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Based on morphological characteristics and nucleotide sequences of the ribosomal RNA gene region, two endophytic fungi obtained from leaf of *Artemisia annua* L. and *Terminalia chebula* Retz. were identified as *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134 and *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153, respectively. The ethylacetate extracts of the culture broths from both fungi significantly exhibited synergistic activity with ketoconazole against *Candida albicans*. Bioassay-guided fractionation using column chromatographic technique together with analyses of spectroscopic data led to the isolation and identification of seven secondary metabolites from the *Nodulisporium* extract; including four resorcinol polyketides, 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone, 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone, 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone, and a new compound nodulisporin G; two naphthalenes, 1,8-dimethoxy naphthalene and 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene; and phenylacetic acid. In addition, three polyketide salicylates, including altenusin, isochracinic acid, and altenuic acid, as well as a chromone, 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone were identified from the fungus *Alternaria alternata* extract.

By employing the disk diffusion method and the chequerboard technique, 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone and 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene exhibited synergistic activity with fluconazole against *C. albicans* with the fractional inhibitory concentration indices of 0.250 and 0.375, respectively. In the same manner, altenusin, in combination with ketoconazole, fluconazole, or itraconazole, displayed potent synergistic activity against *C. albicans* with the fractional inhibitory concentration index in the range of 0.078 to 0.188.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

$[\alpha]_D^t$	=	specific rotation at $t^\circ\text{C}$ and sodium D line (589 nm)
bp	=	base pairs
$^\circ\text{C}$	=	degree Celsius
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$	=	carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance
Calcd for	=	calculated for
cm	=	centimeter
CC	=	column chromatography
CFU	=	colony forming unit
$\delta$	=	chemical shift
$d$	=	doublet (for NMR spectral data)
$dd$	=	doublet of doublets (for NMR spectral data)
DNA	=	deoxyribonucleic acid
DEPT	=	distortionless enhancement by polarization transfer
$\epsilon$	=	molar absorptivity
e.g.	=	for example
EI-MS	=	electron impact mass spectrometry
<i>et al.</i>	=	and other
ESI-TOF	=	electrospray ionization time of flight
FIC	=	fractional inhibitory concentration
g	=	gram
$\mu\text{g}$	=	microgram
h	=	hour
$^1\text{H-}^1\text{H COSY}$	=	homonuclear (proton-proton) correlation spectroscopy
$^1\text{H NMR}$	=	proton nuclear magnetic resonance
HMBC	=	$^1\text{H}$ -detected heteronuclear multiple bond correlation
HMQC	=	$^1\text{H}$ -detected heteronuclear multiple quantum coherence
Hz	=	hertz
$\text{IC}_{50}$	=	inhibitory concentration required for 50% inhibition of growth

IR	=	infrared
ITS	=	internally transcribed spacers
$J$	=	coupling constant
L	=	liter
$\mu\text{l}$	=	microliter
$\lambda_{\text{max}}$	=	wavelength at maximum absorption
M	=	molar
$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$	=	pseudomolecular ion
$m$	=	multiplet (for NMR spectral data)
MCzB	=	malt czapek broth
mg	=	milligram
MIC	=	minimum inhibitory concentration
min	=	minute
ml	=	milliliter
mm	=	millimeter
mM	=	millimolar
MHz	=	megahertz
m.p.	=	melting point
MS	=	mass spectroscopy
MTPA	=	methoxytrifluoromethylphenylacetic acid
$m/z$	=	mass to charge ratio
nm	=	nanometer
NMR	=	nuclear magnetic resonance
OPC	=	oropharyngeal candidiasis
PCR	=	polymerase chain reaction
PDA	=	potato dextrose agar
PDB	=	potato dextrose broth
PLC	=	preperative thin layer chromatography
ppm	=	part per million
$q$	=	quartet (for NMR spectral data)

Rf	=	rate of flow
RPMI	=	Roswell Park memorial Institute medium
rRNA	=	ribosomal ribonucleic acid
<i>s</i>	=	singlet (for NMR spectral data )
SDA	=	sabouraud's dextrose agar
sp.	=	species
<i>t</i>	=	triplet (for NMR spectral data)
TLC	=	thin layer chromatography
U	=	unit
UV	=	ultraviolet
V	=	volt
<i>v</i>	=	volume
w	=	weight
YCzB	=	yeast czapek broth
YES	=	yeast extract sucrose



## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

*Candida* spp. are opportunistic fungal pathogens which can cause diverse diseases ranging from mucocutaneous infection to severe invasive candidiasis. Oropharyngeal candidiasis (OPC) is commonly seen in patients with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, (Greenspan, 1994) or cancer (Gligorov *et al.*, 2011). Immunocompromised persons especially patients with hematopoietic cell and solid organ transplantations, are particularly susceptible to invasive candidiasis (Kriengkauykiat *et al.*, 2011). Candidemia is a life-threatening infection in critically ill patients and *Candida albicans* is globally the most common species causing bloodstream infection (Lim *et al.*, 2011; Pfaller *et al.*, 2011). Azoles are one group of systemic antifungal agents available for treatment of candidiasis. Fluconazole and itraconazole are used commonly for treatment of OPC and invasive candidiasis. In addition, ketoconazole is mainly used for OPC treatment while voriconazole used in invasive candidiasis (Patton *et al.*, 2001; Kriengkauykiat *et al.*, 2011). Azole-resistant *Candida* spp. have been reported in HIV-infected patients and other immunocompromised patients (Rex *et al.*, 1995; Marr *et al.*, 1997; Pfaller *et al.*, 2010, 2011). Therefore several approaches have been investigated to combat these azole-resistant *Candida*, involving the search for new antifungal entities (Sangamwar *et al.*, 2007; Tempone *et al.*, 2007; Eilenberg, 2010), the innovation of new dosage formulations (Ricci *et al.*, 2004; Pfaller *et al.*, 2005), and the search for new combination therapy to improve the antifungal efficacy (Ghannoum *et al.*, 1995; Karwa & Wargo, 2009). A number of studies on combination therapy with well-known azole drugs showing synergistic effect against *C. albicans* have been reported (Ghannoum, 1997; Feser *et al.*, 1998; Quan *et al.*, 2006; Guo *et al.*, 2008; Li *et al.*, 2008; Karwa & Wargo, 2009; Nishi *et al.*, 2009). In addition, some natural products exhibited synergistic effect with azoles such as combinations of fluconazole and allicin from *Allium sativum* (Guo *et al.*, 2009), essential oil from *Ocimum sanctum* (Amber *et al.*, 2010), and curvularide B

from the endophytic fungus *Curvularia geniculata* (Chomcheon *et al.*, 2010); ketoconazole and xanthorrhizol from *Curcuma xanthorrhiza* (Rukayadi *et al.*, 2009); azoles and retigeric acid B from the lichen *Lobaria kurokawae* (Sun *et al.*, 2010), and curcumin from the rhizomes of *Curcuma longa* (Sharma *et al.*, 2010).

