## 15,21-Cyclowithanolides from Jaborosa bergii

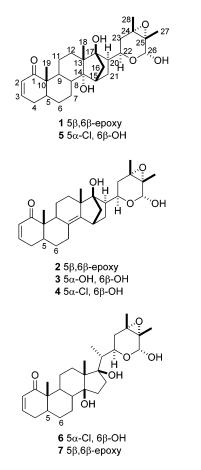
Viviana E. Nicotra,<sup>†</sup> Roberto R. Gil,<sup>†,§</sup> Clarisa Vaccarini,<sup>†</sup> Juan C. Oberti,<sup>†</sup> and Gerardo Burton<sup>\*,‡</sup>

Departamento de Química Orgánica and IMBIV, Facultad de Ciencias Químicas, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, 5000 Córdoba, Argentina, and Departamento de Química Orgánica, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y Naturales, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Pabellón 2, Ciudad Universitaria, C1428EGA Buenos Aires, Argentina

Received May 28, 2003

Six new withanolides (**1**–**6**) were isolated from the aerial parts of *Jaborosa bergii* plants and characterized by spectroscopic methods (1D and 2D NMR, MS). Five of the new compounds presented a novel norbornane-type structure in ring D of the steroid nucleus (**1**–**5**), resulting from a carbon–carbon bond between C-15 and C-21. The sixth withanolide isolated was the  $5\alpha$ -chloro- $6\beta$ -hydroxy analogue (**6**) of 2,3-dehydrojabo-rosalactol M (**7**), previously isolated from this plant. Compound **1** showed selective phytotoxicity toward monocotiledoneous and dicotiledoneous species.

Withanolides, a group of oxygenated steroidal lactones of the ergostane type, have been isolated from 18 genera of the Solanaceae family, a species of *Ajuga* genus (Labiatae), and a species of *Cassia* genus (Leguminosae).<sup>1</sup> Many of these compounds exhibit interesting biological activities such as antifeedant, insecticide, and immunosuppressive properties, and they are inducers of the enzyme quinone reductase.<sup>2</sup> Recently withanolides isolated from *Iochroma australe* showed phytotoxic activity on crop and weed



\* Corresponding author. Tel/Fax: (54-11) 4576-3385. E-mail: burton@ qo.fcen.uba.ar.

<sup>†</sup> Universidad Nacional de Córdoba.

<sup>‡</sup> Universidad de Buenos Aires.

<sup>8</sup> Present address: Department of Chemistry, Carnegie Mellon University, 4400 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

10 1001/ 000040 000 005

species, as well as selective effects on germination and radicle growth.  $^{\rm 3}$ 

Jaborosa Miers is a South American genus belonging to the Solanaceae family that comprises about 23 species,<sup>4</sup> 11 of which are almost exclusively distributed in Argentina. Previous studies on a population of *J. bergii* Hieron. growing in San Luis Province, Argentina, yielded five new withanolides with the unusual feature of having hydroxyl groups at position C-14 and C-17 both with  $\beta$ -configuration.<sup>5</sup> Continuing our studies of withanolides from species of the *Jaborosa* genus,<sup>6</sup> we reinvestigated *J. bergii* and now report on the isolation of six new withanolides, **1–6**, and 2,3-dehydrojaborosalactol M (**7**).

## **Results and Discussion**

Withanolides 1-7 were obtained by ethanolic extraction of the aerial parts of *J. bergii* followed by silica gel column chromatography and preparative TLC. Compound 1 revealed a molecular formula of C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>7</sub> by HRCIMS. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** (Table 1) showed the characteristic chemical shifts and multiplicities for the 1-oxo-2-ene system at ring A, where signals for H-2 and H-3 were clearly distinguished at  $\delta$  6.03 and 6.87, respectively. The correlations observed in the COSY experiment between the pairs H-2/H-4 $\beta$ , H-3/H-4 $\alpha$ , and H-3/H-4 $\beta$  led to the assignment of H-4 $\beta$  and H-4 $\alpha$  at  $\delta$  2.97 and 1.95, respectively. The doublet at  $\delta$  3.23 was consistent with a 5 $\beta$ .6 $\beta$ -epoxy group, also supported by the small value of the coupling constant between H-6 $\beta$  and H-7 $\beta$  (J = 2.3 Hz). The broad singlet at  $\delta$  5.02 (H-26) together with the two three-proton singlets at  $\delta$  1.41 (H<sub>3</sub>-27) and 1.39 (H<sub>3</sub>-28) and a doublet of triplets at  $\delta$  3.95 (H-22), indicated the presence of a six-membered epoxy lactol ring as side chain. The chemical shifts and coupling constants involved in the signals corresponding to H-22, H-26, H-27, and H-28 were consistent with the proposed stereochemistry.<sup>5</sup>

