terms of the [Creative Commons Attribution License \(CC BY\)](http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). The use, distribution and reproduction in other forums is permitted, provided the original author(s) or licensor are credited and that the original publication in this journal is cited, in accordance with accepted academic practice. No use, distribution or reproduction is permitted which does not comply with these terms.

This Provisional PDF corresponds to the article as it appeared upon acceptance, after peer-review. Fully formatted PDF and full text (HTML) versions will be made available soon.

1 **The Pharmacological Potential of Non-ribosomal Peptides from Marine Sponge**
2 **and Tunicates**

3 Shivankar Agrawal, Alok Adholeya, Sunil Kumar Deshmukh*

4 ^aTERI–Deakin Nano Biotechnology Centre, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Darbari Seth
5 Block, IHC complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003, India

6 *Corresponding Author: TERI-Deakin Nano Biotechnology Centre, The Energy and Resources Institute,
7 Darbari Seth Block, IHC Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi—110 003, India. Tel.: 91-11-2468 2100, ext.
8 2610; Fax: 91-11 24682144; Email: Sunil.Deshmukh@teri.res.in

9

10 **Abstract**

11 Marine biodiversity is recognized by a wide and unique array of fascinating structures. The
12 complex associations of marine microorganisms, especially with sponges, bryozoans, and
13 tunicates, make it extremely difficult to define the biosynthetic source of marine natural products
14 or to deduce their ecological significance. Marine sponges and tunicates are important source of
15 novel compounds for drug discovery and development. Majority of these compounds are nitrogen
16 containing and belong to non-ribosomal peptide (NRPs) or mixed polyketide–NRP natural
17 products. Several of these peptides are currently under trial for developing new drugs against
18 various disease areas, including inflammatory, cancer, neurodegenerative disorders and infectious
19 disease. This review features pharmacologically active NRPs from marine sponge and tunicates
20 based on their biological activities.

21 **Keywords:** Marine ecosystem, sponge, tunicates, marine natural products, non-ribosomal
22 peptides, pharmacology

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30 Introduction

31 Nature provides a wide and structurally diverse array of active biomolecules that have proved vital
32 for the development of novel pharmaceuticals. The marine world, covering more than 70 per cent
33 of the Earth's surface, is the home of tremendous biodiversity. Due to very exigent oceanic
34 environments, marine organisms have developed the capacity to produce unique compounds
35 (Steele, 1985, Mehbub et al., 2014). This rich and unprecedented chemo diversity of marine
36 natural products provides an unlimited resource of novel biomolecules in the field of drug
37 development. The importance of marine metabolites in current drug research is driven by the fact,
38 that during 1981–2002, around half of US FDA-approved drugs consisted of either marine
39 metabolites or their synthetic analogues (Vinothkumar and Parameswaran, 2013). Interestingly, the
40 majority of these natural products involved in clinical or preclinical trials are produced by
41 invertebrates, that is, sponges, tunicates, bryozoans, or molluscs. Sixty per cent of these natural
42 products belong to non-ribosomal peptide (NRP) families, which are biosynthesized by poly-
43 functional mega-synthases called NRP synthetases (NRPSs) (Finking and Marahiel, 2004, Mehbub
44 et al., 2014). The excellent binding properties, low off-target toxicity, and high stability of NRPs
45 make them a promising molecule for development of new therapeutics. Currently, only a handful
46 of NRPs are used as drug (Table 1).

47 **Table 1** NRPs-based drugs in market

Compound	Biosynthetic class of agent	Source	Disease/molecular target	Reference
Polymyxin B	Polypeptides	<i>Bacillus polymyxa</i>	Antibiotic/Alters bacterial outer membrane	(Paulus and Gray, 1964)
Pristinamycin	Depsipeptide	<i>Streptomyces pristinaespiralis</i>	Antibiotic/protein synthesis inhibitor	(de Crécy-Lagard et al., 1997)
Gramicidin	Linear pentadecapeptide	<i>Bacillus bovis</i>	Antibiotic/Alters bacterial outer membrane	(Kleinkauf and von Döhren, 1995)
Bacitracin	Cyclic peptide	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Antibiotic/dephosphorylation of C55-isoprenyl pyrophosphate	(Johnson et al., 1945)
Capreomycin	Cyclic peptide	<i>Streptomyces capreolus</i>	Antibiotic/protein synthesis inhibitor	(Stark et al., 1962)
Teicoplanin	Glycopeptide	<i>Actinoplanes teichomyceticus</i>	Antibiotic/inhibit cell wall synthesis	(Somma et al., 1984)

Vancomycin	Glycopeptide	<i>Amycolatopsis orientalis</i>	Antibiotic/inhibit cell wall synthesis	(van Wageningen et al., 1998)
Cephalosporin C	β -lactam	<i>Acremonium</i> sp.	Antibiotic/Alters bacterial outer membrane	(Abraham and Newton, 1961)
Oritavancin	---	Semi synthetic	Antibiotic/disrupts the cell membrane	(Domenech et al., 2009)
Bleomycin	Hybrid peptide	<i>Streptomyces verticillus</i>	Antibiotic/inhibition of DNA synthesis	(Umezawa et al., 1966)
Daptomycin	Lipopeptide	<i>Streptomyces roseosporus</i>	Antibiotic/disrupts the cell membrane	(Miao et al., 2005)
Cyclosporine A	Cyclic peptide	<i>Tolypocladium inflatum</i>	Immunosuppressant /lower the activity of T cells	(Murthy et al., 1999)
Actinomycin D	Polypeptide	<i>Streptomyces</i> sp.	Antitumor/inhibit transcription	(Waksman and Woodruff, 1940)
Romidepsin	Depsipeptide	<i>Chromobacterium violaceum</i>	Antitumor/Histone deacetylase inhibitor	(Ueda et al., 1994)

48

49 Marine sponges (*Phylum porifera*) represent the most primitive multicellular animals, with origins
50 dating back to the Precambrian (Hentschel et al., 2002). There are mainly 3 classes of sponges:
51 *Calcarea* (5 orders and 24 families), *Demospongiae* (15 orders and 92 families), and
52 *Hexactinellida* (6 orders and 20 families). There are about 9 000 described species of sponges and
53 perhaps twice as many undescribed species are (Brusca et al., 1990) available in the ocean
54 (Wörheide et al., 2005). Till date, more than 5 300 different natural products have been isolated
55 from marine sponges, and each year more than 200 additional new metabolites are being
56 discovered (Laport et al., 2009, Mehbub et al., 2014). Today, there are several sponge derived
57 metabolites currently available in market and many in clinical studies (Table 2).

58 It is proposed that some of the bioactive compounds isolated from sponges are produced by
59 functional enzyme clusters originated from the sponges and their associated microorganisms
60 (Laport et al., 2009, Thomas et al., 2010). It has been observed that bacterial phyla such as
61 *Proteobacteria*, *Nitrospira*, *Cyanobacteria*, *Bacteroidetes*, *Actinobacteria*, *Chloroflexi*,
62 *Planctomycetes*, *Acidobacteria*, *Poribacteria*, and *Verrucomicrobia* besides members of the
63 domain *Archaea* are most sponge-associated bacterial community (Hentschel et al., 2002, Olson
64 and McCarthy, 2005). However, fungi and microalgae also symbiotically inhabit sponges. It has

65 been recognized that one host sponge can possess diverse symbionts. For example, unicellular
66 heterotrophic bacteria, unicellular cyanobacteria, and filamentous heterotrophic bacteria all grow
67 together in sponge *Theonella swinhoei* (Bewley et al., 1996). Likewise, a sponge belonging to
68 *Aplysina* includes heterogeneous bacteria *Bacillus* sp., *Micrococcus* sp., *Arthrobacter* sp., *Vibrio*
69 sp., *Pseudoalteromonas* sp., and so on (Hentschel et al., 2001). Sponge *Rhopaloeides odorabile*
70 has β -Proteobacteria, γ -Proteobacteria, *Cytophaga*, *Actinobacteria*, and green sulphur bacteria
71 (Webster et al., 2001). Beside this, species-specific symbiotic relationship has also been observed.
72 For example, sponge *T. swinhoei* and δ -proteobacteria have shown a specific association
73 (Schmidt et al., 2000). A species of α -proteobacteria dominates in sponge *R. odorabile* over
74 various habitats but is not detected from seawater, which strongly suggests that the symbiont is
75 species specific (Lee et al., 2001b). On the other hand, one symbiont occurs commonly in various
76 sponges from different regions, so seems to possess a wide host range (Wilkinson et al., 1981). For
77 example, cyanobacteria *Aphanocapsa* sp., *Phormidium* sp., or *Oscillatoria spongelliae* are found in
78 numerous sponges (Wilkinson, 1978). Symbiotic associations between sponges and marine
79 microorganisms might be involved in nutrient acquisition, stabilization of sponge skeleton,
80 processing of metabolic waste, and secondary metabolite synthesis. It is assumed that symbiotic
81 marine microorganisms harboured by sponges are the original producers of some of these bioactive
82 compounds (Newman and Hill, 2006). For example, antibiotics polybrominated biphenyl ether
83 isolated from the sponge *Dysidea herbacea* (Demospongiae) are actually produced by
84 endosymbiotic cyanobacterium *O. spongelliae* (Unson et al., 1994). A symbiotic bacterium
85 *Micrococcus* sp. produces diketopiperazines previously ascribed to the host sponge *Tedania ignis*
86 (Stierle et al., 1988). Another symbiotic bacterium *Vibrio* sp. produces brominated biphenyl ethers
87 formerly attributed to the host sponge *Dysidea* sp. (Elyakov et al., 1991). Symbiotic bacterium
88 *Vibrio* sp. produces an anti-Bacillus peptide andrimid that was found in the sponge *Hyatella* sp.
89 extract (Oclarit et al., 1994). Antimicrobial activity is detected in *Micrococcus luteus* isolated from
90 the sponge *Xestospongia* sp. (Bultel-Poncé et al., 1998). Antimicrobial compounds such as
91 quinolones and phosphatidyl glyceride are isolated from a *Pseudomonas* sp. collected at the
92 surface of the sponge *Homophymia* sp. (Bultel-Poncé et al., 1999). However, the mutual
93 mechanism between sponge and microbial associate, in compound production, is not well
94 understood. Thus, it is extremely relevant to highlight the therapeutic potential of various
95 secondary metabolites synthesized by the microbial flora inhabiting sponges. This is because they

96 open up the possibility of providing a continuous supply of the biologically active compounds by
 97 laboratory cultivation of the producer (Thomas et al., 2010).

98
 99 **Table 2** Sponge secondary metabolites that are FDA-approved agents in clinical trial (Mayer et al.,
 100 2010, Newman and Cragg, 2016)

Compound	Biosynthetic class of agent	Source	Disease/molecular target	Clinical status
Cytarabine (Ara-C)	Nucleoside	<i>Cryptotethya crypta</i>	Cancer/DNA polymerase	FDA approved
Vidarabine (Ara-A)	Nucleoside	<i>C. crypta</i>	Antiviral viral/DNA polymerase I	FDA approved
Eribulin Mesylate (E7389)	Complex Polyketide	<i>Lissodendoryx sp.</i>	Cancer/microtubules	FDA approved
Hemiassterlin derivative (E7974)	Modified linear Tripeptide (NRPS-PKS)	<i>Cymbastella sp.</i>	Cancer/microtubules	Phase I
Discodermolide	Polyketide	<i>Discodermia dissolute</i>	Cancer/microtubules	Phase I
Bengamide derivative (LAF389)	Mixed PKS/NRP	<i>Jaspis sp.</i>	Cancer/methionine aminopeptidases	Phase I
Spongistatin 1	Macrocyclic lactone polyether	<i>Hyrtios erecta</i>	Cancer/microtubules	Preclinical
Manoalide	Sesterterpene	<i>Luffariella variabilis</i>	Inflammation/inhibition of Phospholipase A2	Preclinical
Salicylhalimides A	Polyketide	<i>Haliclona sp.</i>	Cancer/microtubules	Preclinical
Laulimalide	Polyketide	<i>Cacospongia mycofijiensis</i>	Cancer/microtubules	Preclinical
Peloruside A	Polyketide	<i>Mycale hentscheli</i>	Cancer/microtubules	Preclinical

101
 102 Tunicates include a wide variety of invertebrates that are classified within the *Phylum chordata*
 103 based on presence of a larval notochord during early development. Tunicates contains about 2 150
 104 described species that are divided into 4 classes: *Asciidiacea* (*Aplousobranchia*, *Phlebobranchia*,

105 *Stolidobranchia*) *Thaliacea* (*Pyrosomida*, *Doliolida*, *Salpida*), *Appendicularia* (*Larvacea*), and
 106 *Sorberacea* (Ruppert and Fox, 2004). Amongst these, *Ascidacea* (commonly known as the
 107 ascidians) are highly studied given that their biologically active metabolites serve as antineoplastic
 108 agents. Geranyl hydroquinone was first ascidian metabolite isolated from *Aplidium* sp. which
 109 displayed chemo protective activity against some forms of leukemia, rous sarcoma, and mammary
 110 carcinoma in test animals (Fenical, 1976) (Menna, 2009). Since then, ascidians are known as the
 111 source of numerous marine natural products. **The biologically active metabolites originated from**
 112 **tunicates which are approved by FDA or in clinical trials along with their biological properties are**
 113 **given in Table 3.**

114 Tunicate secondary metabolites that are FDA-approved agents or in clinical trial (Mayer et al.,
 115 2010, Newman and Cragg, 2016,)

Compound	Biosynthetic class of agent	Source	Disease/molecular target area	Clinical status
Trabectedin (ET-743) (EU registered only)	NRPS-derived alkaloid	<i>Ecteinascidia turbinata</i>	Cancer/minor groove of DNA	FDA approved
Plitidepsin (Aplidine)	Cyclic depsipeptide	<i>Aplidium albicans</i>	Cancer/Rac1 and JNK activation	Phase III
Trabectedin analog (PM01183)	NRPS alkaloid	<i>E. turbinata</i>	Cancer/minor groove of DNA, nucleotide excision repair	Phase I
Vitilevuamide	NRPS	<i>Didemnum cuculiferum</i> and <i>Polysyncranton lithostrotum</i>	Cancer/microtubules	Preclinical

116
 117 To date, significant biological activities, such as antimicrobial, anticancer, neurotoxic, and
 118 antiprotozoal properties and their associated cellular targets have been reported for several NRPs
 119 from the marine sponges and tunicates. These NRPs have unique structures as compared to those
 120 from other sources. It is this attribute that makes marine sponge- and tunicate-derived NRPs
 121 highly attractive as potential drug and molecular probes. In this review, the authors survey the
 122 discoveries of NRPs derived from marine sponges and tunicates, which have shown *in vivo*
 123 efficacy or potent *in vitro* activity against various human diseases. Our objective is to highlight
 124 NRPs that have the greatest potential to be clinically useful. These are presented based on their

125 biological activities (Table 4). The details of sponge- and tunicate-derived NRPs along with
126 biological properties is given Table 4.