In the course of screening program for azole-synergistic effect of endophytic fungi (Nongluksna Sriubolmas and Suthep Wiyakruttha, unpublished result), the crude EtOAc extracts from the endophytic fungi Aann-134 and Tche-153 showed significant synergistic activity with ketoconazole against *C. albicans*. The endophytic fungus Aann-134 was isolated from a fresh leaf of *Artemisia annua* L. a Thai medicinal plant (Figure 1). The leaves of *A. annua* have been traditionally used as digestive bitter, mild relaxant, carminative and as a treatment for cough and diarrhea (Bunyapraphatsara & Chokechajaroenporn, 2000). The endophytic fungus Tche-153 was isolated from a fresh leaf of another Thai medicinal plant, *Terminalia chebula* Retz (Figure 2). The leaves of *T. chebula* have been traditionally used as mild laxative, antipyretic and carminative (Bunyapraphatsara & Chokechajaroenporn, 2000).

The objectives of this study were as follows:

1. to identify the endophytic fungal isolates Aann-134 from *A. annua* and Tche-153 from *T. chebula*
2. to isolate and identify secondary metabolites from the endophytic fungal isolates Aann-134 and Tche-153 and
3. to determine azole-synergistic activity against *Candida albicans* of the isolated secondary metabolites from the endophytic fungal isolates Aann-134 and Tche-153.



Figure 1 *Artemisia annua* L. (Asteraceae)



Figure 2 *Terminalia chebula* Retz. (Combretaceae)

## CHAPTER II

### LITERATURE REVIEW

An increase in the number of people in the world having health problems has been caused by various cancers, drug-resistant bacteria, parasitic protozoans, and fungi. An intensive search for new and more effective agents to deal with these diseases is now under way and endophyte fungi are a novel source of potentially useful medicinal compounds. (Strobel and Daisy, 2003).

#### 2.1 Endophytic fungi

Endophytic fungi are ascomycetes or conidial fungi living asymptotically and inconspicuously in plant tissues (Strobel and Daisy, 2003). Symbiotic interaction in which the fungi produce metabolites to protect and/or to promote the growth of the host plants which in turn provide nutritional benefit to the fungi has been hypothesized (Tan and Zou, 2001). These endophytic fungi have been recognized as a new source of diverse bioactive secondary metabolites with potentially pharmacological and agrochemical properties (Strobel, 2002).

The relationships between the endophytic fungi and the host plants may range from the endophytes improving ecological adaptability of the hosts by enhancing their tolerance to environmental stresses and their resistance to phytopathogens and/or herbivores such as insects feeding on the host plants. Endophyte-infected grasses usually possess an increased tolerance to drought and aluminium toxicity. Furthermore, some endophytes are able to provide the host plants with protection against some nematodes, mammals and herbivores as well as bacterial and fungal pathogens (Tan and Zou, 2001).

#### 2.2 Bioactive metabolites from endophytic fungi

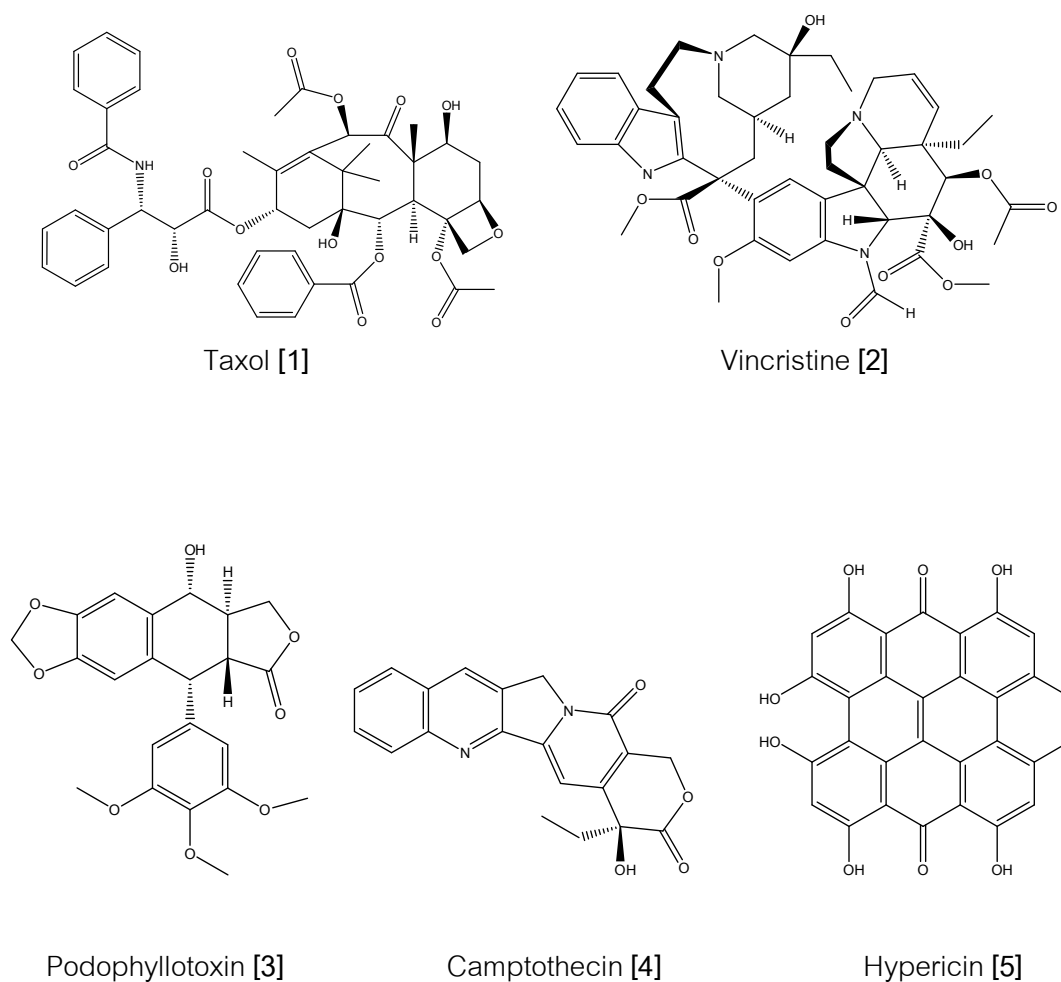
Fungal endophytes provide a broad variety of other bioactive secondary metabolites with unique structures, including alkaloids, benzopyranones, flavonoids,