The <sup>1</sup>H chemical shift of the angular methyl group H<sub>3</sub>-18 ( $\delta$  1.06, s) was indicative of a hydroxyl group with  $\beta$ -configuration at C-17 and/or C-14.<sup>5</sup> The presence of two hydroxyls was confirmed by the quaternary carbon resonances at  $\delta$  87.2 (C-17) and 80.9 (C-14) (Table 2). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum did not show a signal corresponding to the 21-methyl, which at first glance led us to suspect that C-21 contained an oxygenated function. However, no oxygenated methylene resonances were observed in the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DEPT) spectra. The possibility of a carbonyl group

10.1021/np030248c CCC: \$25.00 © 2003 American Chemical Society and American Society of Pharmacognosy Published on Web 11/07/2003

Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectral Data of Compounds 1-6 in Cl<sub>3</sub>CD<sup>a</sup>

Н	<b>1</b> <sup>b</sup>	$2^{b}$	<b>3</b> <sup>c</sup>	$4^{b}$	<b>5</b> <sup>c</sup>	<b>6</b> <sup>b</sup>
2	6.03 dd	6.10 dd	5.92 dd	5.97 dd	5.95 dd	5.94 dd
	(10.0; 2.5)	(10.0; 2.9)	(10.0; 2.6)	(10.2; 2.1)	(10.2; 2.6)	(10.2; 2.3)
3	6.87 ddd	6.87 ddd	6.65 ddd	6.68 ddd (10.2; 5.1; 2.3)	6.69 ddd	6.67 ddd (10.2; 5.0; 2.3)
	(10.0; 6.1; 2.3)	(10.0; 6.6; 2.3)	(10.0; 4.9; 1.8)		(10.2; 5.1; 2.0)	
4α	1.95 dd	1.92 dd	2.12 dd	2.57 ddd	2.52 dd	2.52 dd
	(19.3; 6.1)	(18.4; 6.6)	(20.1; 4.9)	(20.4; 5.1; 1.0)	(20.1; 5.1)	(20.0; 5.0)
$4\beta$	2.97 dt	2.94 dt	3.33 br t	3.56 dt	3.51 dt	3.52 dt
	(19.3; 2.5)	(18.4; 2.6)	(20.1)	(20.4; 2.1)	(20.1; 2.6)	(20.0; 2.3)
6	3.23 d	3.11 br s	3.56 br s	3.94 br s	4.08 br s	4.08 br s
	(2.3)					
7α	1.69 t	2.19 br d	2.35 dd	2.43 dd	1.87 m	1.98 m
	(ca. 13)	(15.9)	(14.2; 2.2)	(14.8; 2.7)		
7β	2.34 dt	2.82 dd	2.56 dd	2.85 dd	2.33 m	2.15 m
	(13.4; 2.5)	(15.9; 2.2)	(14.0; 2.6)	(14.8; 2.3)		
8	1.74 td	()	()	()		1.95 m
	(11.9; 2.5)					
9	1.39 m	2.14 t	2.86 t	2.97 br t		2.05 m
		(9.0)	(8.4)	(8.7)		
11α	2.14 dq	1.92 m	2.56 m	2.61 dq		2.23 dq
	(12.9; 4.3)	1108 111		(14.3; 3.2)		(12.0; 3.3)
$11\beta$	1.29 dq	1.92 m	1.67 m	1.65 dq		1.20 m
	(3.4; 12.9)			(2.7; 10.5)		•
12α	1.79 m	1.37 m	1.42 m	1.42 m		1.52 m
$12\beta$	1.47 m	1.31 m	1.42 m	1.42 m		1.27 m
15	1.83 br d	2.63 br s	2.70 br s	2.68 br s		2.15 m and
	(5.9)					1.77 dd
	(0.0)					(10.7; 5.2)
16α	1.47 br d	1.35 br d	1.36 br d	1.37 br d		1.86 dd
	(10.2)	(9.6)	(10.6)	(9.8)		(14.2; 4.2)
$16\beta$	2.07 br d	2.07 br d	2.05 br d	2.08 br d		2.04 m
	(10.0)	(9.6)	(10.6)	(9.8)		
18	1.06 s	1.13 s	1.11 s	1.13 s	1.10 s	1.11 s
19	1.25 s	1.22 s	1.20 s	1.26 s	1.33 s	1.38 s
20	2.03 m	1.80 m	1.87 m	1.87 m	1100 5	1.93 m
21	$H-\alpha 1.51 \text{ m}$	H-α 1.22 m	$H-\alpha$ 1.27 m	$H-\alpha$ 1.32 td		0.97 d
21	H- $\beta$ 1.08 ddd	$H-\beta 1.22 m$	$H-\beta 1.27 m$	(8.2; 2.5)		(7.1)
	(13.8; 5.5; 3.2)	11 p 1.22 m	11 <i>p</i> 1.27 m	$H-\beta$ 1.22 m		(1.1)
22	3.95 dt	3.88 dt	3.93 dt	3.86 dt	3.97 dt	4.03 m
	(2.2; ca. 10.5)	(2.2; ca. 10.5)	(2.6; ca. 10.0)	(2.5; 11.4)	(2.2; 10.2)	1.00 111
23α (equat)	2.01 dd	1.98 dd	1.99 dd	1.99 dd	2.00 m	2.12 dd
wou (cquat)	(14.4; 2.2)	(14.6; 2.3)	(14.6; 2.2)	(14.6; 2.3)	~	(14.4; 2.9)
23 $eta$ (axial)	(14.4, 2.2) 1.54 dd	(14.0, 2.3) 1.50 dd	(14.0, 2.2) 1.51 dd	1.55 m	1.61 dd	1.72 dd
	(14.4; 11.1)	(14.6; 11.1)	(14.6; 11.0)	1.00 m	(14.4; 11.1)	(14.8; 11.6)
26	5.02 br s	5.01 br s	5.04 s	5.02 s	5.03  br s	5.01 br s
27	1.41 s	1.41 s	1.41 s	1.43 s	1.42 s	1.41 s
28	1.39 s	1.38 s	1.39 s	1.40 s	1.40 s	1.40 s