127

128 **Table 4** Biological activities of NRPs isolated from marine sponges and tunicates

Provisional

NRPs	Chemical class	Origin	Disease/Target	Biological active value (IC ₅₀ /GI ₅₀ /ID ₅₀ /ED ₅₀)	Reference(s)
Miraziridine A (1)	Linear penta peptide	<i>Theonella</i> aff. <i>mirabilis</i>	Cancer/inhibit protease cathepsin B	1.4 µg/mL	(Nakao et al., 2000)
Haligramides A-B (2-3)	Cyclic hexapeptides	<i>Haliclona nigra</i>	Cancer / A-549 (lung) HCT-15(colon) SF-539 (CNS) SNB-19 (CNS)	5.17–15.6 µg/mL 3.89–8.82 µg/mL	(Rashid et al., 2000)
Prepatellamide A (4)	Cyclic peptide	<i>Lissoclinum patella</i>	Cancer/P388 murine leukemia cell lines	5 µg/mL	(Fu et al., 2000)
Tamandarins A-B (5-6)	Depsipeptides	<i>Didemnid ascidian</i>	Cancer/pancreatic carcinoma BX-PC3, prostatic cancer DU-145, head and neck carcinoma UMSCC10b	1.79, 2.00 µg/mL 1.36, 1.53 µg/mL 0.99, 1.76 µg/mL	(Vervoort et al., 2000)
Microsclerodermins F–I (7-10)	Cyclic peptides	<i>Microscleroderm a</i> sp.	Cancer/HCT-116 cell line	1.8, 2.4, 1.0, and 1.1 µg/mL	(Qureshi et al., 2000)
Wainunuamide (11)	Cyclic hexapeptide	<i>Stylorella aurantium</i>	Cancer/A2780 ovarian, K562 leukaemia cancer cells	19.15 and 18.36 µg/mL	(Tabudravu et al., 2001)
Leucamide A (12)	Cyclic hexapeptide	<i>Leucetta microraphis</i>	Cancer / Tumor cell lines HM02, HepG2, Huh7	5.2 µg/mL 5.9 µg/mL 5.1 µg/mL	(Kehraus et al., 2002)
Axinellin C (13)	Cyclic octapeptide	<i>S. aurantium</i>	Cancer / A2780 ovarian, K562 leukaemia cancer cells	13.17 and 4.46 mg/mL	(Tabudravu et al., 2002)
Milnamide D (14)	Linear peptide	<i>Cymbastela</i> sp.	Cancer / HCT-116 cells	66nM	(Chevallier et al., 2003)
Kapakahines E–G (15-17)	----	<i>Cribrochalina olemda</i>	Cancer / P388 murine leukemia cells	5.0 µg/mL	(Nakao et al., 2003)
Didmolamides A- B (18-19)	Cyclic hexapeptides	<i>Didemnum molle</i>	Cancer Tumor cell lines (A549, HT29, and MEL28)	10-20 µg/mL	(Rudi et al., 2003)
Bistratamides E–J (20- 25)	Cyclic hexapeptides	<i>Lissoclinum bistratum</i>	Cancer / Human colon tumor (HCT-116) cell line	3, 7.9; 4, 28; 5, 5; 6, 1.7 7, 9; 8, 1 µg/mL	(Perez and Faulkner, 2003)
Milnamide C (26)	----	<i>Auletta</i> sp.	Cancer / MDA-MB-435 cancer cells	3.2 × 10 ⁻¹ µg/mL	(Sonnenschein et al., 2004)

Scleritodermin A (27)	Cyclic peptide	<i>Scleritoderma nodosum</i>	Cancer	< 2 μ M	(Schmidt et al., 2004)
Microcionamides A-B (28-29)	----	<i>Clathria abietina</i>	Cancer / Human breast tumor cell lines MCF-7 and SKBR-3	125 and 98 nM 177 and 172 nM	(Davis et al., 2004)
Kendarimide A (30)	Linear peptide	<i>Haliclona</i> sp.	Cancer / KB-C2 cells	---	(Aoki et al., 2004)
Phakellistatin 14 (31)	Cycloheptapeptide	<i>Phakellia</i> sp.	Cancer / Murine lymphocytic leukemia P388 cell line	5 μ g/mL	(Pettit and Tan, 2005)
Polytheonamides A-B (32-33)	Polypeptides	<i>T. swinhoei</i>	Cancer / P388 murine leukemia cells	78, 68 pg/mL	(Hamada et al., 2005)
Neopetrosiamides A- B (34-35)	Tricyclic peptides	<i>Neopetrosia</i> sp.	Cancer	6 μ g/mL	(Williams et al., 2005)
Seragamides A-F (36-37)	Depsipeptides	<i>Suberites japonicus</i>	Cancer	0.01, 0.02, 0.01, 0.01, and 0.04 mg/mL	(Tanaka et al., 2006)
Theopapuamide (38)	Cyclic depsipeptide	<i>T. swinhoei</i>	Cancer / CEM-TART HCT-116 cell lines	0.5 μ M 0.9 μ M	(Ratnayake et al., 2006)
Azumamide A- E (39- 47)	Cyclotetrapeptides	<i>Mycale izuensis</i>	Cancer	---	(Maulucci et al., 2007)
Callyaerin G (48)	Cyclic peptide	<i>Callyspongia aerizusa</i>	Cancer / Mouse lymphoma cell line (L5178Y) and HeLa cells	0.53 and 5.4 μ g/mL	(Ibrahim et al., 2008)
Stylopeptide 2 (49)	Cyclodecapeptide	<i>Stylorella</i> sp.	Cancer / BT-549 and HS 578T breast cancer cell lines	----	(Brennan et al., 2008)
Ciliatamides A-C (50-52)	Lipopeptides	<i>Aaptos ciliata</i>	Cancer / HeLa cells	50, 4.5, and 50 μ g/mL	(Nakao et al., 2008)
Diazonamides C-E (53-55)	Macrocyclic peptides	<i>Diazona</i> sp.	Cancer / Human tumor cell lines (A549, HT29, MDA-MB 231)	2.2, 2.9, 8.0 μ g/mL 1.8, 2.9, 5.2 μ g/mL 2.2, 3.1, 9.0 μ g/mL	(Fernández et al., 2008)
Rolloamide A- B (56-57)	Cyclic heptapeptides	<i>Eurypon laughlini</i>	Cancer	0.4–5.8 μ M	(Williams et al., 2009)
Euryjanicin A (58)	Cycloheptapeptide	<i>Prosuberites laughlini</i>	Cancer	---	(Vicente et al., 2009)
Callyaerin A-F (59-64) and H (65)	Cyclic peptides	<i>C. aerizusa</i>	Cancer / L5178Y cell line	0.39 and 0.48 μ M	(Ibrahim et al., 2010)
Papuamides E-F	Depsipeptides	<i>Meloplus</i> sp.	Cancer / Brine shrimp	92 and 106 μ g/mL	(Prasad et al., 2011)

(66-67)					
Stylissamide X (68)	Octapeptide	<i>Stylissa sp.</i>	Cancer / HeLa cells	0.1 µM to 10 µM	(Arai et al., 2012)
Gombamide A (69)	Hexapeptide	<i>Clathria gombawuiensis</i>	Cancer / K562 and A549 cell lines	6.9 and 7.1 µM	(Woo et al., 2013)
Microspinosamide (70)	Cyclic depsipeptide	<i>Sidonops microspinosa</i>	HIV	0.2 µg/mL	(Rashid et al., 2001)
Neamphamide A (71)	Cyclic depsipeptide	<i>Neamphius huxleyi</i>	HIV	8 nM	(Oku et al., 2004)
Mirabamides A-D (72-75)	Cyclic depsipeptide	<i>Siliquariaspongia mirabilis</i>	HIV	40 and 140 nM, 140 nM and 1.3 µM 190 nM and 3.9 µM	(Plaza et al., 2007)
Homophymine A (76)	Cyclodepsipeptide	<i>Homophymia sp.</i>	HIV / PBMC cell line	75 nM	(Zampella et al., 2008b)
Celebeside A-C (77-79)	Depsipeptides	<i>S.mirabilis</i>	HIV / Colon carcinoma (HCT-116) cells	2.1 and 4.0 µg/mL 1.9 ± 0.4 µg/mL	(Plaza et al., 2008)
Theopapuamides B-D (80-82)					
Mutremdamide A (83)	Cyclic depsipeptide	<i>Theonella sp.</i>	HIV	2.3 and 5.5 µM	(Plaza et al., 2010)
Koshikamides C-H (84-89)					
Ceratospongamide (90)	Cyclic heptapeptide	<i>Sigmatocia symbiotica</i>	Inflammation	32 nM	(Tan et al., 2000)
Halipeptin A-B (91-92)	Cyclic depsipeptide	<i>Haliclona sp.</i>	Inflammation	300 µg/kg (i.p.)	(Randazzo et al., 2001)
Perthamide C-D (93-94)	Cyclopeptide	<i>T. swinhoei</i>	Inflammation	---	(Festa et al., 2009)
Solomonamide A-B (95-96)	Cyclic peptide	<i>T. swinhoei</i>	Inflammation	---	(Festa et al., 2011)
Stylissatin A (97)	Cyclic peptide	<i>Stylissa massa</i>	Murine macrophage RAW264.7	87 µM	(Kita et al., 2013)
Dicynthaurin (98)	----	<i>Halocynthia aurantium</i>	Antimicrobial	---	(Lee et al., 2001a)
Nagahamide A (99)	Depsipeptide	<i>T. swinhoei</i>	Antibacterial	---	(Okada et al., 2002)

Plicatamide (100)	Octapeptide	<i>Styela plicata</i>	Antimicrobial	---	(Tincu et al., 2003)
Callipeltins F-I (101-104)	----	<i>Latrunculia sp.</i>	Antifungal / <i>Candida albicans</i>	10–4 M	(Sepe et al., 2006)
Callipeltins J-M (105-108)	----	<i>Latrunculia sp.</i>	Antifungal / <i>Candida albicans</i>	4–10 M	(D'Auria et al., 2007)
Citronamides A- B (109-110)	----	<i>Citronia astra</i>	Antifungal / <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	8 µg/mL	(Carroll et al., 2009)
Renieramide (111)	Cyclic tripeptide	<i>Reniera sp.</i>	----	---	(Ciasullo et al., 2002)
Phoriospongins A- B (112-113)	Depsipeptide	<i>Phoriospongia sp.</i> and <i>Callyspongia bilamellata</i>	Nematocidal / <i>Haemonchus contortus</i>	100, 194 µg/mL	(Capon et al., 2002)

130 **Anticancer NRPs from Marine Sponges and Tunicates** (Figures 1–6)

131 Sponge *Theonella* aff. *mirabilis* was the source of linear penta peptide Miraziridine A (**1**), which
132 showed inhibitory activity on cathepsin B with an IC₅₀ value of 1.4 µg/mL (Nakao et al., 2000).
133 Two cyclic hexapeptides, Haligramides A (**2**) and B (**3**), were isolated from an aqueous extract of
134 the sponge *H. nigra*. Both compounds exhibited cytotoxicity against various cell lines.
135 Haligramide A exhibited cytotoxicity against A-549, HCT-15, SF-539, SNB-19 cell line with
136 IC₅₀ values of 5.17, 15.62, 9.00 and 9.08 µg/mL respectively. Haligramide B, was found to be
137 more active than Haligramide A against A-549, HCT-15, SF-539, SNB-19 cell line with IC₅₀
138 values of 3.89, 8.82, 5.01 and 6.56 µg/mL respectively (Rashid et al., 2000).

139
140 A cyclic peptide, Prepatellamide A (**4**) was isolated from the cytotoxic extracts of *L. patella*. The
141 crude extract of this ascidian showed cytotoxicity against P388 murine leukemia cell lines with
142 IC₅₀ = ~5 µg/mL (Fu et al., 2000). Naturally occurring depsipeptides, Tamandarins A and B (**5 and**
143 **6**) were discovered from a Brazilian ascidian of the family *Didemnidae* and were cytotoxic against
144 various human cancer cell lines including pancreatic carcinoma BX-PC3, IC₅₀ = 1.79, 2.00 µg/mL,
145 prostatic cancer DU-145, IC₅₀ = 1.36, 1.53 µg /mL, head and neck carcinoma UMSCC10b, IC₅₀ =
146 0.99, 1.7 6µg/mL, respectively (Vervoort et al., 2000). *Microscleroderma* sp. from Palau gave 4
147 new cyclic peptides, Microsclerodermins F–I (**7–10**), all of which inhibited the growth of *C.*
148 *albicans* with MIC value of 1.5 µg, 3 µg, 12 µg, and 25 µg per disk, respectively, and also showed
149 cytotoxicity against the HCT-116 cell line with IC₅₀ value of 1.8 µg/mL, 2.4 µg/mL, 1.0 µg/mL,
150 and 1.1 µg/mL, respectively (Qureshi et al., 2000).

151 A histidine-containing proline-rich cyclic heptapeptide, Wainunuamide (**11**), was isolated from the
152 Fijian marine sponge *S. aurantium*. Compound (**11**) exhibited weak cytotoxic activity against
153 A2780 ovarian tumour and K562 leukaemia cancer cells with ID₅₀ of 19.15 and 18.36 µg/mL,
154 respectively (Tabudravu et al., 2001). The Australian marine sponge *L. microraphis* was the source
155 of a bioactive cyclic heptapeptide, Leucamide A (**12**). Compound (**12**) inhibited the growth of the
156 3 tumour cell lines HM02 (gastric, GI₅₀ =5.2 µg/mL), HepG2 (liver, GI₅₀ =5.9 µg/mL), and Huh7
157 (liver, GI₅₀ = 5.1 µg/mL) (Kehraus et al., 2002). The Fijian collection of marine sponge *S.*
158 *aurantium* gave a proline-rich cyclic octapeptide, Axinellin C (**13**) (cyclo [Thr1-Val2-Pro3-Trp4-
159 Pro5-Phe6-Pro7-Leu8]). Axinellin C displayed weak cytotoxicity against A2780 ovarian tumour

160 and K562 leukaemia cancer cells with ID₅₀s of 13.17 and 4.46 mg/mL, respectively (Tabudravu et
161 al., 2002). The crude extract of a marine sponge *Cymbastela* sp. (Papua New Guinea) gave a
162 cytotoxic peptide Milnamide D (**14**). Milnamide D was found to exhibit cytotoxicity against HCT-
163 116 at IC₅₀ value of 66 nM and inhibition of tubulin polymerization at IC₅₀ of 16 μM (Chevallier et
164 al., 2003).

165 Investigation of marine sponge *C. olemda* yielded 3 new Kapakahines E–G (**15–17**). Only
166 kapakahines E was found to display moderate cytotoxic against P388 murine leukemia cells at IC₅₀
167 of 5.0 μg/mL (Nakao et al., 2003). Two novel cyclic hexapeptides, Didmolamides A–B (**18 and**
168 **19**) were isolated from ascidian *D. molle* (Madagascar). Both peptides showed mild cytotoxicity
169 against tumour cell lines (Lung—A549, Colon—HT29, and Skin—MEL28) with IC₅₀ values of
170 10–20 μg/mL (Rudi et al., 2003). The Philippines ascidian *L. bistratum* was the source of 6 cyclic
171 hexapeptides, Bistratamides E–J (**20–25**). Bistratamides E–J showed weak to moderate activity
172 against the human colon tumour (HCT-116) cell line (IC₅₀'s: 3, 7.9; 4, 28; 5, 5; 6, 1.7; 7, 9; 8, 1
173 μg/mL, respectively) (Perez and Faulkner, 2003). Milnamide C (**26**) was isolated from *Auletta* sp.,
174 which showed significantly activity against MDA-MB-435 breast cancer cells with IC₅₀ values of
175 3.2×10^{-1} μg/mL (Sonnenschein et al., 2004).

176 Scleritodermin A (**27**) A new cyclic peptide was isolated from the Lithistid Sponge *S. nodosum*.
177 Scleritodermin A, inhibited tubulin polymerization and demonstrated significant *in vitro*
178 cytotoxicity against a panel of human tumor cell lines (IC₅₀ < 2 μM), including colon carcinoma
179 HCT116, ovarian carcinoma A2780, and breast carcinoma SKBR3 (Schmidt et al., 2004).

180 Microcionamides A (**28**) and B (**29**) were isolated from the Philippine marine sponge *Clathria*
181 (*Thalysias*) *abietina*. Both compounds displayed significant cytotoxicity towards human breast
182 tumour cell lines MCF-7 and SKBR-3 with IC₅₀ of 125 and 98 nM for compound (**28**) and 177 and
183 172 nM for compound (**29**), respectively (Davis et al., 2004). Methanol extract of an Indonesian
184 marine sponge of *Haliclona* sp. gave a linear peptide Kendarimide A (**30**). This peptide reversed P-
185 glycoprotein-mediated multi-drug resistance in mammalian cells (Aoki et al., 2004).