phenolic acids, quinones, steroids, terpenoids, xanthenes and others (Tan and Zou, 2001). Such bioactive metabolites find wide-ranging applications as agrochemical, antibiotic, immunosuppressant, antiparasitic, antioxidant and anticancer agents (Gunatilaka, 2006). Interestingly, some endophytic fungi have been reported to produce bioactive compounds (Figure 3) previously isolated from their host plants, including the therapeutic anticancer drugs taxol [1] (Stierle *et al.*, 1993, 1995; Strobel *et al.*, 1996), vincristine [2] (Yang *et al.*, 2004), podophyllotoxin [3] (Eyberger *et al.*, 2006; Puri *et al.*, 2006), camptothecin [4] (Puri *et al.*, 2005) and hypericin [5] (Kusari *et al.*, 2008).

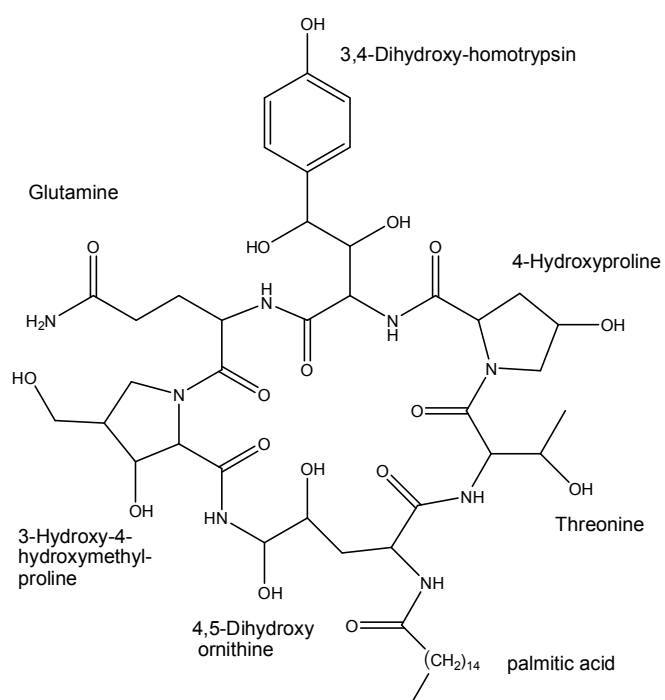
Taxol was firstly isolated from the bark of *Taxus brevifolia*, a tree belonging to the family Taxaceae (Wani *et al.*, 1971). Nevertheless, these trees are rare, slow growing and produce small amount of taxol, which explain its high price in the market when obtained from this natural source (Stierle *et al.*, 1993; Strobel *et al.*, 1996). Besides, in the context of environmental degradation, the use of plant source as unique option have limited the supply of this drug due to the destructive collection of yew trees (Guo *et al.*, 2008). Several reports about other sources for the production of taxol have been investigated. The isolation of taxol-producing endophyte *Taxomyces andreanae* has provided an alternative approach to obtain a cheaper and more available product via microorganism fermentation (Stierle *et al.*, 1993). Subsequently, taxol has also been found in a number of different fungal endophytes either associated or not associated to yew trees, including *Taxodium distichum* (Lie *et al.*, 1996), and *Wollemia nobilis* (Strobel *et al.*, 1997).

Some endophytic fungi were reported to produce secondary metabolites with anti-*C. albicans* activity (Figure 4). An endophytic fungus *Cryptosporiopsis cf. quercina* from *Triterigium wilfordii*, produced cryptocandin [6] with MIC between 0.03-0.07 µg/ml (Strobel *et al.*, 1999). *Neoplaconema napellum* IFB-EO16 an endophytic fungus isolated from *Hopea hainanensis* leaf, produced neoplaether [7] having MIC of 6.2 µg/ml (Wang *et al.*, 2006). *Penicillium* sp., isolated from *H. hainanensis* leaf, produced 3,5-dichloro-*p*-anisic acid [8] with MIC of 15 µg/ml (Wang *et al.*, 2008); an endophytic fungus E99291, isolated from *Cistus salvifolius* root, produced arundifungin [9] ascosteroside A [10] and

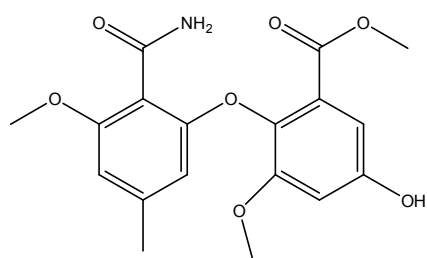
ascosteroside B [11] having diameters of inhibition zones 16, 17 and 14 mm., respectively (Roland *et al.*, 2007); *Aspergillus niger* EN-13 isolated from marine brown alga *Colpomenia sinuosa* produced sphingolipid asperamides A [12] having diameter of inhibition zone 12 mm. (Zhang *et al.*, 2007); *Xylaria* sp. PSU-D14 isolated from *Garcinia dulcis* leaf produced sordaricin [13] having MIC 32  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  (Pongcharoen *et al.*, 2008) and endophytic fungus *Xylaria* sp. YX-28 isolated from *Ginkgo biloba* twig produced 7-amino-4-methylcoumarin [14] having MIC 15  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  (Liu *et al.*, 2008).