<sup>a</sup> Chemicals shifts (δ) downfield from TMS, *J* couplings (in parentheses) in Hz. <sup>b</sup> 500.13 MHz. <sup>c</sup> 200.13 MHz.

at C-21 was also ruled out, as the  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR spectrum showed a single carbonyl resonance at  $\delta$  203.7 assigned to C-1.

In the COSY experiment the H-22 resonance ( $\delta$  3.95) showed only two correlation peaks with resonances at  $\delta$ 1.54 (H-23 $\beta$ ) and 2.00–2.03, the latter corresponding to the partially overlapping signals of H-20 and H-23 $\beta$ . A relayed COSY experiment allowed correlation of H-22 with H-21 $\beta$ ( $\delta$  1.08) from which H-20 ( $\delta$  2.03) and H-21 $\alpha$  ( $\delta$  1.51) could be assigned. Surprisingly, the spin system did not finish in H-21, but showed continuity through H-15 ( $\delta$  1.83) and ended with the signals corresponding to H-16 $\beta$  ( $\delta$  2.07) and H-16 $\alpha$  ( $\delta$  1.47). This evidence led us to propose a carbon– carbon bond between C-21 and C-15, resulting in a norbornane-type structural moiety. A bond between C-21 and C-16 that would give a cyclobutane ring and show an equivalent spin pattern was ruled out by a HMBC experiment. In this experiment the signal corresponding to H-21 showed three-bond cross-correlation peaks with C-17 and C-14; the latter would not be observed if the C-C bond was between C-21 and C-16. The key correlations observed in the HMBC experiment are shown in Figure 1. The full and unambiguous proton and carbon NMR assignments were completed using a combination of DEPT, COSY, relayed COSY, NOESY, HSQC, and HMBC experiments.