186 Cycloheptapeptide, Phakellistatin 14 (**31**), was isolated from *Phakellia* sp., (Chuuk, Federated
187 States of Micronesia). Compound 31 exhibited cytotoxic activity against the murine lymphocytic
188 leukemia P388 cell line at ED₅₀ of 5 μg/mL (Pettit and Tan, 2005). The marine sponge *T.*
189 *swinhoei* was found to produce highly cytotoxic polypeptides Polytheonamides A and B (**32–33**)

190 with 48 amino acid residues. Both compounds were found to be cytotoxic against P388 murine
191 leukemia cells with IC₅₀ values of 78, 68 pg/mL, respectively (Hamada et al., 2005). Two
192 diastereomeric tricyclic peptides Neopetrosiamdes A (**34**) and B (**35**) have been isolated from the
193 marine sponge *Neopetrosia* sp. collected in Papua New Guinea. These peptides inhibited
194 amoeboid invasion of human tumour cells at 6 µg/mL (Williams et al., 2005). Six new
195 depsipeptides, Seragamides A–F (**36–41**) were isolated from sponge *S. japonicas* (Okinawan).
196 Except seragamide F, all seragamides have showed multinuclei formation in **NBT-T2** cells at
197 0.01, 0.02, 0.01, 0.01, and 0.04 mg/mL, respectively. Compound (**36**) also promotes the
198 polymerization of G-actin and stabilizes F-actin filaments (Tanaka et al., 2006). *Theonella*
199 *swinhoei* from Papua New Guinea gave a cyclic depsipeptide, Theopapuamide (**42**). This peptide
200 contains several unusual amino acid residues such as β-methoxyasparagine, 4-amino-5-methyl-2,
201 3, 5-trihydroxy-hexanoic acid, and also contains an amide linked fatty acid moiety, 3-hydroxy-2,
202 4, 6-trimethyl-octanoic acid (Htoa) with cytotoxicity against CEM-TART (EC₅₀ = 0.5 µM) and
203 HCT-116 (EC₅₀ = 0.9 µM) cell lines (Ratnayake et al., 2006).
204 **Azumamide A-E (**43–47**) carboxylic acid containing histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor**
205 **cyclotetrapeptides were recovered from the sponge *M. izuensis*.** Compound (47) only displayed
206 human histone deacetylase inhibitory activity (Maulucci et al., 2007). An Indonesian sponge *C.*
207 *aerizusa* gave a new cyclic peptide named Callyaerin G (**48**) with cytotoxic activity against mouse
208 lymphoma cell line (L5178Y) and HeLa cells with ED₅₀(s) of 0.53 and 5.4 µg/mL, respectively
209 (Ibrahim et al., 2008). The Papua New Guinea marine sponge *Stylotella* sp. was found to produce a
210 new proline-rich cyclodecapeptide, Stylopeptide 2 (**49**). Compound (**49**) inhibited growth of BT-
211 549 and HS 578T 2 breast cancer cell lines by 77 per cent and 56 per cent, respectively (Brennan
212 et al., 2008). Bioactive lipopeptides Ciliatamides A–C (**50–52**) were isolated from the deep-sea
213 sponge *A. ciliate*. Ciliatamides A–B have showed anti-leishmanial activity at 10 µg/mL with 50 per
214 cent and 45.5 per cent growth inhibition, respectively. Ciliatamides A–C also inhibited growth of
215 HeLa cells with IC₅₀ values of 50, 4.5, and 50 µg/mL, respectively (Nakao et al., 2008).
216 The marine ascidian *Diazona* sp. (Indonesia) gave 3 new macrocyclic peptides, Diazonamides C–
217 E (**53–55**). **All the isolated peptides displayed** moderate cytotoxicity against a panel of 3 human
218 tumour cell lines (IC₅₀'s: A549 = 2.2, 2.9, 8.0 µg/mL; HT29 = 1.8, 2.9, 5.2 µg/mL; MDA-MB-231
219 = 2.2, 3.1, 9.0 µg/mL) (Fernández et al., 2008). Dominican marine sponge *E. laughlini* gave 2
220 cyclic heptapeptides, Rolloamides A (**56**) and B (**57**). Rolloamide A displayed significant growth

221 suppression against several cancer cells (prostate, breast, ovarian, glioma, and renal) with IC_{50} 's of
222 0.4–5.8 μM (Williams et al., 2009). **Proline**-containing cycloheptapeptide, Euryjanicin A (**58**) was
223 extracted from the marine sponge *P. laughlini* (Vicente et al., 2009). Bioassay guided extraction
224 of the sponge *C. aerizusa* (Ambon, Indonesia) revealed **7** new cytotoxic cyclic peptides
225 Callyaerins A–F (**59–64**) and H (**65**). All peptides have showed cytotoxicity activity, however,
226 callyaerins E and H exhibited strong activity against the L5178Y lymphoma cell line with ED_{50}
227 values of 0.39 and 0.48 μM , respectively (Ibrahim et al., 2010).

228 An undescribed sponge of the genus *Melophlus* sp. (Karumolum, Russell Is., Solomon Is.) yielded
229 **2** depsipeptides, Papuamides E (**66**) and F (**67**), which were cytotoxic against brine shrimp with
230 LD_{50} values between 92 and 106 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ (Prasad et al., 2011). A proline-rich octapeptide
231 Styliissamide X (**68**) isolated from an Indonesian marine sponge of *Stylissa* sp. inhibited HeLa cells
232 in the concentration ranging from 0.1 μM to 10 μM through wound-healing assay (Arai et al.,
233 2012). The marine sponge *C. gombawuiensis* collected from Korean waters gave a disulphide-
234 linked hexapeptide, Gombamide A (**69**). Gombamide A showed weak cytotoxic activity against the
235 K562 and A549 cell lines with LC_{50} values of 6.9 and 7.1 μM , respectively, as well as moderate
236 inhibitory activity against $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+-\text{ATPase}$ with an LC_{50} value of 17.8 μM (Woo et al., 2013).

237

238 **Anti-HIV Agents** (Figures 7 and 8)

239 The marine sponge *S. microspinosa* was the source of a cyclic depsipeptide Microspinosamide
240 (**70**), inhibited HIV-1 infection with an EC_{50} value of approximately 0.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ (Rashid et al.,
241 2001). A Papua New Guinea collection of the marine sponge *N. huxleyi* has been shown to
242 produce a new HIV-inhibitory cyclic depsipeptide, Neamphamide A (**71**). Neamphamide A
243 displayed potent cytoprotective activity against HIV-1 infection with EC_{50} value of approximately
244 28 nM (Oku et al., 2004). Four cyclic depsipeptides, Mirabamides A–D (**72–75**), were isolated
245 from the marine sponge *S. mirabilis*. **Mirabamides A, C and D inhibited HIV-1 fusion**
246 **(Mirabamides A IC_{50} values between 40 and 140 nM; Mirabamides C IC_{50} values between 140**
247 **nM and 1.3 μM ; and Mirabamides D IC_{50} values between 190 nM and 3.9 μM).** Mirabamides A–
248 C also inhibited the growth of *B. subtilis* and *C. albicans* at 1–5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{disk}$ (Plaza et al., 2007).

249 The marine sponge *Homophymia* sp was the source of an anti-HIV cyclodepsipeptide,
250 Homophymine A (**76**). This peptide inhibited the infection of HIV-1 in PBMC cell line with an
251 IC_{50} of 75 nM (Zampella et al., 2008b). **Six depsipeptides Celebesides A-C (**77–79**) and**

252 Theopapuamides B-D (**80–82**) were isolated from an Indonesian sponge *S. mirabilis*. Compound
253 (77) neutralized HIV-1 with an IC₅₀ value of 1.9 ± 0.4 µg/mL, while the non-phosphorylated
254 analogue Celebeside C was inactive at concentrations as high as 50 µg/mL. Theopapuamides A-C
255 displayed cytotoxicity against human colon carcinoma (HCT-116) cells with IC₅₀ values between
256 2.1 and 4.0 µg/mL, and antifungal activity against wild type and amphotericin B-resistant strains of
257 *C. albicans* at 1–5 µg/disk (Plaza et al., 2008). The deep-water specimens of *T. swinhoei* and
258 *Theonella cupola* (Mutremdiu Reef, Palau) gave sulphated cyclic depsipeptide, Mutremdamide A
259 (**83**) and 6 N-methylated peptides Koshikamides C–H (**84–89**). Cyclic koshikamides F and H
260 inhibited HIV-1 entry at IC₅₀ values of 2.3 and 5.5 µM, respectively, while their linear counterparts
261 were inactive (Plaza et al., 2010).

262

263 **Anti-Inflammatory NRPs** (Figure 9)

264 Marine sponge *S. symbiotica* collected from Biaro Island, Indonesia, along with its symbiont
265 marine red alga (Rhodophyta) *Ceratodictyon spongiosum* gave thiazole-containing cyclic
266 heptapeptide, Ceratospongamide (**90**). Compound (**90**) consist of two l-phenylalanine residues, one
267 (l-isoleucine)-l-methyloxazoline residue, one l-proline residue, and one (l-proline) thiazole residue.
268 The trans-isomer of ceratospongamide exhibits potent inhibition of sPLA2 expression in a cell-
269 based model for anti-inflammation at ED₅₀ 32 nM (Tan et al., 2000). Two cyclic depsipeptides,
270 Halipeptins A and B (**91 and 92**) were obtained from marine sponge *Haliclona* sp. Only
271 halipeptins A displayed *in vivo* potent anti-inflammatory activity (mice at the dose of 300 µg/kg
272 [i.p.]) (Randazzo et al., 2001). A Solomon Lithistid sponge *T. swinhoei* was the source of two new
273 cyclopeptides Perthamides C and D with potent anti-inflammatory (**93 and 94**) (Festa et al., 2009).
274 Cyclic peptides, Solomonamides A and B (**95 and 96**), were separate out from the marine sponge
275 *T. swinhoei*; however, only compound (**86**) showed anti-inflammatory activity (Festa et al., 2011).
276 The marine sponge *S. massa* produced a cyclic peptide Stylissatin A (**97**) that inhibited nitric oxide
277 production in LPS-stimulated murine macrophage RAW264.7 cells with an IC₅₀ value of 87 µM
278 (Kita et al., 2013).

279

280 **Antimicrobial Agents** (Figure 10)

281 The solitary tunicate, *H. aurantium*, was the source of a novel antimicrobial peptide
282 Dicynthaurin (**98**) (Lee et al., 2001a). An antibacterial depsipeptide, Nagahamide A (**99**), was
283 discovered from the marine sponge *T. swinhoei* (Okada et al., 2002). An antimicrobial
284 octapeptide peptide Plicatamide (**100**) ((Phe-Phe-His-Leu-His-Phe-His-dc Δ DOPA), where
285 dc Δ DOPA represents decarboxy-(E)- α , β -dehydro-3, 4-dihydroxyphenylalanine, was isolated
286 from *S. plicata* (Tincu et al., 2003). The marine sponge *Latrunculia* sp., (Vanuatu Islands) was
287 the source of four new antifungal peptides, Callipeltins F–I (**101–104**). Callipeltins F–I inhibit
288 the growth of *C. albicans* (ATCC24433) with a MIC value of 10^{-4} M (Sepe et al., 2006). Four
289 new peptides, Callipeltins J–M (**105–108**), were isolated from the marine sponge *Latrunculia* sp.
290 However only Callipeltins J and K inhibited the growth of *C. albicans* with MIC values of ca.
291 4^{-10} M (D'Auria et al., 2007). Two new linear tetrapeptides, Citronamides A (**109**) and B (**110**),
292 were isolated from the Australian sponge *C. astra*. Only citronamides A showed moderate
293 antifungal activity against *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* at MIC value of 8 μ g/mL (Carroll et al.,
294 2009).

295

296 **Miscellaneous** (Figure 11)

297 A cyclic tripeptide Renieramide (**111**) was isolated from Vanuatu collection of sponge *Reniera* sp.
298 that showed immunomodulating activity in preliminary tests (Ciasullo et al., 2002). Two
299 nematocidal depsipeptides, Phoriospongina A and B (**112 and 113**), have been isolated from
300 Australian marine sponges *Phoriospongia* sp. and *C. bilamellata*. Both compounds have displayed
301 significant nematocidal activity against *H. contortus* (LD₉₉ =100, 194 μ g/mL, respectively) (Capon
302 et al., 2002).

303

304 **Biological Aspects, Challenges, and Future Perspectives**

305 Like their structural diversity, metabolites produced from marine sponges and tunicates bind to a
306 variety of cellular targets to elicit their effects. Numerous articles published in recent years
307 highlighting the significance of these metabolites in disease control, the details of their biological
308 significance from molecular recognition perspective have been rather scarce. Although some
309 promising leads have been obtained, the discovery of their cellular targets, molecular interactions,
310 and adverse effects are lacking. In cases where the therapeutic potential has been reported, details

311 of a proper screening approach to identify nucleic acid or protein targets are missing. However,
312 some established metabolites from these sources (see Tables 1 and 2) and their derivatives have
313 been examined extensively and their molecular targets are varied. One of the earliest examples in
314 this class is FDA-approved drug Ara-C (cytarabine), which is known to elicit anticancer properties
315 by inhibiting the functions of DNA polymerase (Furth and Cohen, 1968), which ultimately results
316 in stalling DNA synthesis. Another FDA approved related compound Ara-A(vidarabine), which is
317 known to have antiviral properties (active against herpes simplex and varicella zoster viruses),
318 targets viral DNA polymerase (Chadwick et al., 1978) by functioning as mimic of natural
319 nucleotides. Both Ara-C and Ara-A resemble natural cytidine and adenine nucleosides where the
320 structural differences are in the sugar components of the two (arabinose versus deoxyribose). The
321 natural nucleoside mimics Ara-A and Ara-C are easily phosphorylated as their triphosphate
322 derivatives by kinases and act as terminators of DNA synthesis. Ara-A is also known to impede 3'-
323 end processing of pre-mRNAs by inhibiting cleavage and polyadenylation (Ghoshal and Jacob,
324 1991, Rose and Jacob, 1978).

325 Several other molecules that are either FDA approved or in early stages of clinical trials have been
326 identified as anticancer agents with microtubules as their primary molecular targets. The
327 predominance of natural metabolites being microtubule binding agents has been hypothesized as
328 evolutionary response to predation by plants and animals (Dumontet and Jordan, 2010). Some of
329 these molecules, such as discodermolide, are among the first non-taxane stabilizers of
330 microtubules (Mooberry et al., 2004). The microtubule stabilizers act by enhancing microtubule
331 polymerization at high concentrations. Discodermolide has been known to bind to tubulin dimers
332 in a stoichiometric ratio. Competitive binding experiments have shown that it blocks taxol binding
333 and is a much stronger binder of microtubules than taxol (Kowalski et al., 1997). The microtubule
334 binding of Tau proteins is interfered by discodermolide (Kar et al., 2003). Similarly, laulimalide
335 showed properties very similar to paclitaxel where it helped in enhancing tubulin assembly (Gapud
336 et al., 2004). However, laulimalide modulation of microtubule assembly in *C. elegans* is dose
337 dependent where it stabilization effects were observed only at concentrations higher than 100 nM
338 (Bajaj and Srayko, 2013).

339 The antiviral effect of homophymine A has been established by measuring the reverse transcriptase
340 activity in HIV-infected primary peripheral blood mononuclear cells (Zampella et al., 2008a). The

341 reverse transcriptase activity is exhibited by 2 classes of molecules: one that directly competes
342 with natural nucleotide triphosphates and the other that either directly blocks the catalytic reactions
343 or by allosteric binding that leads to structural changes in the viral enzyme. Since homophymine A
344 lacks structural features to act as mimics of natural nucleotide triphosphates, it is likely to impede
345 the catalytic activity of the enzyme by direct binding.

