

# Chemical and biological evaluation on scopadulane-type diterpenoids from *Scoparia dulcis* of Vietnamese origin

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**Abstract:** From the aerial parts of *Scoparia dulcis* L. (Scrophulariaceae) grown in Vietnam, four scopadulane-type diterpenoids (4-7), of which 7 is new and was given the trivial name scopadulcic acid C, together with nine known compounds were isolated. Their structures were elucidated by spectroscopic analyses. The absolute configurations of 4-7 were ascertained by applying the modified Mosher's method to iso-dulcinol (6). The isolation of the lignans nirtetralin and niranthin for the first time from *S. dulcis* is also of chemotaxonomic interest. The cytotoxic activity in KB cells, inhibitory effect on LPS/IFN??-induced NO production, inhibition of multidrug resistance (MDR), and antibacterial and antifungal activities of the scopadulane-type diterpenoids 4-7 were examined in this study. ?? 2006 Pharmaceutical Society of Japan.

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