Assuming the  $\beta$ -orientation of the hydroxyl at C-17, the additional ring should arise upon cyclization of C-21 on the  $\alpha$ -face of ring D. This was confirmed by the strong crosscorrelation peak between H-16 $\beta$  and H<sub>3</sub>-18 in the NOESY experiment (Supporting Information). Also, the NOE correlation observed for the pair H-12 $\alpha$ /H-20 indicated the 20-R stereochemistry. The large coupling between H-22 and H-20 (ca. 10.5 Hz) was indicative of a predominant rotamer around the C-20-C-22 bond with an anti arrangement for these hydrogens, thus the simultaneous NOE correlations for the pairs H-22/H-16 $\alpha$  and H-23 $\alpha$ /H-21 $\beta$  in this rotamer are possible only for the R configuration at C-22. The  $\alpha$ -orientation of the 14-hydroxyl was established from the weak NOE correlation of H<sub>3</sub>-18 and H<sub>3</sub>-19 and the absence of NOE between H-21  $\alpha$  and H-7  $\alpha$ , H-9  $\alpha$ , and H-12  $\alpha$ . (See Supporting Information for an AM1 calculated structure showing the spatial arrangement that gives rise to the observed NOE correlations.) The chemical shift of C-14 (80.8 ppm) supported this stereochemical assignment.<sup>7</sup>

The HREIMS of compound **2** displayed a molecular ion at m/z 468.2513, 18 Da less than compound **1**. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR

**Table 2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectral Data of Compounds 1-4 and **6** in  $Cl_3CD^a$ 

С	<b>1</b> <sup>b</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>c</sup>	<b>3</b> <sup>c</sup>	$4^{b}$	<b>6</b> <i>c</i>
1	203.8	202.5	204.3	200.7	201.2
2	129.1	129.8	128.7	128.8	128.5
3	144.9	143.9	141.9	141.6	141.7
4	32.9	32.6	35.7	37.3	37.2
5	61.5	62.2	77.3	80.5	80.0
6	64.2	63.3	75.0	75.4	74.5
7	26.7	29.6	32.7	33.1	28.2
8	41.2	120.3	122.5	121.3	35.5
9	43.2	41.0	38.2	$38.9^{d}$	37.6
10	48.7	45.8	45.3	45.6	52.5
11	24.5	21.0	20.8	21.1	22.8
12	31.2	28.0	27.5	27.4	32.7
13	46.4	50.8	54.1	54.6	51.4
14	80.8	148.4	148.8	150.7	86.9
15	42.4	35.6	35.4	35.6	30.9
16	36.6	38.3	37.9	38.2	34.8
17	87.3	87.5	87.4	87.3	89.7
18	20.4	21.3	20.9	21.0	14.2
19	14.9	14.5	16.1	17.1	16.5
20	41.0	39.0	38.8	$39.5^{d}$	40.8
21	24.8	35.2	36.2	36.3	11.3
22	68.1	67.3	67.5	67.2	65.0
23	34.7	34.5	34.6	34.5	32.9
24	63.4	$63.4^{d}$	63.3	64.5	67.2
25	63.3	$63.9^{d}$	63.1	63.6	63.3
26	91.5	91.5	91.4	91.5	91.7
27	16.6	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.5
28	18.5	18.6	18.4	18.6	18.8

<sup>*a*</sup> Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) downfield from TMS. <sup>*b*</sup> 125.77 MHz. <sup>*c*</sup> 50.32 MHz. <sup>*d*</sup> Assignments may be interchanged.

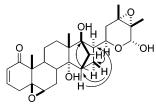


Figure 1. Relevant correlations in the HMBC spectrum of 1.

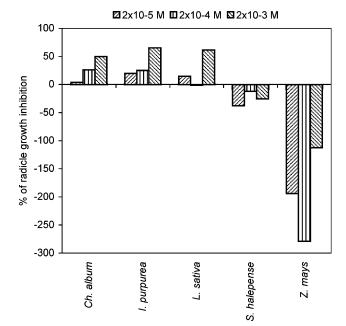
spectrum of 2 (Table 2) did not present the oxygenated carbon signal corresponding to C-14, but showed two extra nonprotonated olefinic carbon signals at  $\delta$  121.3 and 150.7 suggesting that compound **2** was the dehydration product of 1 with the double bond located either at C-8/C-14 or at C-14/C-15. 14a-Hydroxywithanolides are known to dehydrate readily to give a mixture of  $\Delta^{8(14)}$  and  $\Delta^{14}$  unsaturated derivatives;<sup>8</sup> in the case of 1, due to C-15 being a bridgehead carbon, the formation of the latter olefinic bond is unlikely. The COSY experiment revealed the same spin system involving H-15, H-16, H-20, H-21, H-22, and H-23 as for compound 1, supporting the location of the double bond at C-8/C-14. When compared with compound 1, the presence of this double bond produced a significant deshielding effect on the protons at neighboring carbons (H-7 $\alpha$ , H-7 $\beta$ , H-9, and H-15) and a sizable shielding of spatially close protons in the  $\alpha$ -face of the molecule (H-12 $\alpha$ , H-20, H-21 $\alpha$ ) (Table 1). The complete proton and carbon NMR assignments of 2 were achieved using a combination of DEPT, COSY, and HETCOR spectra.