346 A tunicate-derived metabolite trabectedin (ET-743) uses DNA binding to exert its anticancer
347 properties. Trabectin binds to the GC rich regions in the B-DNA where it uses its carbolinamine
348 moiety to form adduct with the exocyclic amine (N-2) of guanine (Pommier et al., 1996) and covers
349 3 base pairs during this process (Marco et al., 2006). Unlike B-DNA minor groove binders, such as
350 Hoechst 33258, which binds snugly along the minor groove curvature with high-affinity (Haq et
351 al., 1997), trabectedin only uses part of its structure to make necessary contacts for the antitumor
352 action (D'Incalci and Galmarini, 2010).

353 Despite these advances in determining the mode of their binding, a large number of recently
354 discovered metabolites are still not explored to assess its functional capabilities. In the past, well-
355 known anti-retroviral drug zidovudine, which was initially thought to be functionally inert, turned
356 out as excellent therapeutic agent. Such discoveries are possible only when a rational screening
357 design is aimed to assess its full potential as a drug. For example, compounds that have structural
358 regions favourable for protein binding should be screened against all potential protein targets.
359 Similarly, compounds that show preference towards nucleic acid binding should be screened using
360 assays such as competition dialysis that establish a preferential nucleic acid target. Such
361 approaches not only determine the best target for a particular compound but also shed light to its
362 secondary targets, which may be helpful in dealing with toxicity issues. Current target design of
363 marine and tunicate metabolites clearly need to take these approaches.

364 Some of the metabolites that have weaker binding to a target or have poor bioavailability can be
365 improved by nano-encapsulation techniques. Additionally, DNA binding metabolites can be
366 chemically modified to enhance their affinity using multi-recognition of the target (Willis and
367 Arya, 2010), which has led to remarkable enhancement in the affinity of double,(Arya et al., 2003),
368 triple (Arya and Willis, 2003), and four-stranded DNA helical structures (Ranjan et al., 2013).

369

370 **Conclusion**

371 Extreme environment of the ocean plays a vital role in exploring and studying marine bio-
372 resources and their bio-actives. The large biodiversity of the sea serves as an untapped resource for
373 developing potential drugs with promising pharmacological activities. The significance of marine-
374 derived secondary metabolites has recently been corroborated by introduction of Prialt and
375 Yondelis to the market. In the past three decades, numerous NRPs with unique chemical structures
376 and varied biological activities have been discovered from marine sponges and tunicates as
377 described above. In addition, some of them exhibit strong potential to be developed as a new drug.
378 However, none of the NRPs highlighted in this review have been successfully marketed as
379 therapeutics. To translate bioactivity of these important compounds into therapeutically significant
380 outcomes, it is crucial to further unravel their modes of action and measure their toxicity. Since the
381 majority of these studies have been focused on *in vitro* bioassays and elucidation of the chemical
382 structures only, a complete examination of their biological target selectivity is required.
383 Nevertheless, large-scale production of these NRPs for clinical use is a real challenge. Therefore,
384 environmentally sound and economically feasible alternatives are required. To counter these
385 challenges, many strategies have been established.

386 Chemical synthesis of these NRPs is among the first strategies to be used. However, the structural
387 complexity limits its chemical synthesis and has resulted in only a few successful achievements
388 (e.g., analgesic drug ziconotide) (Olivera, 2000). A second strategy uses screening the
389 pharmacological significance of NRPs and subsequently attempting to define the critical
390 pharmacophore that can result in practical drugs based on a marine prototype via chemical
391 synthesis, degradation, modification, or a combination of these. Aquaculture of the source
392 organisms has also been used to secure a sustainable supply of active compound(s). However, in
393 most cases, the biomass currently generated is still far the requirement from an industrial
394 perspective (Mendola, 2000). Identification and large-scale culturing of true producers that are
395 known to thrive within the tissues of marine invertebrates (sponge or tunicate) is an intriguing
396 strategy. However, to date only 5 per cent or less of the symbiotic microbes present in marine
397 specimens can be cultivated under standard conditions. Consequently, molecular approaches such
398 as transfer of biosynthetic gene clusters to a vector suitable for large-scale fermentation could be
399 used to avoid obstacles in culturing symbiotic bacteria. Enzyme technology and solid-phase
400 peptide synthesis offer particularly promising alternatives to generate variety of unique peptides

401 using native peptide as a template. Besides, combinations of chemical synthesis and biosynthetic
402 technologies have potential to accelerate the discovery of novel drugs derived from sponge and
403 their microbial association in future.

404

405

406

407

Provisional

408

409 **References**

- 410 ABRAHAM, E. & NEWTON, G. 1961. The structure of cephalosporin C. *Biochemical Journal*, 79, 377.
- 411 AOKI, S., CAO, L., MATSUI, K., RACHMAT, R., AKIYAMA, S.-I. & KOBAYASHI, M. 2004. Kendarimide A, a
412 novel peptide reversing P-glycoprotein-mediated multidrug resistance in tumor cells, from a
413 marine sponge of *Haliclona* sp. *Tetrahedron*, 60, 7053-7059.
- 414 ARAI, M., YAMANO, Y., FUJITA, M., SETIAWAN, A. & KOBAYASHI, M. 2012. Stylistamide X, a new proline-
415 rich cyclic octapeptide as an inhibitor of cell migration, from an Indonesian marine sponge of
416 *Stylissa* sp. *Bioorganic & medicinal chemistry letters*, 22, 1818-1821.
- 417 ARYA, D. P. & WILLIS, B. 2003. Reaching into the Major Groove of B-DNA: Synthesis and Nucleic Acid
418 Binding of a Neomycin–Hoechst 33258 Conjugate. *Journal of the American Chemical Society*,
419 125, 12398-12399.
- 420 ARYA, D. P., XUE, L. & TENNANT, P. 2003. Combining the Best in Triplex Recognition: Synthesis and
421 Nucleic Acid Binding of a BQQ–Neomycin Conjugate. *Journal of the American Chemical Society*,
422 125, 8070-8071.
- 423 BAJAJ, M. & SRAYKO, M. 2013. Laulimalide Induces Dose-Dependent Modulation of Microtubule
424 Behaviour in the *C. elegans* Embryo. *PLoS ONE*, 8, e71889.
- 425 BEWLEY, C., HOLLAND, N. & FAULKNER, D. 1996. Two classes of metabolites from *Theonella swinhoei* are
426 localized in distinct populations of bacterial symbionts. *Experientia*, 52, 716-722.
- 427 BRENNAN, M. R., COSTELLO, C. E., MALEKNIA, S. D., PETTIT, G. R. & ERICKSON, K. L. 2008. Stylopeptide 2,
428 a Proline-Rich Cyclodecapeptide from the Sponge *Stylotella* sp. *Journal of natural products*,
429 71, 453-456.
- 430 BRUSCA, R. C., BRUSCA, G. J. & HAVER, N. J. 1990. *Invertebrates*, Sinauer Associates Sunderland,
431 Massachusetts.
- 432 BULTEL-PONCÉ, V., BERGE, J.-P., DEBITUS, C., NICOLAS, J.-L. & GUYOT, M. 1999. Metabolites from the
433 sponge-associated bacterium *Pseudomonas* species. *Marine Biotechnology*, 1, 384-390.
- 434 BULTEL-PONCÉ, V., DEBITUS, C., BERGE, J.-P., CERCEAU, C. & GUYOT, M. 1998. Metabolites from the
435 sponge-associated bacterium *Micrococcus luteus*. *Journal of marine biotechnology*, 6, 233-236.
- 436 CAPON, R. J., FORD, J., LACEY, E., GILL, J. H., HEILAND, K. & FRIEDEL, T. 2002. Phoriospongins A and B: Two
437 New Nematocidal Depsipeptides from the Australian Marine Sponges *Phoriospongia* sp. and
438 *Callyspongia bilamellata*. *Journal of natural products*, 65, 358-363.
- 439 CARROLL, A. R., DUFFY, S. & AVERY, V. M. 2009. Citronamides A and B, tetrapeptides from the australian
440 sponge *Citronia astra*. *Journal of natural products*, 72, 764-768.
- 441 CHADWICK, R. G., BASSENDINE, M. F., CRAWFORD, E. M., THOMAS, H. C. & SHERLOCK, S. 1978. Hbsag-
442 Positive Chronic Liver Disease: Inhibition Of DNA Polymerase Activity By Vidarabine. *The British*
443 *Medical Journal*, 2, 531-533.
- 444 CHEVALLIER, C., RICHARDSON, A. D., EDLER, M. C., HAMEL, E., HARPER, M. K. & IRELAND, C. M. 2003. A
445 new cytotoxic and tubulin-interactive milnamide derivative from a marine sponge *Cymbastela*
446 sp. *Organic letters*, 5, 3737-3739.
- 447 CIASULLO, L., CASAPULLO, A., CUTIGNANO, A., BIFULCO, G., DEBITUS, C., HOOPER, J., GOMEZ-PALOMA,
448 L. & RICCIO, R. 2002. Renieramide, a cyclic tripeptide from the Vanuatu sponge *Reniera* n. sp.
449 *Journal of natural products*, 65, 407-410.
- 450 D'AURIA, M. V., SEPE, V., D'ORSI, R., BELLOTTA, F., DEBITUS, C. & ZAMPELLA, A. 2007. Isolation and
451 structural elucidation of callipeltins J–M: antifungal peptides from the marine sponge
452 *Latrunculia* sp. *Tetrahedron*, 63, 131-140.

453 D'INCALCI, M. & GALMARINI, C. M. 2010. A Review of Trabectedin (ET-743): A Unique Mechanism of
454 Action. *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics*, 9, 2157-2163.

455 DAVIS, R. A., MANGALINDAN, G. C., BOJO, Z. P., ANTEMANO, R. R., RODRIGUEZ, N. O., CONCEPCION, G.
456 P., SAMSON, S. C., DE GUZMAN, D., CRUZ, L. J. & TASDEMIR, D. 2004. Microcionamides A and B,
457 bioactive peptides from the Philippine sponge *Clathria (Thalysias) abietina*. *The Journal of*
458 *organic chemistry*, 69, 4170-4176.

459 DE CRÉCY-LAGARD, V., BLANC, V., GIL, P., NAUDIN, L., LORENZON, S., FAMECHON, A., BAMAS-JACQUES,
460 N., CROUZET, J. & THIBAUT, D. 1997. Pristinamycin I biosynthesis in *Streptomyces*
461 *pristinaespiralis*: molecular characterization of the first two structural peptide synthetase genes.
462 *Journal of bacteriology*, 179, 705-713.

463 DOMENECH, O., FRANCIUS, G., TULKENS, P. M., VAN BAMBEKE, F., DUFRÊNE, Y. & MINGEOT-LECLERCQ,
464 M.-P. 2009. Interactions of oritavancin, a new lipoglycopeptide derived from vancomycin, with
465 phospholipid bilayers: effect on membrane permeability and nanoscale lipid membrane
466 organization. *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA)-Biomembranes*, 1788, 1832-1840.

467 DUMONTET, C. & JORDAN, M. A. 2010. Microtubule-binding agents: a dynamic field of cancer
468 therapeutics. *Nat Rev Drug Discov*, 9, 790-803.

469 ELYAKOV, G., KUZNETSOVA, T., MIKHAILOV, V., MALTSEV, I., VOINOV, V. & FEDOREYEV, S. 1991.
470 Brominated diphenyl ethers from a marine bacterium associated with the sponge *Dysidea* sp.
471 *Experientia*, 47, 632-633.

472 FENICAL, W. 1976. Geranyl hydroquinone, a cancer-protective agent from the tunicate *Aplidium* species.
473 *Food Drugs Sea Proc*, 4, 388-394.

474 FERNÁNDEZ, R., MARTÍN, M. J., RODRÍGUEZ-ACEBES, R., REYES, F., FRANCESCH, A. & CUEVAS, C. 2008.
475 Diazonamides C-E, new cytotoxic metabolites from the ascidian *Diazona* sp. *Tetrahedron*
476 *Letters*, 49, 2283-2285.

477 FESTA, C., DE MARINO, S., SEPE, V., D'AURIA, M. V., BIFULCO, G., DÉBITUS, C., BUCCI, M., VELLECCO, V. &
478 ZAMPELLA, A. 2011. Solomonamides A and B, new anti-inflammatory peptides from *Theonella*
479 *swinhoei*. *Organic letters*, 13, 1532-1535.

480 FESTA, C., DE MARINO, S., SEPE, V., MONTI, M. C., LUCIANO, P., D'AURIA, M. V., DÉBITUS, C., BUCCI, M.,
481 VELLECCO, V. & ZAMPELLA, A. 2009. Perthamides C and D, two new potent anti-inflammatory
482 cyclopeptides from a Solomon Lithistid sponge *Theonella swinhoei*. *Tetrahedron*, 65, 10424-
483 10429.

484 FINKING, R. & MARAHIEL, M. A. 2004. Biosynthesis of nonribosomal peptides¹. *Annu Rev Microbiol*, 58,
485 453-88.

486 FU, X., SU, J. & ZENG, L. 2000. Prepatellamide A, a new cyclic peptide from the ascidian *Lissoclinum*
487 *patella*. *Science in China Series B: Chemistry*, 43, 643-648.

488 FURTH, J. J. & COHEN, S. S. 1968. Inhibition of Mammalian DNA Polymerase by the 5'-Triphosphate of 1-
489 β -d-Arabinofuranosylcytosine and the 5'-Triphosphate of 9- β -d-Arabinofuranosyladenine.
490 *Cancer Research*, 28, 2061-2067.

491 GAPUD, E. J., BAI, R., GHOSH, A. K. & HAMEL, E. 2004. Laulimalide and Paclitaxel: A Comparison of Their
492 Effects on Tubulin Assembly and Their Synergistic Action When Present Simultaneously.
493 *Molecular Pharmacology*, 66, 113-121.

494 GHOSHAL, K. & JACOB, S. T. 1991. Ara-ATP impairs 3'-end processing of pre-mRNAs by inhibiting both
495 cleavage and polyadenylation. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 19, 5871-5875.

496 HAMADA, T., MATSUNAGA, S., YANO, G. & FUSETANI, N. 2005. Polytheonamides A and B, Highly
497 Cytotoxic, Linear Polypeptides with Unprecedented Structural Features, from the Marine
498 Sponge, *Theonella swinhoei*. *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 127, 110-118.

499 HAQ, I., LADBURY, J. E., CHOWDHRY, B. Z., JENKINS, T. C. & CHAIRES, J. B. 1997. Specific binding of
500 hoechst 33258 to the d(CGCAAATTTGCG)₂ duplex: calorimetric and spectroscopic studies1.
501 *Journal of Molecular Biology*, 271, 244-257.

502 HENTSCHEL, U., HOPKE, J., HORN, M., FRIEDRICH, A. B., WAGNER, M., HACKER, J. & MOORE, B. S. 2002.
503 Molecular evidence for a uniform microbial community in sponges from different oceans.
504 *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*, 68, 4431-4440.

505 HENTSCHEL, U., SCHMID, M., WAGNER, M., FIESELER, L., GERNERT, C. & HACKER, J. 2001. Isolation and
506 phylogenetic analysis of bacteria with antimicrobial activities from the Mediterranean sponges
507 *Aplysina aerophoba* and *Aplysina cavernicola*. *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*, 35, 305-312.

508 IBRAHIM, S. R., EDRADA-EBEL, R., MOHAMED, G. A., YOUSSEF, D. T., WRAY, V. & PROKSCH, P. 2008.
509 Callyaerin G, a new cytotoxic cyclic peptide from the marine sponge *Callyspongia aerizusa*.
510 *Arkivoc*, 12, 164-171. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.3998/ark.5550190.0009.c18>

511 IBRAHIM, S. R., MIN, C. C., TEUSCHER, F., EBEL, R., KAKOSCHKE, C., LIN, W., WRAY, V., EDRADA-EBEL, R.
512 & PROKSCH, P. 2010. Callyaerins A–F and H, new cytotoxic cyclic peptides from the Indonesian
513 marine sponge *Callyspongia aerizusa*. *Bioorganic & medicinal chemistry*, 18, 4947-4956.