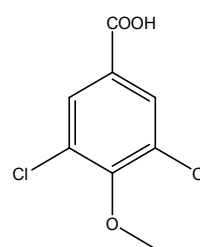
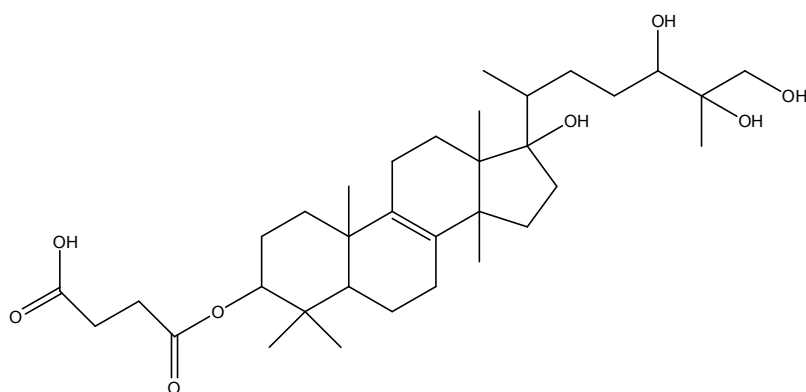
**Figure 3.** Bioactive metabolites from endophytic fungi



Cryptocandin [6]



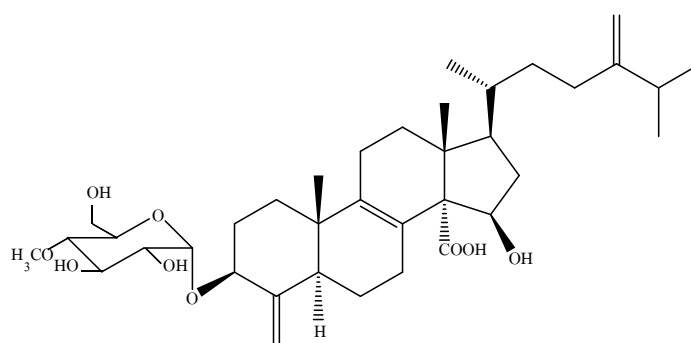
Neoplaether [7]

3,5-Dichloro-*p*-anisic acid [8]

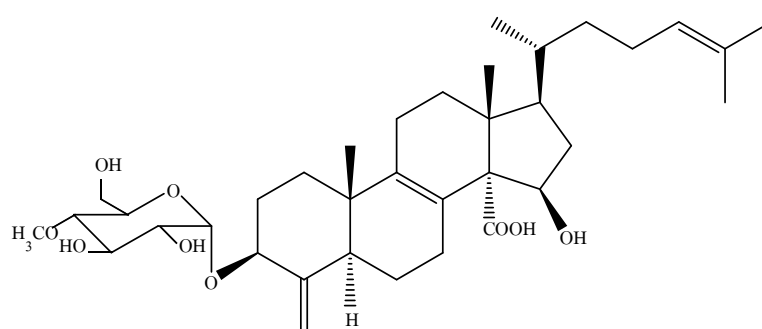
Arundifungin (9)

Figure 4 Anti-*Candida albicans* metabolites from endophytic fungi

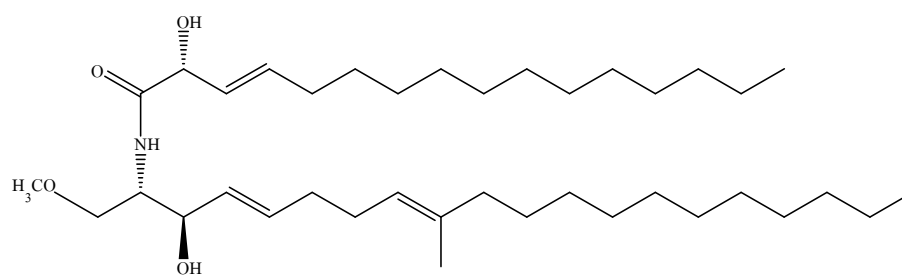




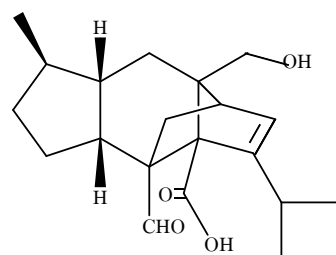
Ascosteroside A [10]



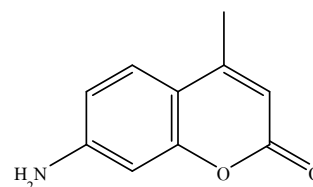
Ascosteroside B [11]



Asperamide [12]



Sordaricin [13]



7-Amino-4-methylcoumarin [14]

Figure 4 (continued)

### 2.3 Secondary metabolites from the endophytic fungi *Nodulisporium* spp.

The endophytic fungus *Nodulisporium* belonging to Xylariaceae family was mainly obtained from the host plants *Erica arborea* (Ericaceae) and *Juniperus cedre* (Cupressaceae). The secondary metabolites isolated from the fungus are mainly polyketides and chemically classified as phenylbutanones and the related phenylmethylpyrans, naphthalenes, bisnaphthalenes, and phenylbutanone-naphthalenes. The compounds and their biological activities together with the host plants are summarized in Table 1. The chemical structures are shown in Figure 5.