Compound **3** revealed a molecular formula of  $C_{28}H_{38}O_7$ by HREIMS, its <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra being very similar to those of **2** (Tables 1 and 2). The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum indicated that the only difference between **2** and **3** was the substitution pattern at C-5 and C-6. Instead of the signals of the epoxy group at  $\delta$  62.2 (C-5) and 63.3 (C-6) in **2**, the spectrum of **3** showed two signals at  $\delta$  77.3 (C-5) and 75.0 (C-6) typical of a  $5\alpha, 6\beta$ -diol.<sup>6</sup> The multiplicity and the chemical shift of H-6 ( $\delta$  3.56, t, J = 2.5 Hz) were in good agreement with the  $\beta$ -orientation of the hydroxy group at C-6. Spectral NMR assignments were confirmed by DEPT, COSY, and HETCOR spectra.

The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound **4** were closely related to those of withanolide 3 with significant differences for the resonances of H-4 ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ), H-6, H-19, and C-5 (Tables 1 and 2), suggesting again differences in the substitution pattern at C-5 and C-6. The unusually high chemical shift observed for H-4 $\beta$  ( $\delta$  3.56) in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum indicated a chlorine atom with  $\alpha$ -orientation at C-5. The broad signal at  $\delta$  3.94 suggested the presence of a  $\beta$ -hydroxy group at C-6. The 5 $\alpha$ -chloro-6 $\beta$ -hydroxy arrangement is a characteristic structural feature of several withanolides isolated from different species of the Jaborosa genus.<sup>6,9</sup> The substitution pattern in ring B was further corroborated by the signals at  $\delta$  80.5 and 75.4 in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum that were assigned to C-5 and C-6, respectively, and allow differentiation from the isomeric 5-hydroxy-6-chloro arrangement.9,10 The NMR spectral assignments for **4** were confirmed by DEPT and COSY spectra. This compound decomposed on standing, possibly due to the simultaneous allylic/homoallylic nature of the clorohydrin moiety, which upon dehydration and HCl elimination gives a highly conjugated system involving rings A, B, and C. Together with **4** we isolated a withanolide, which was tentatively assigned as structure 5 on the basis of its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. This compound decomposed rapidly in solution to give 4, and only partial data could be obtained from its COSY spectrum. However, the chemical shifts of the hydrogens at C-7 and of the angular methyl CH<sub>3</sub>-19 (very similar to those of 1) strongly suggested the presence of the 14 $\alpha$ -hydroxyl.

Compound **6** revealed a molecular formula of  $C_{28}H_{41}O_7$ -Cl by HRFABMS. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra resembled those of 2,3-dehydrojaborosalactol M (7) previously isolated from *J. bergii.*<sup>5</sup> The only difference between compounds **6** and **7** is the substitution pattern at C-5 and C-6. As in the previous case, the unusually high chemical shift observed for proton H-4 $\beta$  ( $\delta$  3.52) in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6** indicated a chlorine atom with  $\alpha$  orientation at C-5. The broad signal at  $\delta$  4.08 suggested the presence of a  $\beta$ -hydroxy group at C-6. The substitution pattern in ring B was further corroborated by the signals at  $\delta$  79.9 and 74.5 in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum that were assigned to C-5 and C-6, respectively. The NMR spectral assignments for **6** were confirmed by DEPT, COSY, and HMQC experiments.