514 JOHNSON, B. A., ANKER, H. & MELENEY, F. L. 1945. Bacitracin: a new antibiotic produced by a member
515 of the *B. subtilis* group. *Science*, 102, 376-377.

516 KAR, S., FLORENCE, G. J., PATERSON, I. & AMOS, L. A. 2003. Discodermolide interferes with the binding
517 of tau protein to microtubules. *FEBS Letters*, 539, 34-36.

518 KEHRAUS, S., KÖNIG, G. M., WRIGHT, A. D. & WOERHEIDE, G. 2002. Leucamide A: A new cytotoxic
519 heptapeptide from the Australian sponge *Leucetta microraphis*. *The Journal of organic*
520 *chemistry*, 67, 4989-4992.

521 KITA, M., GISE, B., KAWAMURA, A. & KIGOSHI, H. 2013. Stylissatin A, a cyclic peptide that inhibits nitric
522 oxide production from the marine sponge *Stylissa massa*. *Tetrahedron Letters*, 54, 6826-6828.

523 KLEINKAUF, H. & VON DÖHREN, H. 1995. The nonribosomal peptide biosynthetic system—on the origins
524 of structural diversity of peptides, cyclopeptides and related compounds. *Antonie van*
525 *Leeuwenhoek*, 67, 229-242.

526 KOWALSKI, R. J., GIANNAKAKOU, P., GUNASEKERA, S. P., LONGLEY, R. E., DAY, B. W. & HAMEL, E. 1997.
527 The Microtubule-Stabilizing Agent Discodermolide Competitively Inhibits the Binding of
528 Paclitaxel (Taxol) to Tubulin Polymers, Enhances Tubulin Nucleation Reactions More Potently
529 than Paclitaxel, and Inhibits the Growth of Paclitaxel-Resistant Cells. *Molecular Pharmacology*,
530 52, 613-622.

531 LAPORT, M., SANTOS, O. & MURICY, G. 2009. Marine sponges: potential sources of new antimicrobial
532 drugs. *Current pharmaceutical biotechnology*, 10, 86-105.

533 LEE, I. H., LEE, Y. S., KIM, C. H., KIM, C. R., HONG, T., MENZEL, L., BOO, L. M., POHL, J., SHERMAN, M. A. &
534 WARING, A. 2001a. Dicynthaurin: an antimicrobial peptide from hemocytes of the solitary
535 tunicate, *Halocynthia aurantium*. *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA)-General Subjects*, 1527,
536 141-148.

537 LEE, Y. K., LEE, J.-H. & LEE, H. K. 2001b. Microbial symbiosis in marine sponges. *JOURNAL OF*
538 *MICROBIOLOGY-SEOUL*, 39, 254-264.

539 MARCO, E., DAVID-CORDONNIER, M.-H., BAILLY, C., CUEVAS, C. & GAGO, F. 2006. Further Insight into
540 the DNA Recognition Mechanism of Trabectedin from the Differential Affinity of Its
541 Demethylated Analogue Ecteinascidin ET729 for the Triplet DNA Binding Site CGA. *Journal of*
542 *Medicinal Chemistry*, 49, 6925-6929.

543 MAULUCCI, N., CHINI, M. G., DI MICCO, S., IZZO, I., CAFARO, E., RUSSO, A., GALLINARI, P., PAOLINI, C.,
544 NARDI, M. C. & CASAPULLO, A. 2007. Molecular insights into azumamide E histone deacetylases
545 inhibitory activity. *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 129, 3007-3012.

546 Mayer, A.M., Glaser, K.B., Cuevas, C., Jacobs, R.S., Kem, W., Little, R.D., and McIntosh,
547 J.M., Newman, D.J., Potts, B.C. and Shuster, D.E. (2010). The odyssey of marine
548 pharmaceuticals: a current pipeline perspective. *Trends Pharmacol Sci.* 31(6):255-265.
549 doi: 10.1016/j.tips.2010.02.005.

550 MEHBUB, M. F., LEI, J., FRANCO, C. & ZHANG, W. 2014. Marine Sponge Derived Natural Products
551 between 2001 and 2010: Trends and Opportunities for Discovery of Bioactives. *Marine drugs*,
552 12, 4539-4577.

553 MENDOLA, D. 2000. Aquacultural production of bryostatin 1 and ecteinascidin 743.

554 MENNA, M. 2009. Antitumor potential of natural products from Mediterranean ascidians.
555 *Phytochemistry Reviews*, 8, 461-472.

556 MIAO, V., COEFFET-LEGAL, M.-F., BRIAN, P., BROST, R., PENN, J., WHITING, A., MARTIN, S., FORD, R.,
557 PARR, I. & BOUCHARD, M. 2005. Daptomycin biosynthesis in *Streptomyces roseosporus*: cloning
558 and analysis of the gene cluster and revision of peptide stereochemistry. *Microbiology*, 151,
559 1507-1523.

560 MOOBERRY, S. L., RANDALL-HLUBEK, D. A., LEAL, R. M., HEGDE, S. G., HUBBARD, R. D., ZHANG, L. &
561 WENDER, P. A. 2004. Microtubule-stabilizing agents based on designed laulimalide analogues.
562 *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 101, 8803-
563 8808.

564 MURTHY, M. R., MOHAN, E. & SADHUKHAN, A. 1999. Cyclosporin-A production by *Tolypocladium*
565 *inflatum* using solid state fermentation. *Process Biochemistry*, 34, 269-280.

566 NAKAO, Y., FUJITA, M., WARABI, K., MATSUNAGA, S. & FUSETANI, N. 2000. Miraziridine A, a novel
567 cysteine protease inhibitor from the marine sponge *Theonella aff. mirabilis* 1. *Journal of the*
568 *American Chemical Society*, 122, 10462-10463.

569 NAKAO, Y., KAWATSU, S., OKAMOTO, C., OKAMOTO, M., MATSUMOTO, Y., MATSUNAGA, S., VAN SOEST,
570 R. W. & FUSETANI, N. 2008. Ciliatamides A– C, Bioactive Lipopeptides from the Deep-Sea Sponge
571 *Aptos ciliata*#. *Journal of natural products*, 71, 469-472.

572 NAKAO, Y., KUO, J., YOSHIDA, W. Y., KELLY, M. & SCHEUER, P. J. 2003. More Kapakahines from the
573 Marine Sponge *Cribrachalina o lemda*. *Organic letters*, 5, 1387-1390.

574 NEWMAN, D. J. & CRAGG, G. M. 2016. Natural products as sources of new drugs from 1981 to 2014.
575 *Journal of natural products*, 79, 629-661.

576 NEWMAN, D. J. & HILL, R. T. 2006. New drugs from marine microbes: the tide is turning. *Journal of*
577 *Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology*, 33, 539-544.

578 OCLARIT, J., OKADA, H., OHTA, S., KAMINURA, K., YAMAOKA, Y., IIZUKA, T., MIYASHIRO, S. & IKEGAMI, S.
579 1994. Anti-bacillus substance in the marine sponge, *Hyatella* species, produced by an associated
580 *Vibrio* species bacterium. *Microbios*, 78, 7.

581 OKADA, Y., MATSUNAGA, S., VAN SOEST, R. W. & FUSETANI, N. 2002. Nagahamide A, an Antibacterial
582 Depsipeptide from the Marine Sponge *Theonella swinhoei* 1. *Organic letters*, 4, 3039-3042.

583 OKU, N., GUSTAFSON, K. R., CARTNER, L. K., WILSON, J. A., SHIGEMATSU, N., HESS, S., PANNELL, L. K.,
584 BOYD, M. R. & MCMAHON, J. B. 2004. Neamphamide A, a new HIV-inhibitory depsipeptide from
585 the Papua New Guinea marine sponge *Neamphius huxleyi*. *Journal of natural products*, 67, 1407-
586 1411.

587 OLIVERA, B. M. 2000. ω -Conotoxin MVIIA: from marine snail venom to analgesic drug.

588 OLSON, J. B. & MCCARTHY, P. J. 2005. Associated bacterial communities of two deep-water sponges.
589 *Aquatic microbial ecology*, 39, 47-55.

590 PAULUS, H. & GRAY, E. 1964. The biosynthesis of polymyxin B by growing cultures of *Bacillus polymyxa*.
591 *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 239, 865-871.

592 PEREZ, L. J. & FAULKNER, D. J. 2003. Bistratamides EJ, Modified Cyclic Hexapeptides from the Philippines
593 Ascidian *Lissoclinum bistratum*. *Journal of natural products*, 66, 247-250.

594 PETTIT, G. R. & TAN, R. 2005. Isolation and Structure of Phakellistatin 14 from the Western Pacific
595 Marine Sponge *Phakellia* sp., 1. *Journal of natural products*, 68, 60-63.

596 PLAZA, A., BIFULCO, G., KEFFER, J. L., LLOYD, J. R., BAKER, H. L. & BEWLEY, C. A. 2008. Celebesides A– C
597 and Theopapuamides B– D, Depsipeptides from an Indonesian Sponge That Inhibit HIV-1 Entry.
598 *The Journal of organic chemistry*, 74, 504-512.

599 PLAZA, A., BIFULCO, G., MASULLO, M., LLOYD, J. R., KEFFER, J. L., COLIN, P. L., HOOPER, J. N., BELL, L. J. &
600 BEWLEY, C. A. 2010. Mutremdamide A and Koshikamides C– H, Peptide Inhibitors of HIV-1 Entry
601 from Different *Theonella* Species. *The Journal of organic chemistry*, 75, 4344-4355.

602 PLAZA, A., GUSTCHINA, E., BAKER, H. L., KELLY, M. & BEWLEY, C. A. 2007. Mirabamides A–D,
603 depsipeptides from the sponge *Siliquariaspongia mirabilis* that inhibit HIV-1 fusion. *Journal of*
604 *natural products*, 70, 1753-1760.

605 POMMIER, Y., KOHLHAGEN, G., BAILLY, C., WARING, M., MAZUMDER, A. & KOHN, K. W. 1996. DNA
606 Sequence- and Structure-Selective Alkylation of Guanine N2 in the DNA Minor Groove by
607 Ecteinascidin 743, a Potent Antitumor Compound from the Caribbean Tunicate Ecteinascidia
608 *turbinata*. *Biochemistry*, 35, 13303-13309.

609 PRASAD, P., AALBERSBERG, W., FEUSSNER, K.-D. & VAN WAGONER, R. M. 2011. Papuamides E and F,
610 cytotoxic depsipeptides from the marine sponge *Melophlus* sp. *Tetrahedron*, 67, 8529-8531.

611 QURESHI, A., COLIN, P. L. & FAULKNER, D. J. 2000. Microsclerodermins F–I, antitumor and antifungal
612 cyclic peptides from the Lithistid sponge *Microscleroderma* sp. *Tetrahedron*, 56, 3679-3685.

613 RANDAZZO, A., BIFULCO, G., GIANNINI, C., BUCCI, M., DEBITUS, C., CIRINO, G. & GOMEZ-PALOMA, L.
614 2001. Halipeptins A and B: two novel potent anti-inflammatory cyclic depsipeptides from the
615 Vanuatu marine sponge *Haliclona* species. *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 123,
616 10870-10876.

617 RANJAN, N., DAVIS, E., XUE, L. & ARYA, D. P. 2013. Dual recognition of the human telomeric G-
618 quadruplex by a neomycin-anthraquinone conjugate. *Chemical Communications*, 49, 5796-5798.

619 RASHID, M. A., GUSTAFSON, K. R., BOSWELL, J. L. & BOYD, M. R. 2000. Haligramides A and B, two new
620 cytotoxic hexapeptides from the marine sponge *Haliclona nigra*. *Journal of natural products*, 63,
621 956-959.

622 RASHID, M. A., GUSTAFSON, K. R., CARTNER, L. K., SHIGEMATSU, N., PANNELL, L. K. & BOYD, M. R. 2001.
623 Microspinosamide, a New HIV-Inhibitory Cyclic Depsipeptide from the Marine Sponge *Sidonops*
624 *microspinosus* 1. *Journal of natural products*, 64, 117-121.

625 RATNAYAKE, A. S., BUGNI, T. S., FENG, X., HARPER, M. K., SKALICKY, J. J., MOHAMMED, K. A., ANDJELIC,
626 C. D., BARROWS, L. R. & IRELAND, C. M. 2006. Theopapuamide, a cyclic depsipeptide from a
627 Papua New Guinea lithistid sponge *Theonella swinhoei*. *Journal of natural products*, 69, 1582-
628 1586.

629 ROSE, K. M. & JACOB, S. T. 1978. Selective inhibition of RNA polyadenylation by Ara-ATP in vitro: A
630 possible mechanism for antiviral action of Ara-A. *Biochemical and Biophysical Research*
631 *Communications*, 81, 1418-1424.

632 RUDI, A., CHILL, L., AKNIN, M. & KASHMAN, Y. 2003. Didmolamide A and B, Two New Cyclic
633 Hexapeptides from the Marine Ascidian *Didemnum molle*. *Journal of natural products*, 66, 575-
634 577.

635 RUPPERT, E. & FOX, R. 2004. Invertebrate zoology: a functional evolutionary approach (of RD Barnes'
636 Invertebrate zoology). *Brooks/Cole, Belmont, CA*.

637 SCHMIDT, E. W., OBRAZTSOVA, A., DAVIDSON, S., FAULKNER, D. & HAYGOOD, M. 2000. Identification of
638 the antifungal peptide-containing symbiont of the marine sponge *Theonella swinhoei* as a novel
639 δ -proteobacterium, "Candidatus Entotheonella palauensis". *Marine Biology*, 136, 969-977.

640 SCHMIDT, E. W., RAVENTOS-SUAREZ, C., BIFANO, M., MENENDEZ, A. T., FAIRCHILD, C. R. & FAULKNER, D.
641 J. 2004. Scleritodermin A, a Cytotoxic Cyclic Peptide from the Lithistid Sponge *Scleritoderma n*
642 *odosum*. *Journal of natural products*, 67, 475-478.

643 SEPE, V., D'ORSI, R., BORBONE, N., D'AURIA, M. V., BIFULCO, G., MONTI, M. C., CATANIA, A. &
644 ZAMPELLA, A. 2006. Callipeltins F–I: new antifungal peptides from the marine sponge
645 *Latrunculia* sp. *Tetrahedron*, 62, 833-840.

646 SOMMA, S., GASTALDO, L. & CORTI, A. 1984. Teicoplanin, a new antibiotic from *Actinoplanes*
647 *teichomyceticus* nov. sp. *Antimicrobial agents and chemotherapy*, 26, 917-923.

648 SONNENSCHNEIN, R. N., FARIAS, J. J., TENNEY, K., MOOBERRY, S. L., LOBKOVSKY, E., CLARDY, J. & CREWS,
649 P. 2004. A further study of the cytotoxic constituents of a milnamide-producing sponge. *Organic*
650 *letters*, 6, 779-782.

651 STARK, W., HIGGENS, C., WOLFE, R., HOEHN, M. & MCGUIRE, J. 1962. Capreomycin, a new
652 antimycobacterial agent produced by *Streptomyces capreolus* sp. n. *Antimicrobial Agents and*
653 *Chemotherapy*, 1962, 596-606.

654 STEELE, J. H. 1985. A comparison of terrestrial and marine ecological systems. *Nature*, 313, 355-358.

655 STIERLE, A., CARDELLINA II, J. & SINGLETON, F. 1988. A marine *Micrococcus* produces metabolites
656 ascribed to the sponge *Tedania ignis*. *Experientia*, 44, 1021-1021.

657 TABUDRAVU, J., MORRIS, L. A., KETTENES-VAN DEN BOSCH, J. J. & JASPARS, M. 2001. Wainunuamide, a
658 histidine-containing proline-rich cyclic heptapeptide isolated from the Fijian marine sponge
659 *Stylotella aurantium*. *Tetrahedron Letters*, 42, 9273-9276.