**Table 1** Secondary metabolites from the endophytics fungi *Nodulisporium* spp.

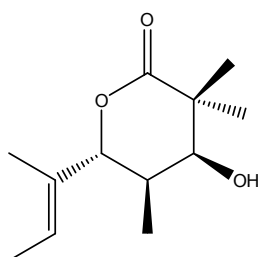
Compounds	Host plants	Biological activities	References
Helicascolide A [15]	<i>Erica arborea</i>	-	Dai et al., 2009
5-Hydroxy-2-methyl-4H-chromen-4-one [16]	<i>E. arborea</i> , <i>Juniperus cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum violaceum</i> , anti- <i>Septoria tritici</i> , anti- <i>Chlorella fusca</i>	Dai et al., 2006; 2009
8-Methoxynaphthalen-1-ol [17]	<i>E. arborea</i> , <i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum violaceum</i> , anti- <i>Chlorella fusca</i>	Dai et al., 2006; 2009
1,8-Dimethoxynaphthalene [18]	<i>E. arborea</i> , <i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum violaceum</i> , anti- <i>Septoria tritici</i> , anti- <i>Chlorella fusca</i>	Dai et al., 2006; 2009
1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl) - 3'-hydroxybutanone [19]	<i>E. arborea</i> , <i>J. cedre</i>	antibacterial	Dai et al., 2006; 2009
1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl) butanone [20]	<i>E. arborea</i> , <i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum violaceum</i> , anti- <i>Septoria tritici</i> , anti- <i>Chlorella fusca</i>	Dai et al., 2006; 2009

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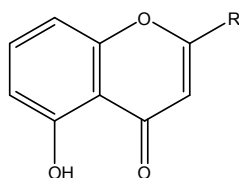
Compounds	Host plants	Biological activities	References
Benzene-1,2,3-triol [21]	<i>E. arborea</i>	antifungal, antialgal, antibacterial	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2009
3-(2,3-Dihydroxy phenoxy)- butanoic acid [22]	<i>E. arborea</i>	antifungal, antialgal, antibacterial	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2009
5-Hydroxy-2-hydroxy methyl-4H-chromen-4-one [23]	<i>E. arborea</i>	antifungal, antialgal, antibacterial	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2009
2,4,6-Trimethyloct-6-ene- 3,5-diol [24]	<i>E. arborea</i>	antifungal, antialgal, antibacterial	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2009
Nodulisporins F [25]	<i>E. arborea</i>	antifungal, antialgal, antibacterial	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2009
Nodulisporins E [26]	<i>E. arborea</i>	antifungal, antialgal, antibacterial	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2009
Nodulisporins D [27]	<i>E. arborea</i>	antifungal antialgal antibacterial	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2009
(4 <i>E</i> ,6 <i>E</i> )-2,4,6-Trimethylocta -4,6-dien-3-one [28]	<i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum</i> <i>violaceum</i> , anti- <i>Septoria</i> <i>tritici</i> , anti- <i>Chlorella fusca</i>	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006
Nodulisporin C [29]	<i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum</i> <i>violaceum</i>	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006
Daldinol [30]	<i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Chlorella fusca</i>	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006
Nodulisporin B [31]	<i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum</i> <i>violaceum</i> , anti- <i>Chlorella</i> <i>fusca</i>	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006
Nodulisporin A [32]	<i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum</i> <i>violaceum</i>	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006

Table 1 (continued)

Compounds	Host plants	Biological activities	References
1'-(2-Hydroxy-6-methoxy phenyl)butanone [33]	<i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum violaceum</i> , anti- <i>Septoria tritici</i> , anti- <i>Chlorella fusca</i>	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006
2,3-Dihydro-5-hydroxy-2-methylchromen-4-one [34]	<i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum violaceum</i> , anti- <i>Chlorella fusca</i>	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006
2,3-Dihydro-5-methoxy-2-methylchromen-4-one [35]	<i>J. cedre</i>	anti- <i>Microbotryum violaceum</i> , anti- <i>Septoria tritici</i> , anti- <i>Chlorella fusca</i>	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006
Ergosterol [36]	<i>J. cedre</i>	-	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006
5 $\alpha$ ,8 $\alpha$ -Epidioxyergosterol [37]	<i>J. cedre</i>	-	Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2006



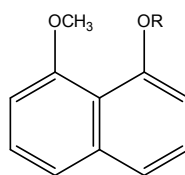
Helicascolide A [15]



5-Hydroxy-2-methyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one [16] : R=CH<sub>3</sub>

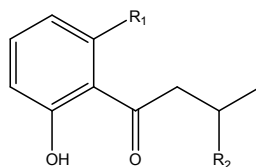
5-Hydroxy-2-hydroxymethyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one [23] : R=CH<sub>2</sub>OH

Figure 5 Structures of secondary metabolites from *Nodulisporium* spp.



8-Methoxynaphthalen-1-ol [17] : R=H

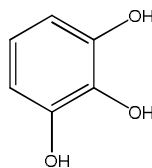
1,8-Dimethoxynaphthalene [18] : R=CH<sub>3</sub>



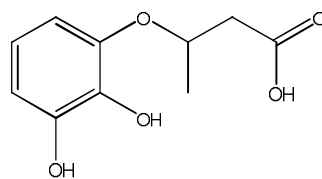
1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone [19] : R<sub>1</sub>=OH, R<sub>2</sub>=OH

1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)butanone [20] : R<sub>1</sub>=OH, R<sub>2</sub>=H

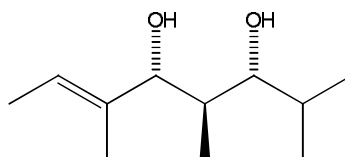
1'-(2-Hydroxy-6-methoxyphenyl)butanone [33] : R<sub>1</sub>=OCH<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>=H



Benzene-1,2,3-triol [21]



3-(2,3-Dihydroxyphenoxy)-butanoic acid [22]



2,4,6-Trimethyloct-6-ene-3,5-diol [24]