Previous work in our laboratory demonstrated that withanolides show selective phytotoxic effects on some monocotyledoneous and dicotyledoneous species.<sup>3</sup> To evaluate compound 1 as a potential phytotoxic agent, a number of bioassays were undertaken on two monocotyledoneous and three dicotyledoneous species. The effect produced by 1 on germination was not significant in the species assayed; however, significant inhibition of radicle growth was found at  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M on the dicotyledoneous species *Chenopodium* album, Ipomea purpurea, and Lactuca sativa (phytogrowth inhibitory activity > 49%). The activity was nonsignificant at  $2 \times 10^{-5}$  M (<26%) (Figure 2). On the other hand, in the monocotiledoneous species tested the phytogrowth effect of compound 1 was stimulatory. Zea mays radicle growth values were significant (p < 0.05) and showed a good level of stimulatory activity (>112%) in the concentration range tested (Figure 2). Thus, 1 may act as a selective phytogrowth controller, stimulating radicle growth of monocotyledoneous species.



**Figure 2.** Effect of **1** at different concentrations on radicle growth of (a) dicotiledoneous species *Chenopodium album, Ipomea purpurea,* and *Lactuca sativa* (data at  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M differ significantly from controls, p < 0.05) and (b) monocotiledoneous species *S. halepense* and *Zea mays* (data for the latter differ significantly from controls, p < 0.05). The data are presented as percentage differences from the control (zero value); positive values represent inhibition of the studied variable (radicle growth), and negative values represent stimulation.

## **Experimental Section**

General Experimental Procedures. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-200 NMR spectrometer at 200.13 (1H) and 50.32 (13C) MHz or a Bruker AM-500 at 500.13 (1H) and 125.77 (13C) MHz. Multiplicity determinations (DEPT) and 2D spectra (COSY, relayed COSY, and HETCOR) were obtained using standard Bruker software. HMBC, HSQC, and HMQC spectra were obtained in a Bruker DPX-300 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in ppm ( $\delta$ ) downfield from TMS internal standard. EIMS were collected on a Simadzu QP-5000 mass spectrometer at 70 eV by direct inlet; CIMS, HRCIMS, and HRFABMS were measured in a JEOL JMS AX-500 mass spectrometer. IR and UV spectra were obtained in Nicolet 5-SXC and Shimadzu-260 spectrophotometers, respectively. Melting points were measured on a mercury thermometer apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco P-1010 polarimeter. Column chromatography was performed on Kieselgel 60 (0.063-0.200 mm). TLC analysis was performed on Si gel 60  $F_{254}$  (0.2 mm thick).

**Plant Material.** The aerial parts of *J. bergii* plants were collected in the Department of Pringles, San Luis, Argentina, in December 1994 and December 2001. A voucher specimen was deposited at Museo Botánico, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, under No. CORD 8039.

**Seed Germination Bioassays.** Seeds of *Lactuca sativa* L. and *Zea mays* L. were obtained from Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria (INTA, Córdoba, Argentina). *Sorghum halepense* L., *Chenopodium album*, and *Ipomea purpurea* were obtained from Laboratorio de Semillas (Facultad de Ciencias Agropecuarias, UNC, Argentina). Bioassays were carried out as reported previously.<sup>11</sup> Germination and root length values of treated and control experiments were analyzed by ANOVA test (p < 0.05).

**Extraction and Isolation.** The air-dried powdered aerial parts of *J. bergii* (500 g) were extracted exhaustively with EtOH, and the EtOH extract was concentrated at reduced pressure. The residue (60.03 g) was defatted by partition in hexane–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (10:9:1), the MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O phase was washed with hexane (3 × 200 mL), and the MeOH was evaporated at reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with

 $H_2O$  and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3  $\times$  200 mL). The  $CH_2Cl_2$ extract was dried over anhydrous Na2SO4, filtered, and evaporated to dryness at reduced pressure. The residue from the plant collected in 1994 (5 g) was chromatographed on Kieselgel 60-G. Elution with  $CH_2Cl_2$ -MeOH mixtures of increasing polarity (100:0-90:10) afforded two fractions containing withanolides. The fraction eluting with 98:2 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH was subjected to column chromatography with 8:2 ethyl acetate-hexane, yielding 1 (50 mg). The fraction eluting with 95:5 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH was subjected to column chromatography with 9:1 ethyl acetate-hexane to give a mixture that was further fractionated by preparative reversed-phase TLC (wateracetonitrile, 1:1), yielding compounds 5 (10 mg) and 4 (5 mg). The residue from the plant collected in 2001 (3.7 g) was chromatographed in Kieselgel 60-G. Elution with ethyl acetatehexane mixtures of increasing polarity gave two fractions containing withanolides. The fraction eluting with 8:2 ethyl acetate-hexane was further fractionated by radial chromatography on silica gel, eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–MeOH mixtures of increasing polarity (99.5:0.5 to 95:5). This led to the isolation of (in order of elution) 2 (10 mg), 7 (16 mg), 1 (10 mg), and 6 (7 mg). From the fraction eluting with 9:1 ethyl acetatehexane, compound 3 (32 mg) precipitated.