660 TABUDRAVU, J. N., MORRIS, L. A., KETTENES-VAN DEN BOSCH, J. J. & JASPARS, M. 2002. Axinellin C, a
661 proline-rich cyclic octapeptide isolated from the Fijian marine sponge *Stylotella aurantium*.
662 *Tetrahedron*, 58, 7863-7868.

663 TAN, L. T., WILLIAMSON, R. T., GERWICK, W. H., WATTS, K. S., MCGOUGH, K. & JACOBS, R. 2000. cis, cis-
664 and trans, trans-Ceratospongamide, New Bioactive Cyclic Heptapeptides from the Indonesian
665 Red Alga *Ceratodictyon s pongiosum* and Symbiotic Sponge *Sigmatocia s ymbiotica*. *The Journal*
666 *of organic chemistry*, 65, 419-425.

667 TANAKA, C., TANAKA, J., BOLLAND, R. F., MARRIOTT, G. & HIGA, T. 2006. Seragamides A–F, new actin-
668 targeting depsipeptides from the sponge *Suberites japonicus* Thiele. *Tetrahedron*, 62, 3536-
669 3542.

670 THOMAS, T. R. A., KAVLEKAR, D. P. & LOKABHARATHI, P. A. 2010. Marine drugs from sponge-microbe
671 association—A review. *Marine Drugs*, 8, 1417-1468.

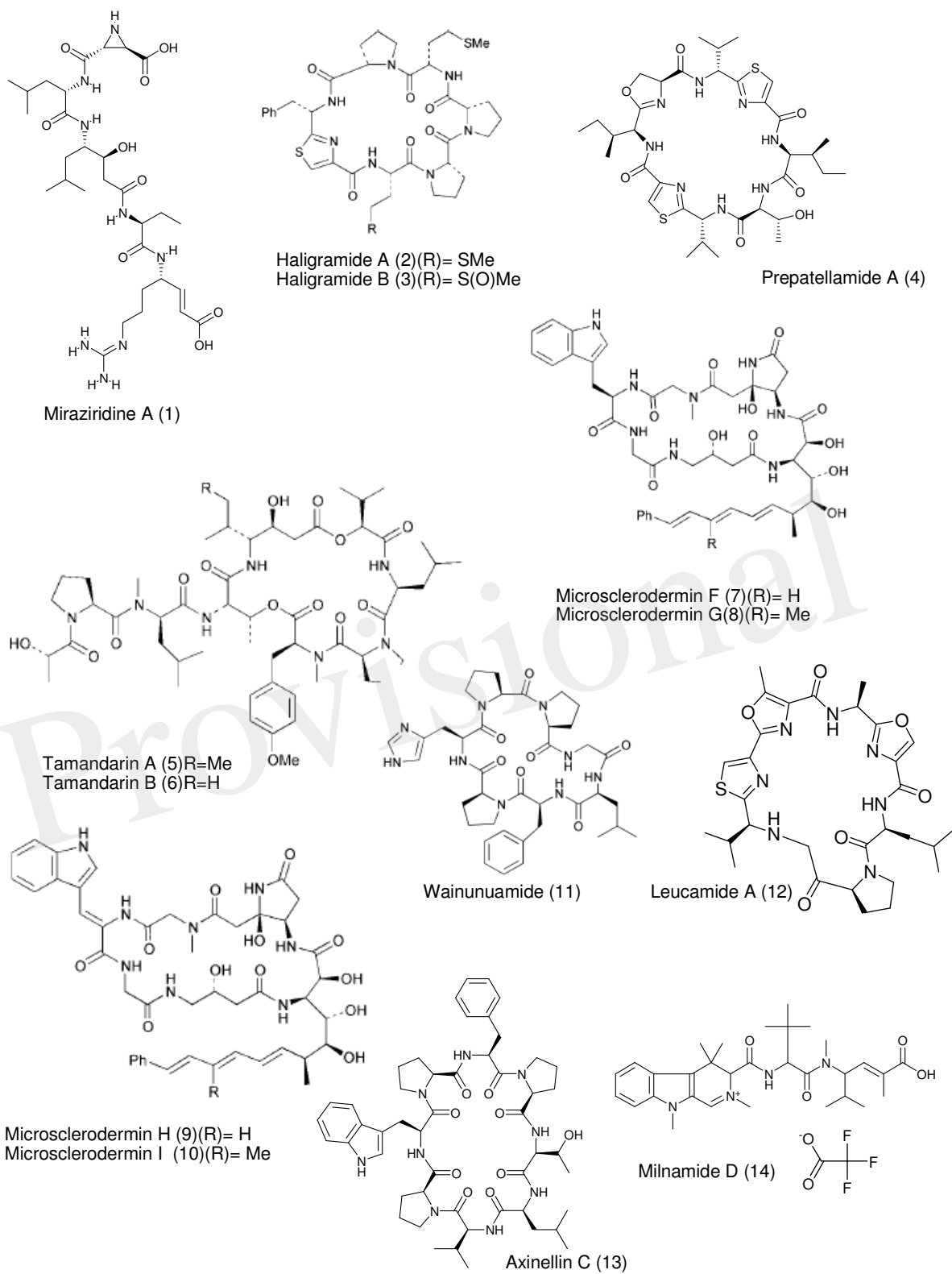
672 TINCU, J. A., MENZEL, L. P., AZIMOV, R., SANDS, J., HONG, T., WARING, A. J., TAYLOR, S. W. & LEHRER, R.
673 I. 2003. Plicatamide, an antimicrobial octapeptide from *Styela plicata* hemocytes. *Journal of*
674 *Biological Chemistry*, 278, 13546-13553.

675 UEDA, H., NAKAJIMA, H., HORI, Y., FUJITA, T., NISHIMURA, M., GOTO, T. & OKUHARA, M. 1994.
676 FR901228, a novel antitumor bicyclic depsipeptide produced by *Chromobacterium violaceum*
677 No. 968. I. Taxonomy, fermentation, isolation, physico-chemical and biological properties, and
678 antitumor activity. *The Journal of antibiotics*, 47, 301-310.

679 UMEZAWA, H., MAEDA, K., TAKEUCHI, T. & OKAMI, Y. 1966. New antibiotics, bleomycin A and B. *The*
680 *Journal of antibiotics*, 19, 200.

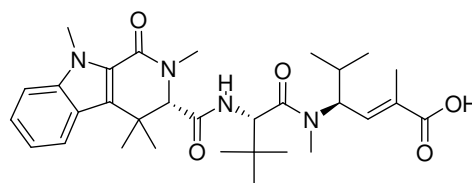
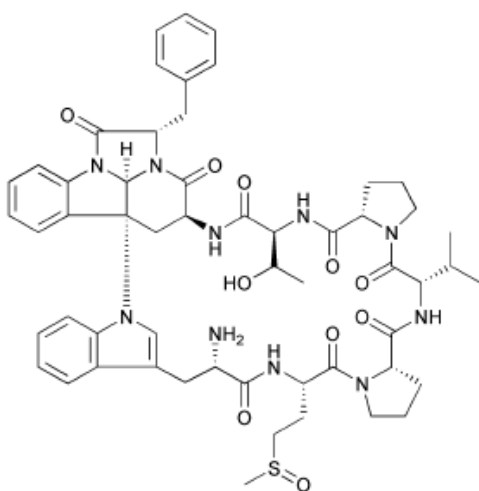
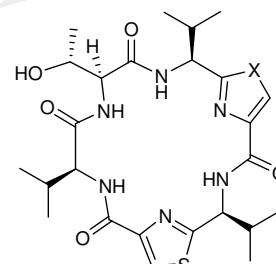
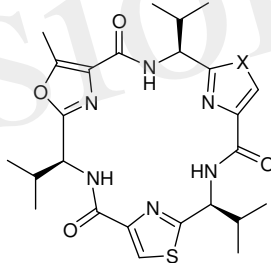
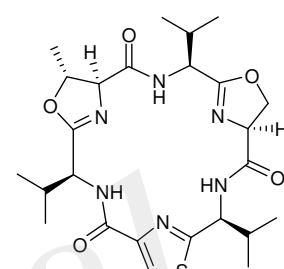
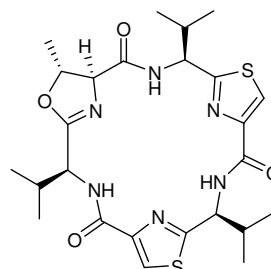
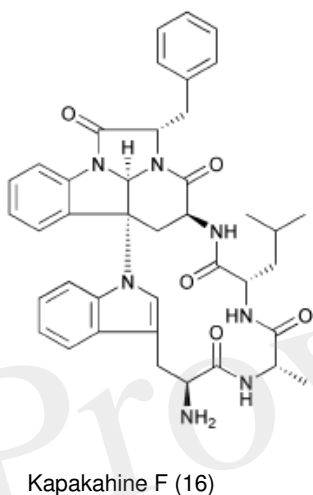
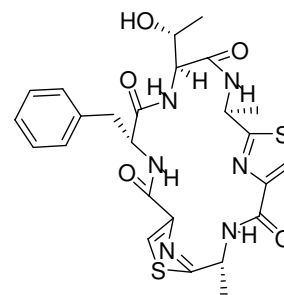
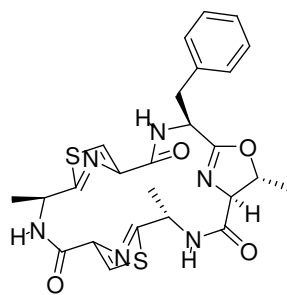
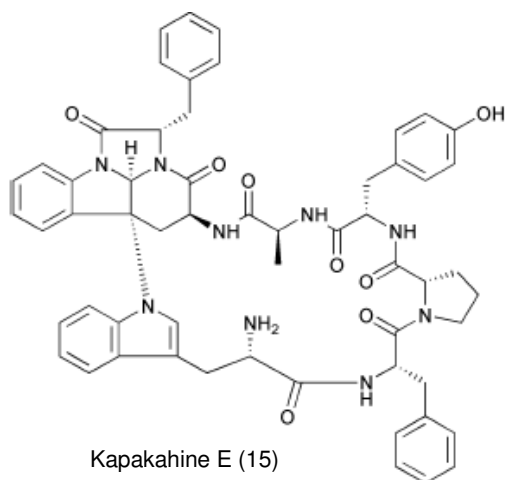
681 UNSON, M., HOLLAND, N. & FAULKNER, D. 1994. A brominated secondary metabolite synthesized by the
682 cyanobacterial symbiont of a marine sponge and accumulation of the crystalline metabolite in
683 the sponge tissue. *Marine Biology*, 119, 1-11.

684 VAN WAGENINGEN, A. A., KIRKPATRICK, P. N., WILLIAMS, D. H., HARRIS, B. R., KERSHAW, J. K., LENNARD,
685 N. J., JONES, M., JONES, S. J. & SOLENBERG, P. J. 1998. Sequencing and analysis of genes
686 involved in the biosynthesis of a vancomycin group antibiotic. *Chemistry & biology*, 5, 155-162.
687 VERVOORT, H., FENICAL, W. & EPIFANIO, R. D. A. 2000. Tamandarins A and B: New cytotoxic
688 depsipeptides from a Brazilian ascidian of the family Didemnidae. *The Journal of organic*
689 *chemistry*, 65, 782-792.
690 VICENTE, J., VERA, B., RODRÍGUEZ, A. D., RODRÍGUEZ-ESCUADERO, I. & RAPTIS, R. G. 2009. Euryjanicin A: a
691 new cycloheptapeptide from the Caribbean marine sponge *Prosuberites laughlini*. *Tetrahedron*
692 *letters*, 50, 4571-4574.
693 VINOTHKUMAR, S. & PARAMESWARAN, P. 2013. Recent advances in marine drug research.
694 *Biotechnology advances*, 31, 1826-1845.
695 WAKSMAN, S. A. & WOODRUFF, H. B. 1940. Bacteriostatic and Bactericidal Substances Produced by a
696 Soil Actinomyces. *Experimental Biology and Medicine*, 45, 609-614.
697 WEBSTER, N. S., WILSON, K. J., BLACKALL, L. L. & HILL, R. T. 2001. Phylogenetic diversity of bacteria
698 associated with the marine sponge *Rhopaloeides odorabile*. *Applied and environmental*
699 *microbiology*, 67, 434-444.
700 WILKINSON, C. 1978. Microbial associations in sponges. III. Ultrastructure of the in situ associations in
701 coral reef sponges. *Marine Biology*, 49, 177-185.
702 WILKINSON, C. R., NOWAK, M., AUSTIN, B. & COLWELL, R. R. 1981. Specificity of bacterial symbionts in
703 Mediterranean and Great Barrier Reef sponges. *Microbial ecology*, 7, 13-21.
704 WILLIAMS, D. E., AUSTIN, P., DIAZ-MARRERO, A. R., SOEST, R. V., MATAINAHO, T., ROSKELLEY, C. D.,
705 ROBERGE, M. & ANDERSEN, R. J. 2005. Neopetrosiamides, peptides from the marine sponge
706 *Neopetrosia* sp. that inhibit amoeboid invasion by human tumor cells. *Organic letters*, 7, 4173-
707 4176.
708 WILLIAMS, D. E., YU, K., BEHRISCH, H. W., VAN SOEST, R. & ANDERSEN, R. J. 2009. Rolloamides A and B,
709 cytotoxic cyclic heptapeptides isolated from the Caribbean marine sponge *Eurypon laughlini*.
710 *Journal of natural products*, 72, 1253-1257.
711 WILLIS, B. & ARYA, D. P. 2010. Triple Recognition of B-DNA by a Neomycin-Hoechst 33258-Pyrene
712 Conjugate. *Biochemistry*, 49, 452-469.
713 WOO, J.-K., JEON, J.-E., KIM, C.-K., SIM, C. J., OH, D.-C., OH, K.-B. & SHIN, J. 2013. Gombamide A, a Cyclic
714 Thiopeptide from the Sponge *Clathria gombawuiensis*. *Journal of natural products*, 76, 1380-
715 1383.
716 WÖRHEIDE, G., SOLÉ-CAVA, A. M. & HOOPER, J. N. 2005. Biodiversity, molecular ecology and
717 phylogeography of marine sponges: patterns, implications and outlooks. *Integrative and*
718 *Comparative Biology*, 45, 377-385.
719 ZAMPELLA, A., SEPE, V., LUCIANO, P., BELLOTTA, F., MONTI, M. C., D'AURIA, M. V., JEPSEN, T., PETEK, S.,
720 ADELINÉ, M.-T., LAPRÉVÔTE, O., AUBERTIN, A.-M., DEBITUS, C., POUPAT, C. & AHOND, A. 2008.
721 Homophymine A, an Anti-HIV Cyclodepsipeptide from the Sponge *Homophymia* sp. *The Journal*
722 *of Organic Chemistry*, 73, 5319-5327.
723
724