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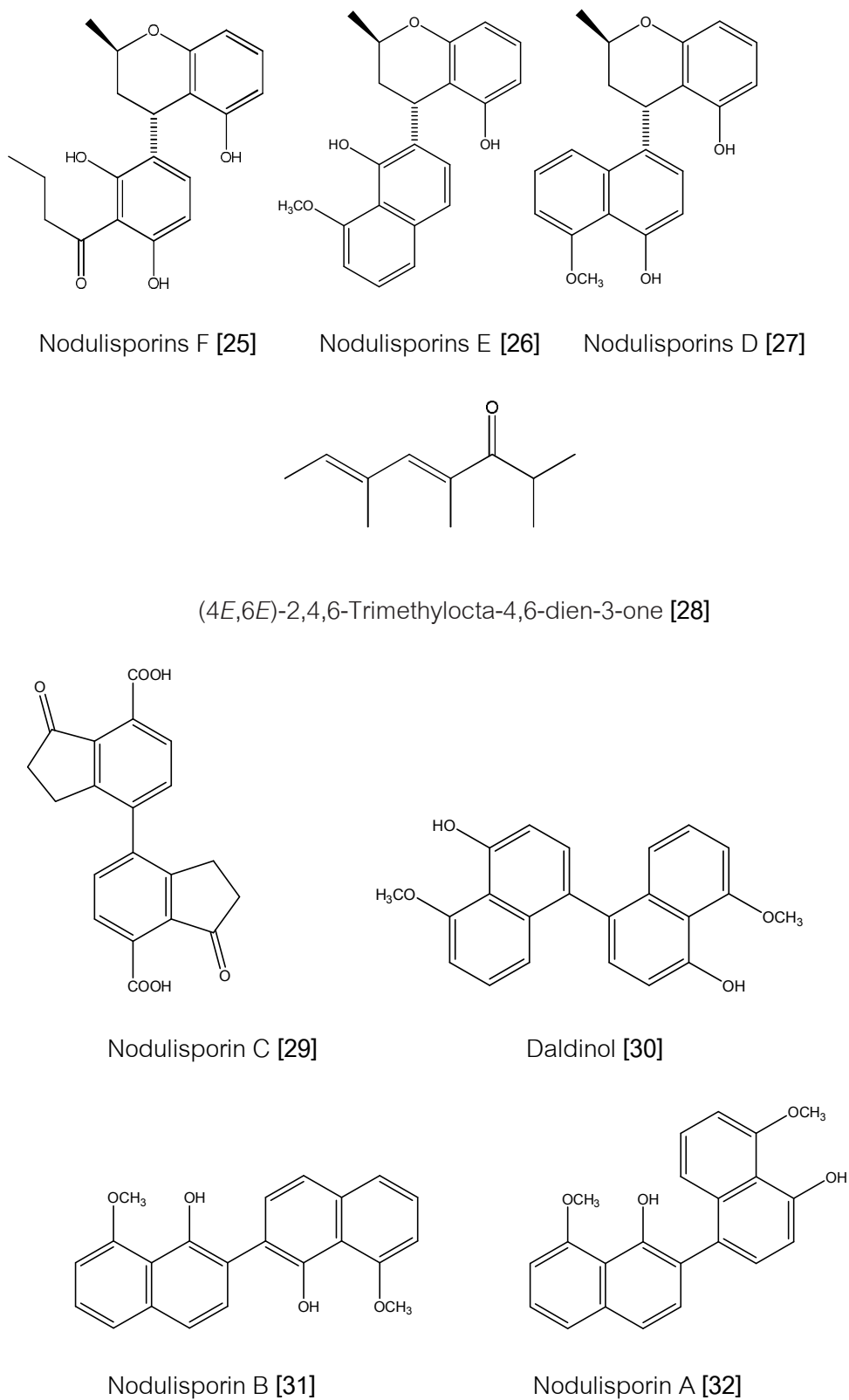
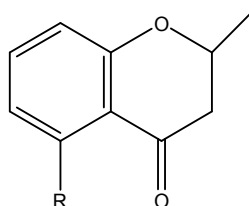
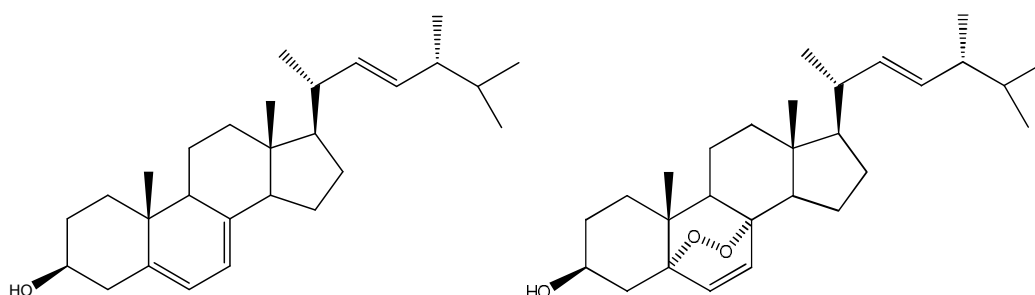


Figure 5 (continued)



2,3-Dihydro-5-hydroxy-2-methylchromen-4-one [34] : R=OH

2,3-Dihydro-5-methoxy-2-methylchromen-4-one [35] : R=OCH<sub>3</sub>



Ergosterol [36]

5 $\alpha$ ,8 $\alpha$ -Epidioxyergosterol [37]

Figure 5. (continued)

#### 2.4 Secondary metabolites from the endophytic fungus *Alternaria* spp.

The endophytic fungus *Alternaria* is a member of the family Pleosporaceae and has been found associated with the host plants *Polygonum senegalense* (Polygonaceae) and *Malus halliana* (Rosaceae). The secondary metabolites produced by these fungi are biphenyl derivatives (Figure 6). The compounds, the host plants and their biological activities are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Secondary metabolites from endophytic fungus *Alternaria* spp.

Compounds	Endophytic fungi	Host plants	Biological activities	References
Alternariol [38]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.,	<i>Polygonum senegalense</i> ,	cytotoxic	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
	<i>A. brassicicola</i> ML-P08	<i>Malus halliana</i>	xanthine oxidase inhibitory	Gu, 2009
Alternariol-5-O-sulphate [39]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	cytotoxic	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
Alternariol-5-O-methyl ether[40]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	cytotoxic	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
Alternariol-5-O-methyl ether-4'-O-sulphate [41]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
3'-Hydroxy alternariol-5-O-methyl ether[42]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
Altenusin [43]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	cytotoxic  inhibit several enzymes: trypanothione reductase cFMS kinase and pp60c-SRc kinase,	Aly <i>et al.</i> , 2008a;  Cota <i>et al.</i> , 2008 Oyama <i>et al.</i> , 2004