**Jaborosalactol 18** ((15*S*,17*R*,20*R*,22*R*,24*S*,25*S*,26*R*)-5 $\beta$ ,6 $\beta$ :22,26:24,25-triepoxy-14 $\alpha$ ,17,26-trihydroxy-15,21-cycloergost-2-en-1-one, 1): colorless crystals (hexane–EtOAc), mp 214–216 °C; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>21</sup><sub>D</sub> +30.6° (c 0.001, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  222 nm; IR (dry film)  $\nu_{max}$  3470, 1673, 1479, 1031 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500.13 MHz), see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.77 MHz), see Table 2; EIMS *m*/*z* 450 (M – 2H<sub>2</sub>O, 2), 432 (450 – H<sub>2</sub>O, 2), 377 (1), 243 (2), 225 (6), 153 (5), 143 (4), 135 (11), 127 (7), 122 (97), 109 (30), 43 (100); HRCIMS (isobutane) *m*/*z* 487.2709 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 487.2696).

**Jaborosalactol 19** ((15*S*,17*R*,20*R*,22*R*,24*S*,25*S*,26*R*)-5 $\beta$ ,6 $\beta$ :22,26:24,25-triepoxy-17,26-dihydroxy-15,21-cycloergosta-2,8(14)-dien-1-one, 2): white amorphous powder (hexane–EtOAc), mp 148 °C (dec); [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>21</sup><sub>D</sub> +89.2° (c 0.0045 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  215 nm; IR (dry film)  $\nu_{max}$  3287, 1673, 1469, 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500.13 MHz), see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.32 MHz), see Table 2; EIMS, 468 [M]<sup>+</sup> (10), 450 (40), 420 (18), 377 (48), 307 (9), 225 (32), 143 (26), 127 (9), 122 (43), 109 (100); HREIMS *m*/*z* 468.2513 (calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 468.2512).

**Jaborosalactol 20 ((15***S***,17***R***,20***R***,22***R***,24***S***,25***S***,26***R***)-22,-<b>26:24,25-diepoxy-5** $\alpha$ ,6 $\beta$ ,17,26-tetrahydroxy-15,21-cycloergosta-2,8(14)-dien-1-one, 3): colorless crystals (hexane– EtOAc), mp 220–222 °C;  $[\alpha]^{21}_D$  +90.7° (*c* 0.0035 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  220 nm; IR (dry film)  $\nu_{max}$  3220, 1673, 1087 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz), see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.32 MHz), see Table 2; EIMS *m*/*z* 486 [M]<sup>+</sup> (5), 468 (58), 451 (7), 450 (21), 438 (48), 423 (12), 395 (26), 368 (8), 328 (6), 315 (9), 143 (13), 127 (5), 122 (50), 109 (100); HREIMS *m*/*z* 486.2625 (calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 486.2618).

Jaborosalactol 21 ((15*S*,17*R*,20*R*,22*R*,24*S*,25*S*,26*R*)-5αchloro-22,26:24,25-diepoxy-6 $\beta$ ,17,26-trihydroxy-15,21-cycloergosta-2,8(14)-dien-1-one, 4): colorless crystals (hexane– acetone), mp 183–185 °C (dec); IR (dry film)  $\nu_{max}$  3420, 1693, 1561, 1545, 1515, 1378, 1016, 863 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500.13 MHz), see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.77 MHz), see Table 2; EIMS *m*/*z* 450 (M – HCl – H<sub>2</sub>O, 1), 413 (1), 377 (2), 143 (3), 109 (15), 43 (100).

Jaborosalactol 23 ((17*R*,20*R*,22*R*,24*S*,25*S*,26*R*)-5α-chloro-22,26:24,25-diepoxy-6β,14β,17,26-tetrahydroxyergost-2-en-1-one, 6): colorless crystals (hexane–EtOAc), mp 173 °C (dec);  $[\alpha]^{21}_{\rm D}$  +13.2° (*c* 0.004 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  225 nm; IR (dry film)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3220, 1683, 1469, 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500.13 MHz), see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.32 MHz), see Table 2; EIMS *m*/*z* 452 (M – HCl – 2H<sub>2</sub>O, 10), 346 (15), 310 (15), 143 (18), 127 (13), 124 (100), 121 (31), 109 (98); HRFABMS *m*/*z* 547.2423 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>7</sub>ClNa 547.2439).