725

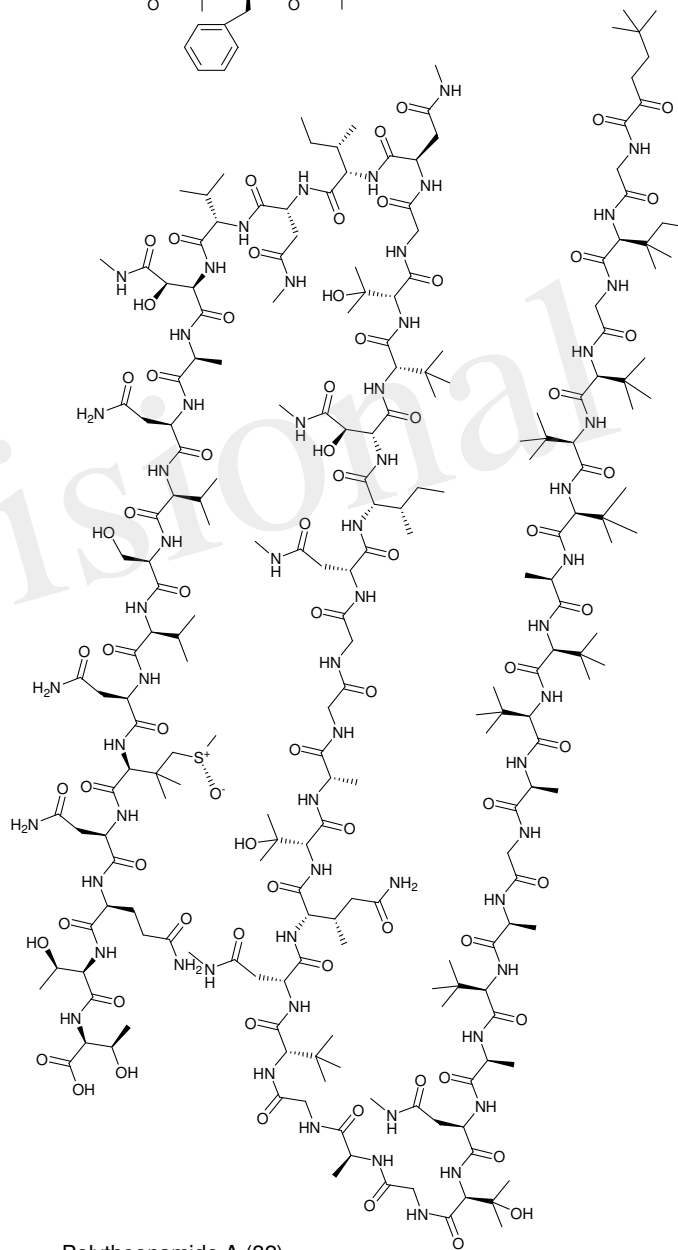
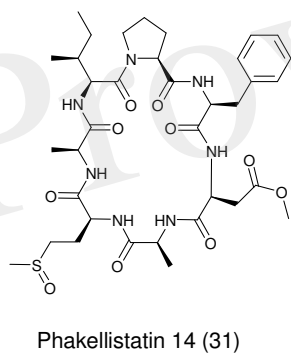
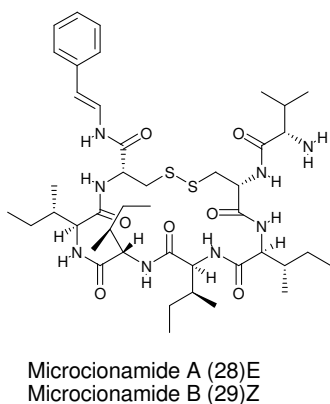
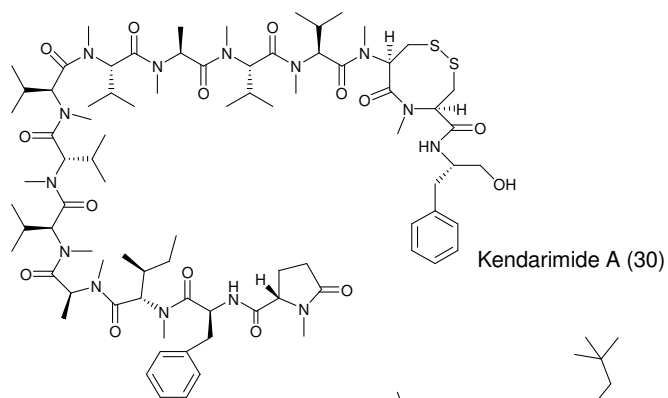
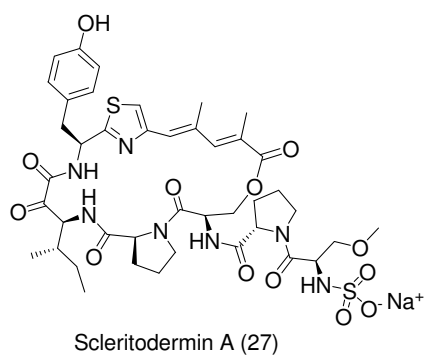
726 **Figure 1** Structures of anticancer non-ribosomal peptides (1–14)



727

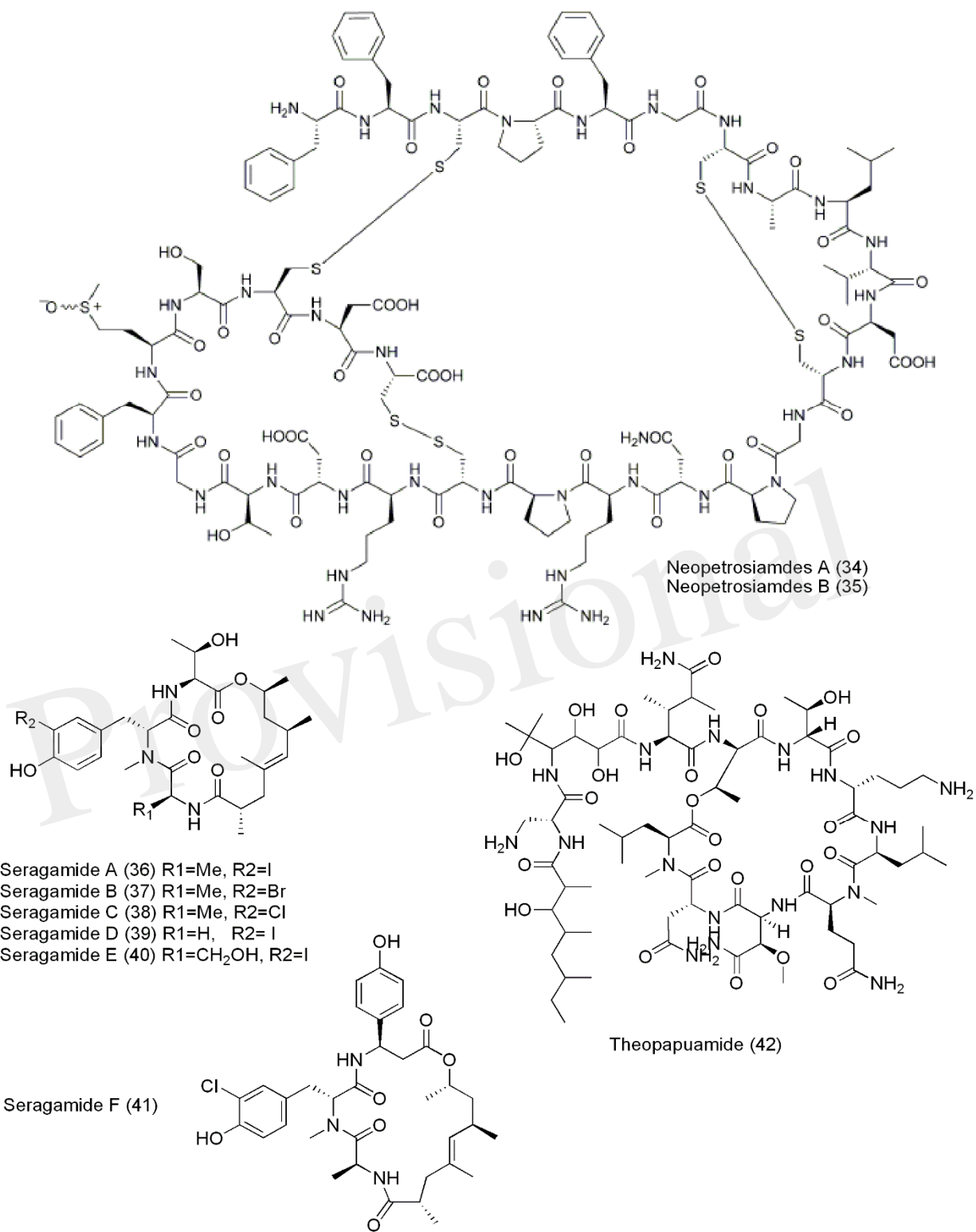
Kapakahine G (17)

728 **Figure 2** Structures of anticancer non-ribosomal peptides (15–26)



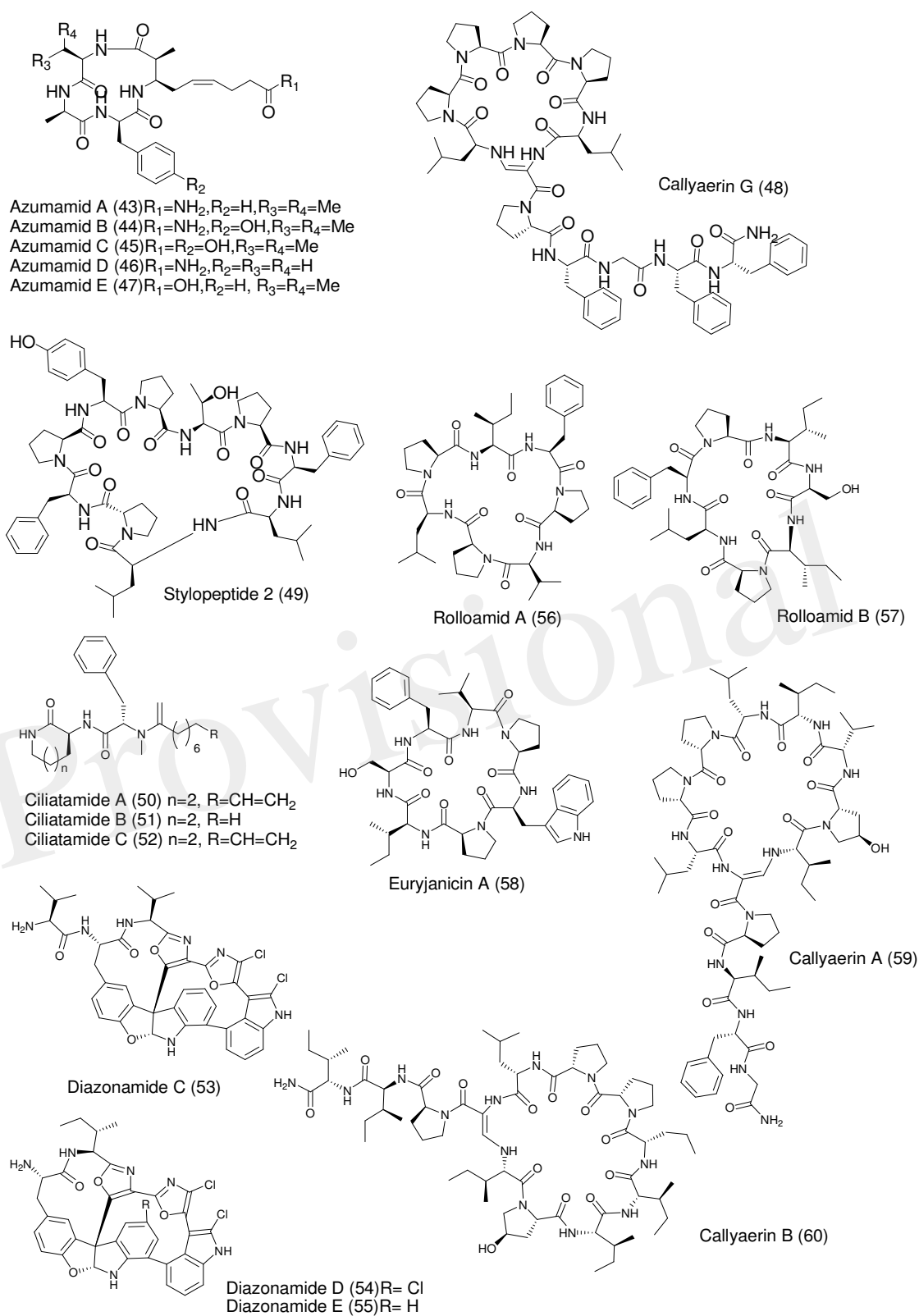
729

730 **Figure 3** Structures of anticancer non-ribosomal peptides (27–33)



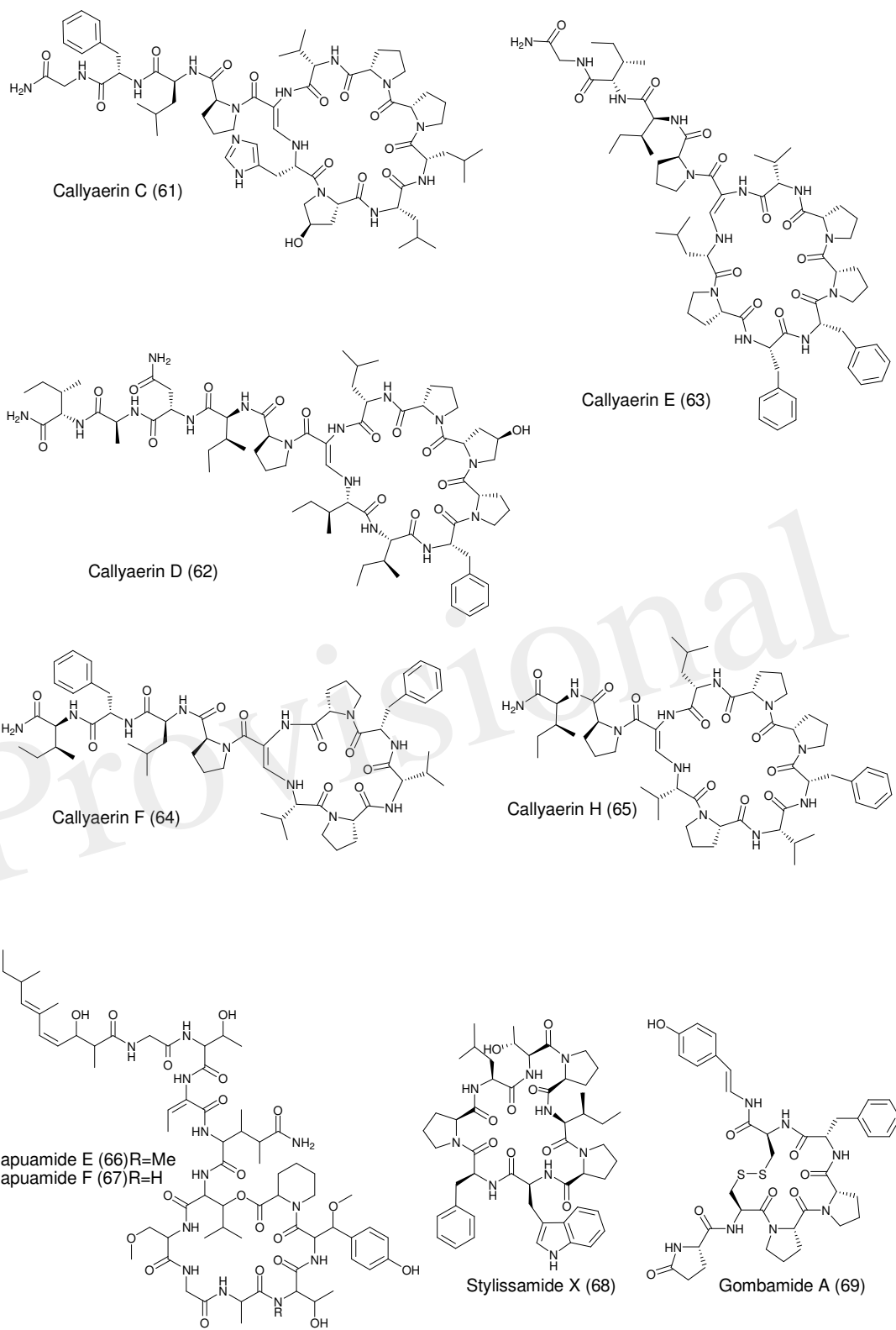
731

732 **Figure 4** Structures of anticancer non-ribosomal peptides (34–42)



