Dawenol, a New Polyene Metabolite from the Myxobacterium *Stigmatella aurantiaca**

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A group of new polyene metabolites was detected in several crude extracts of the myxobacterium *Stigmatella aurantiaca*. The main compound dawenol (1) was isolated from cultures of *S. aurantiaca*, strain DW4/3-1. Its n-eicosaheptaene structure was elucidated by spectroscopic methods.

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