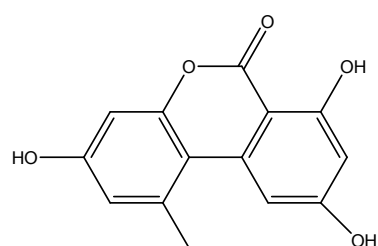


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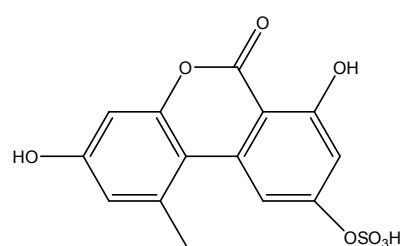
Compounds	Endophytic fungi	Host plants	Biological activities	References
			HIV-1 integrase myosin light chain kinase, antioxidant	Singh <i>et al.</i> , 2003 Nakanishi <i>et al.</i> , 1995; Hirai <i>et al.</i> , 1990;
Desmethylaltenusin [44]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	cytotoxic	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008
Alterlactone [45]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
Talaroflavone [46]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
Alternaric acid [47]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
Altenuene [48]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
4'-epialtenuene [49]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
2,5-Dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone [50]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a
Alt toxins I [51]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> 2008a

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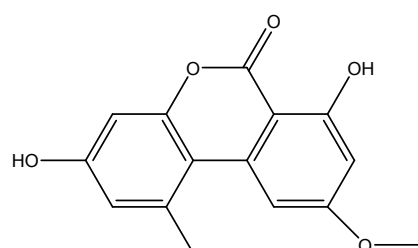
Compounds	Endophytic fungi	Host plants	Biological activities	References
Tenuazonic acid [52]	<i>Alternaria</i> sp.	<i>P. senegalense</i>	-	Aly <i>et al.</i> , 2008a
Altenuic acid [53]	<i>A. tenuis</i>	-	-	Williams and Thomas, 1973
Isoochracinic acid [54]	<i>A. kikuchiana</i> ;	-	phytotoxin	Kameda and Namiki, 1947



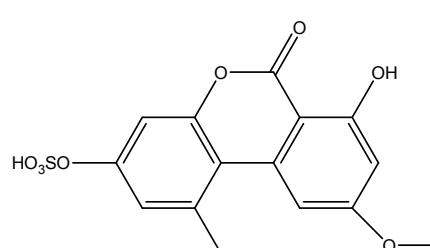
Alternariol [38]



Alternariol-5-O-sulphate [39]

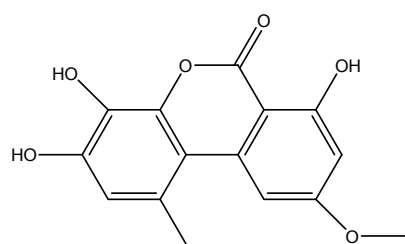


Alternariol-5-O-methyl ether [40]

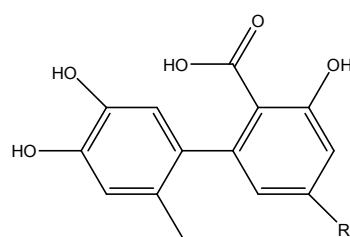


Alternariol-5-O-methyl ether-4'-O-sulphate [41]

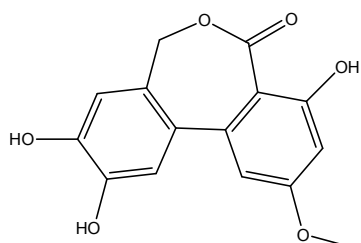
Figure 6 Structures of secondary metabolites from *Alternaria* spp.



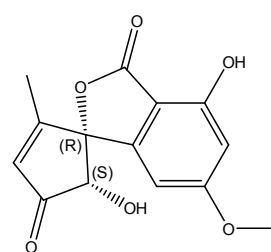
3'-Hydroxyalterinariol-5-O-methyl ether [42]

Altenusin [43] : R=OCH<sub>3</sub>

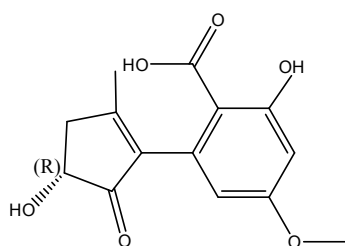
Desmethylaltenusin [44] : R=OH



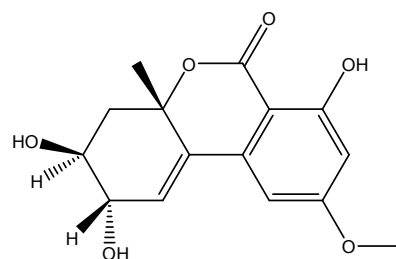
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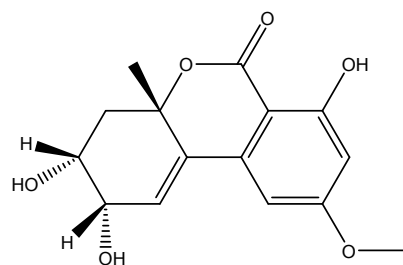
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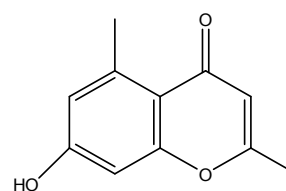
Alternaric acid [47]



Altenuene [48]

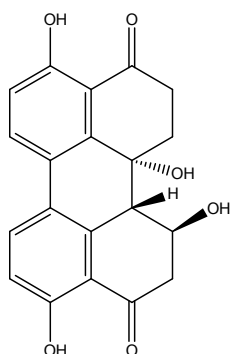


4'-Epialtenuene [49]

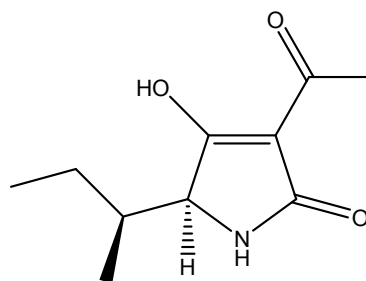


2,5-Dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone [50]

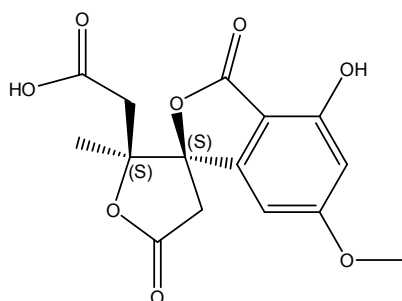
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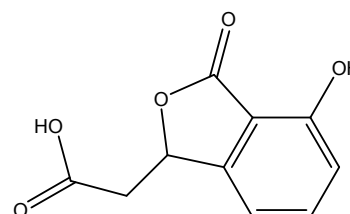
Alvertoxin I [51]



