## 3.2.3 Alkaloid CD3: N-Demethylphyllocryptine 65



Alkaloid **CD3** was isolated as a dark brown amorphous. The UV spectrum showed absorption band at 286 nm which was a characteristic of a benzylisoquinoline alkaloid<sup>58</sup>. The IR spectrum gave a broad band at 3419.45 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the presence of hydroxyl group in the structure. The ESIMS (positive mode) spectrum showed the pseudomolecular ion,  $[M+H]^+$  peak at m/z 328.15 corresponding to a molecular formula of C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Figure 3.13) exhibited two singlets of aromatic protons, H-5 and H-8 at  $\delta$  6.51 and 6.22 respectively. A doublet of doublets signal appeared at  $\delta$  6.56 belongs to H-6' with the coupling constants of 1.92 and 8.30 Hz due to this signal is *ortho* to H-5' and *metha* to H-2'. A singlet peak appeared at  $\delta$  3.84 could be assigned to methoxyl group at C-4'. The signals due to two methylenedioxy protons resonating as a doublet appeared at  $\delta$  5.85 and 5.87 ( $J_1 = 1.36$ ) respectively. These two signals corresponded to C-6 and C-7 in the HMBC spectrum (Figure 3.17). The chemical shift values of the aliphatic proton appeared as a multiplet between  $\delta$ 3.17-2.50 and *N*-methyl proton revealed at  $\delta$  2.45. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (Figure 3.14) exihibited nineteen carbons resonances which closely resembled those reported for *N*-demethylphyllocryptine **65**<sup>12</sup>. In addition, the signals comprising of two methyls, four methylenes, six methines and seven quaternary carbons in this molecule. The signal at  $\delta$  100.61 was related to the methylenedioxy OCH<sub>2</sub>O. The COSY spectrum (Figure 3.15) revealed the correlations between H-5'/H-6', H-3/H-4 and H-1/H- $\alpha$ . The HMBC experiment (Figure 3.17) further confirmed the structure of alkaloid **CD3**. In this spectrum, cross-peaks between H-1/C-3, H-1/C-8, H-3/C-4, H-4/C-3, H-5/C-4 and H-8/C-1 were seen. Other cross-peak correlations are shown in Figure 3.17.

Comparison of the empirical data with the literature values of the known compound<sup>10, 12, 18</sup>, confirmed that alkaloid **CD3** is *N*-demethylphyllocryptine **65**.

Position	$\delta_{\rm H}$ , ppm (J in Hz)	δ <sub>C</sub> (ppm)	COSY	HMQC	HMBC
					$(H \rightarrow C)$
1	3.66 ( <i>t</i> , 6.12)	65.11	H-1/H-α	H-1	α, 3, 8, 4a, 8a, 1'
3	2.73-2.75 ( <i>m</i> ) 3.11-3.17 ( <i>m</i> )	46.37	H-3/H-4	Н-3	1, 4, 4a
4	2.82 ( <i>dd</i> , 5.92, 16.00) 2.56 ( <i>m</i> )	25.41		H-4	3, 4a, 8a, 5
4a		126.95			
5	6.51 (s)	108.43		H-5	4, 8a, 7
6	-	145.43			
7	-	145.43			
8	6.22 ( <i>s</i> )	107.94		H-8	1, 4a, 6
8a	-	130.50			
α	3.01 ( <i>dd</i> , 5.88, 13.92)	41.07		Η-α	1, 2', 6', 8a, 1'
1'	2.73 ( <i>d</i> , 6.88)	133.03			
2'	6.74 ( <i>d</i> , 1.96)	115.65		H-2'	α, 6', 4'
3'	-	145.43			
4'	-	145.09			
5'	6.72 ( <i>d</i> , 8.08)	110.51	H-5'/H-6'	H-5'	1', 3'
6'	6.56 ( <i>dd</i> , 1.92, 8.28)	120.98		H-6'	α, 2', 4'
6,7-	5.83 ( <i>d</i> , 1.44)	100.61			6,7
OCH <sub>2</sub> O					
4'-OMe	3.84 ( <i>s</i> )	55.99			4'
<i>N</i> -Me	2.45 (s)	42.38			3, 1

Table 3.3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of **65**.



Figure 3.13: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of *N*-Demethylphyllocryptine **65** 



Figure 3.14: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of *N*-Demethylphyllocryptine **65** 



Figure 3.15: COSY Spectrum of *N*-Demethylphyllocryptine **65** 



Figure 3.16: HMQC Spectrum of *N*-Demethylphyllocryptine **65** 



Figure 3.17: HMBC Spectrum of *N*-Demethylphyllocryptine 65



Figure 3.18: The  ${}^{1}H - {}^{13}C$  HMBC Long Range Correlation of Alkaloid *N*-demethylphyllocryptine **65**.



Figure 3.19: LCMS Spectrum of *N*-Demethylphyllocryptine 65



Figure 3.20: IR Spectrum of *N*-Demethylphyllocryptine **65**