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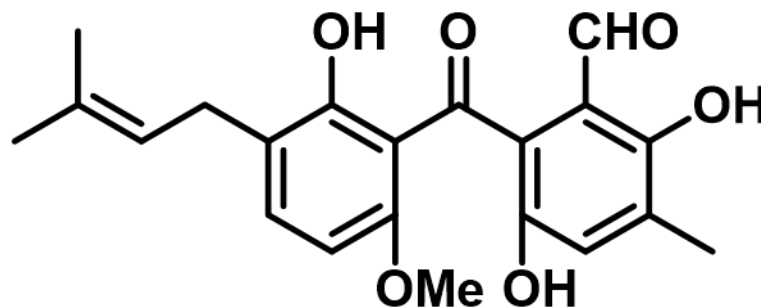
Research Summary

This study mainly focused on characterization of an epipolythiodioxopiperazine alkaloid and diversified aromatic polyketides from marine fungus *Emericella nidulans* GXIMD 02509 and their cytotoxicity in the following aspects:

- **Fermentation, extraction, and isolation**
- **Structural identification**
- **Cytotoxicity evaluation**
- **Cell apoptosis and cell cycle**

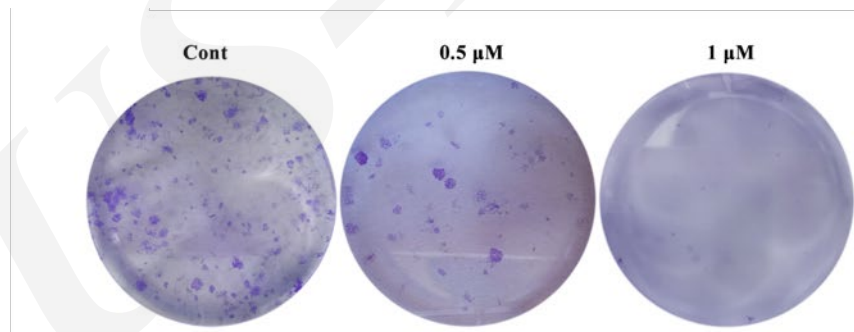
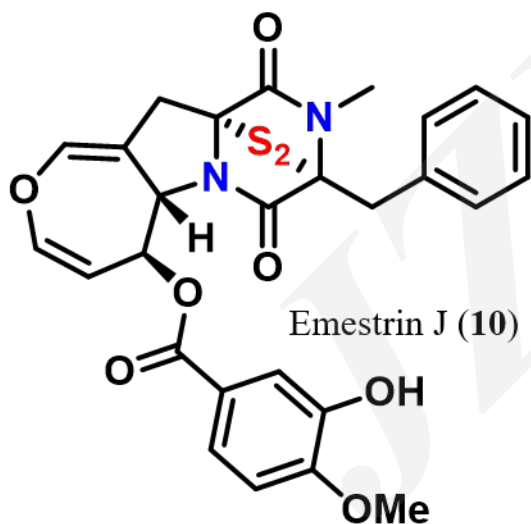
Innovation points

- A new polyketide 4a-O-methoxyarugosin H (1) was characterized from *Emericella nidulans* GXIMD 02509.
- Compounds 1–5, 7, and 10 showed cytotoxicity against a small panel of human cancer cell lines, 786-O, SW1990, and SW480, with the IC₅₀ values ranging from 4.33 to 33.4 μM.



Innovation points

- Emestrin J (10) suppressed the proliferation, colony formation, and migration of 786-O cells, and further induced 786-O cell apoptosis and blocked the cell cycle at the G2/M phase, serving as a potential anti-tumor lead compound.



786-O cells