**Acknowledgment.** This work was supported by grants from CONICET (Argentina), SeCyT-UNC, Agencia Córdoba Ciencia, and FONCYT. V.E.N. thanks SeCyT-UNC for a fellowship. We thank Prof. L. del Vitto (Universidad de San

Luis) for the collection of the plant material, Prof. G. E. Barboza (IMBIV-CONICET) for the identification, Prof. A. D. Kinghorn (University of Illinois at Chicago) for the HMBC and HMQC NMR spectra, and Dr. Y. Asakawa (Tokushima Bunri University) for the high-resolution and CI mass spectra.

Supporting Information Available: AM1 calculated structure of jaborosalactone 18 (1) and relevant NOEs observed. This information is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org

## **References and Notes**

- (1) For recent reviews see: Burton, G.; Oberti, J. C. Kurtziana 2000, 28, 81–93. Anjaneyulu, A. S. R.; Rao, D. S.; Lequesne, P. W. Stud. Nat. Prod. Chem. 1998, 20, 135–261. Ray, A. B.; Gupta, M. Prog. Chem. Org. Nat. Prod. 1994, 63, 1–106.
   Kennelly, E. J.; Gerhause, C.; Song, L. L.; Graham, J. G.; Beecher C. W. W.; Pezzuto, J. M.; Kinghorn, A. D. J. Agric. Food Chem. 1997, 462 2727. Missing A.S. L. L. & Guita and S. C.; Giellem, 2007.
- 45, 3771–3777. Misico, R. I.; Song, L. L.; Veleiro, A. S.; Cirigliano, A. M.; Tettamanzi, M. C.; Burton, G.; Bonetto, G. M.; Nicotra, V. E.; Silva, G. L.; Gil, R. R.; Kinghorn, A. D.; Pezzuto, J. M. *J. Nat. Prod.* **2002**, *65*, 677–680. Vaccarini, C. E.; Bonetto, G. M. *J. Chem. Ecol.* **2000**, *26*, 2187–2193.
- (3)

- (4) Barboza, G.; Hunziker, A. T. Kurtziana 1987, 19, 77-153. Barboza, G.; Hunziker, A. T. *Kurtziana* **1991**, *21*, 283–284.
   Monteagudo, E. S.; Burton, G.; González, C. M.; Oberti, J. C.
- Phytochemistry 1988, 27, 3925-3928.
- (6) For a recent publication on the withanolides of other *Jaborosa* species see: Cirigliano, A. M.; Veleiro, A. S.; Oberti, J. C.; Burton, G. *J. Nat. Prod.* **2002**, *65*, 1049–1051.
- This chemical shift value is similar to that observed for C-14 in other  $17\beta$ ,  $14\alpha$ -dihydroxywithanolides and considerably lower than that found in 17β,14β-dihydroxywithanolides (e.g., compound **6**). See for example: Dinan, L. N.; Sarker, S. D.; Sik, V. *Phytochemistry* **1997**, 44,509–512. Besalle, R.; Lavie, D. *Phytochemistry* **1992**, 31, 3648– 3651. Neogi, P.; Sahai, M.; Ray, A. B. Phytochemistry 1987, 26, 243-247.

- 247.
  (8) Glotter, E.; Abraham, A.; Günzberg, G.; Kirson, I. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1 1977, 341–346.
  (9) See for example: Fajardo, V.; Podesta, F.; Shamma, M.; Freyer, A. J. J. Nat. Prod. 1991, 54, 554–563.
  (10) Nittala, S. S.; Van de Velde, V.; Frolow, F.; Lavie, D. Phytochemistry 1981, 20, 2547–2552. Bonetto, G. M.; Gil, R. R.; Oberti, J. C.; Veleiro, A. S. Burton, C. J. Nat. Prod. 1905, 58, 705–711. A. S.; Burton, G. J. Nat. Prod. 1995, 58, 705–711.
   Vaccarini, C.; Palacios, S. M.; Meragelman, K. M.; Sosa, V. E.
- Phytochemistry 1999, 50, 227-230.

NP030248C