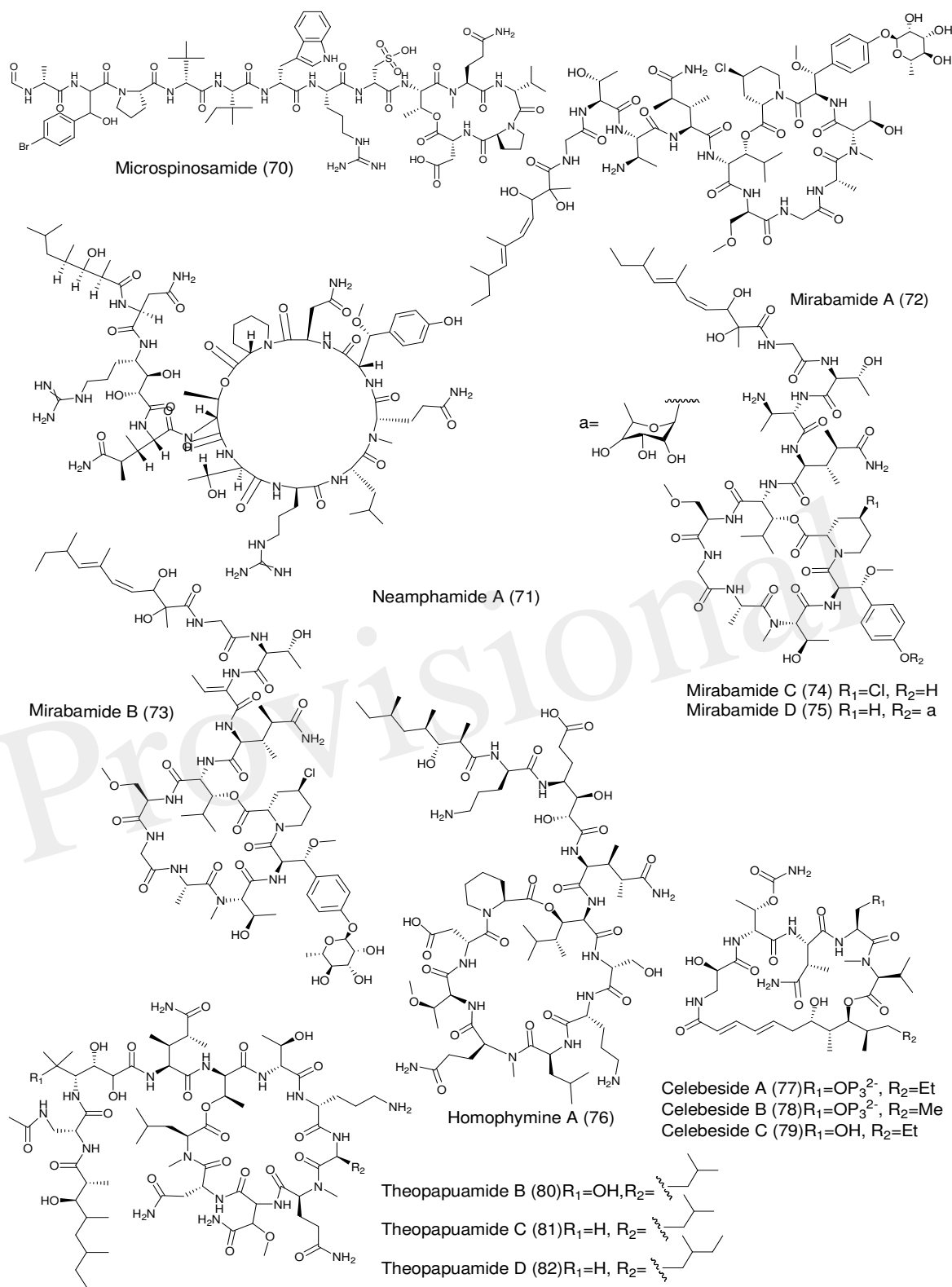
733

734 **Figure 5** Structures of anticancer non-ribosomal peptides (43–60)



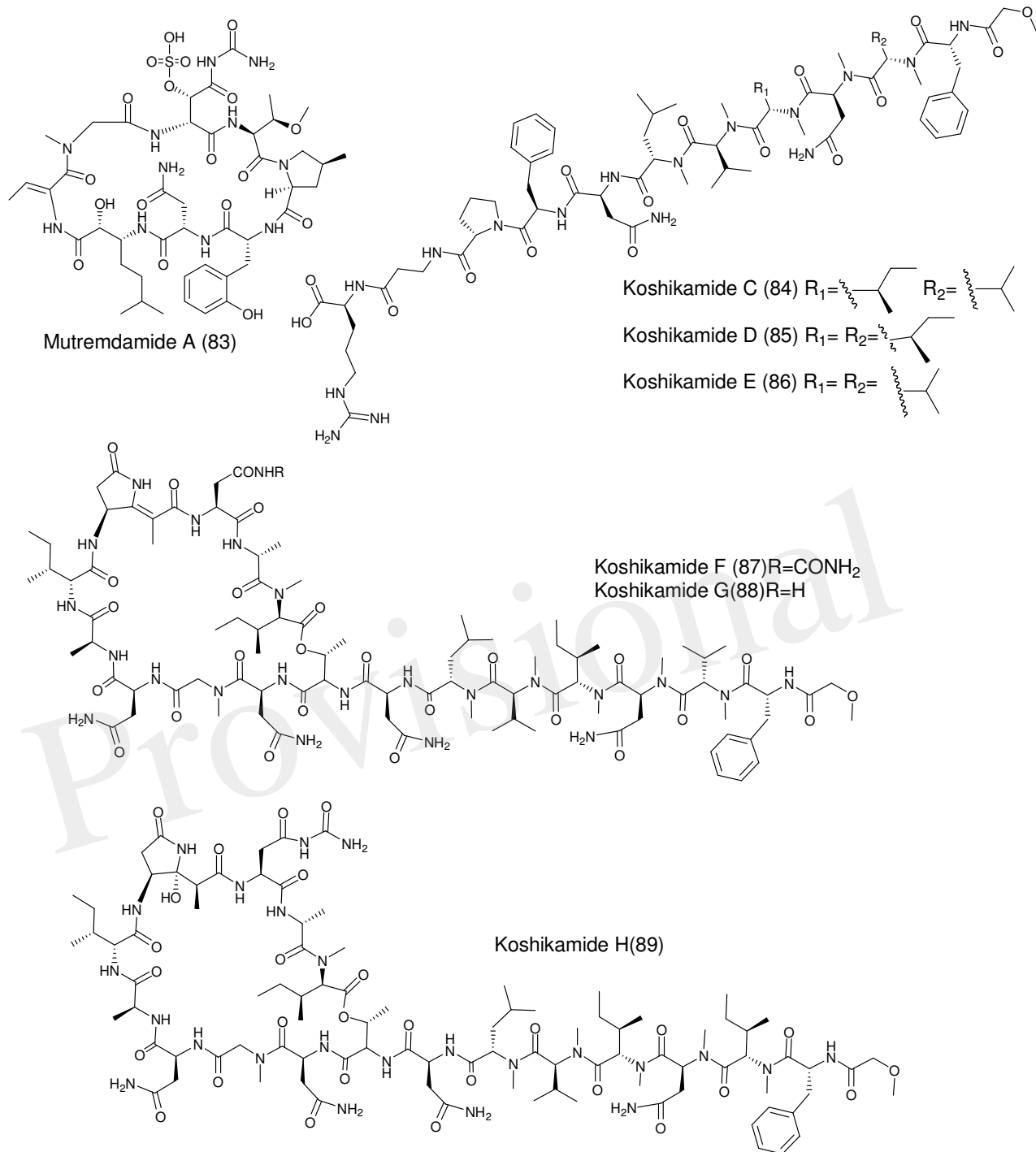
735

736 **Figure 6** Structures of anticancer non-ribosomal peptides (61–69)



737

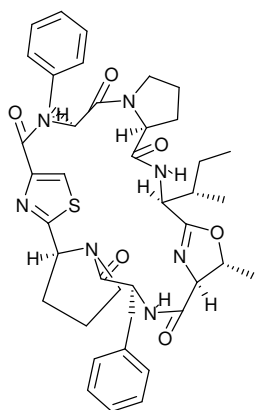
738 **Figure 7** Structures of non-ribosomal peptides with anti-HIV activity (70–82)



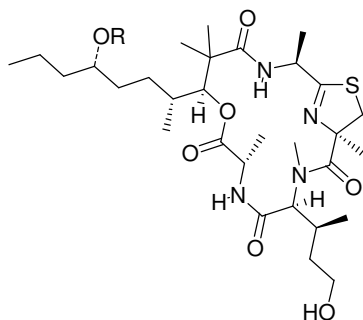
739
740

741 **Figure 8** Structures of non-ribosomal peptides with anti-HIV activity (83–89)

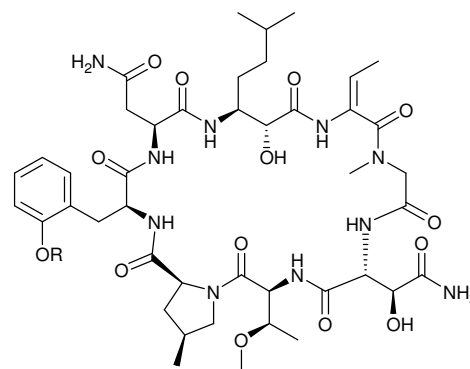
742



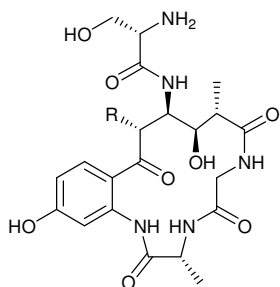
Ceratospongamide (90)



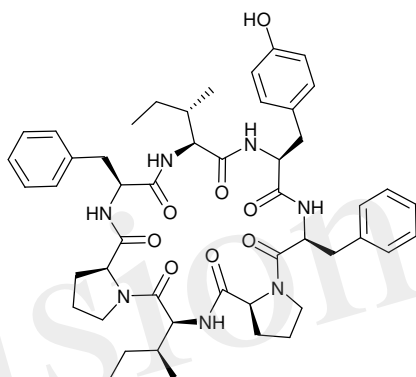
Halipeptin A (91) R= Me
Halipeptin B (92) R=H



Perthamide C (93)R=OH
Perthamide D (94)R=H



Solomonamide A (95)R=OH
Solomonamide B (96)R=H

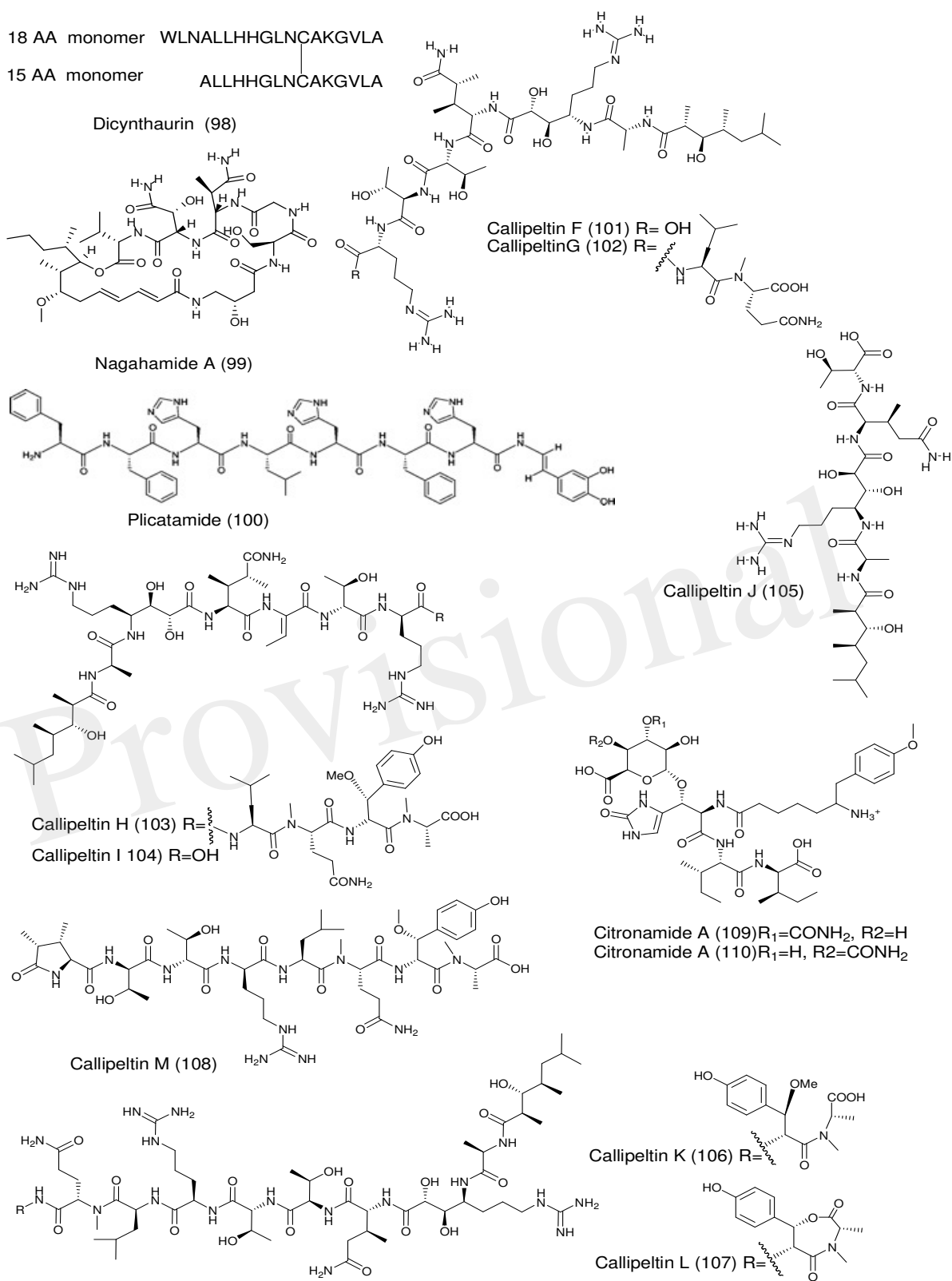


Stylissatin A (97)

743
744

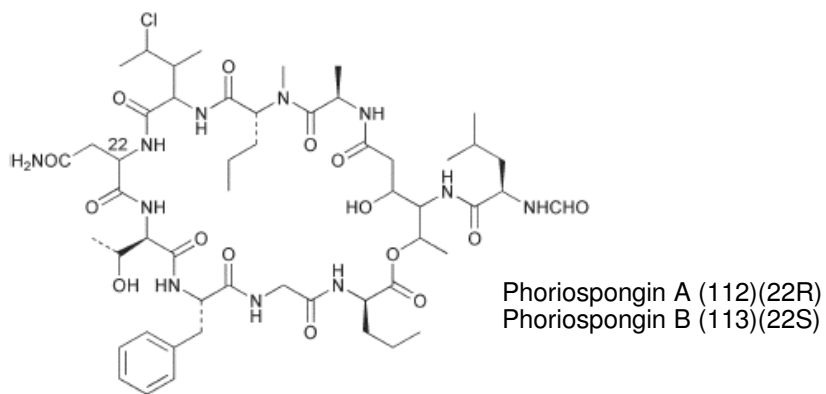
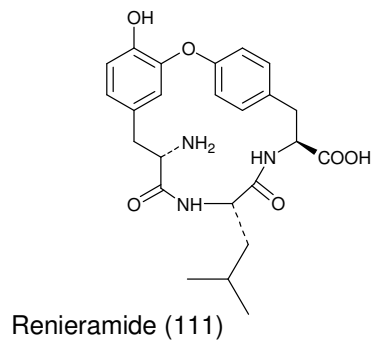
745 **Figure 9** Structures of non-ribosomal peptides with anti-inflammatory activity (90–97)

746



747

748 **Figure 10** Structures of antimicrobial non-ribosomal peptides (98–110)



749
750

751 **Figure 11** Structures of non-ribosomal peptides with (98–110)

Provisional