Tenuazonic acid [52]



1S, 4S-Altenuic acid [53]



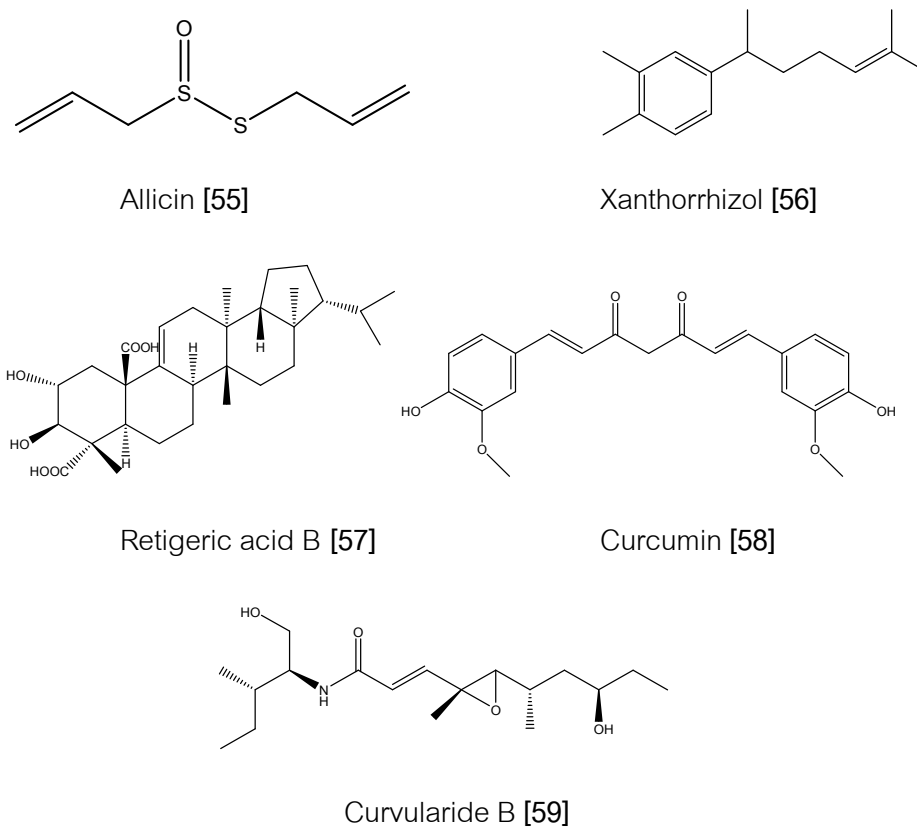
Isochracinic acid [54]

Figure 6 (continued)

## 2.5 Natural compounds having synergistic activity with azole antifungals against *Candida albicans*

The search for new combination therapy is an interesting approach to improve the antifungal efficacy of antifungal agents (Ghannoum *et al.*, 1995; Karwa and Wargo, 2009). A number of studies on combination therapy with well-known azole drugs have shown synergistic effect against *C. albicans*, for examples, combination of fluconazole with amphotericin B (Ghannoum, 1997), nitric oxide (Feser *et al.*, 1998), berberine chloride (Quan *et al.*, 2006), amiodarone (Guo *et al.*, 2008), cyclosporine (Li *et al.*, 2008), efungumab (Karwa and Wargo, 2009), or micafungin (Nishi *et al.*, 2009). In addition, some natural products exhibited synergistic effect with azoles such as fluconazole and allicin [55] from *Allium sativum* (Guo *et al.*, 2009); ketoconazole and

xanthorrhizol [56] from *Curcuma xanthorrhiza* (Rukayadi *et al.*, 2009); azoles and retigeric acid B [57] isolated from the lichen *Lobaria kurokawae* (Sun *et al.*, 2010); azoles and curcumin [58] from the rhizomes of *Curcuma longa* (Sharma *et al.*, 2010); fluconazole and essential oil from *Ocimum sanctum* (Amber *et al.*, 2010); fluconazole and curvularide B [59] from the endophytic fungus *Curvularia geniculata* (Chomcheon *et al.*, 2010). Structures of some natural products exhibiting synergistic effect with azoles are shown in Figure 7.



**Figure 7** Structures of some natural products exhibiting synergistic effect with azoles against *Candida albicans*

## CHAPTER III

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### 3.1 Instruments and Equipments

##### 3.1.1 Ultraviolet (UV) spectra

UV (in methanol) spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu UV-2550 spectrophotometer (Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University).

##### 3.1.2 Infrared (IR) spectra

IR spectra (KBr disc and film) were recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR 1760X spectrometer (Faculty of Science and Technology, Rajamangala University of Technology, Thanyaburi).

##### 3.1.3 Mass spectra (MS)

Electron impact mass spectra (EIMS) were obtained on a JEOL JMS-700 mass spectrometer (Meiji Pharmaceutical University, Japan) and electrospray ionization time of flight mass spectra (ESI-TOF-MS) on a Micromass LCT mass spectrometer (National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, BIOTEC).

##### 3.1.4 Proton and carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR) spectra

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz) spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance DPX-300 FT-NMR spectrometer (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chulalongkorn University).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) spectra were obtained on a Varian Mercury<sup>+</sup> 400 NMR spectrometer (Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz) spectra were obtained on a JEOL JMN-A 500 NMR spectrometer (Scientific and Technological Research Equipment

Center, Chulalongkorn University) and a Bruker Biospin Avance AV-500 Digital NMR Spectrometer (National Metal and Materials Technology Center, MTEC)

Solvents for NMR spectra were deuterated chloroform ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide ( $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) or deuterated methanol ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm scale using the chemical shifts of the solvents as internal references.

### 3.1.5 Melting points

Melting points were obtained on a Fisher-Johns melting point apparatus (Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University).

### 3.1.6 Optical rotations

Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco P1010 polarimeter (Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University).

## 3.2 Chromatographic techniques

### 3.2.1 Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC)

Technique	:	One dimension, ascending
Adsorbent	:	Silica gel F <sub>254</sub> (E. Merck) precoated plate
Layer thickness	:	0.2 mm
Distance	:	7.0 cm
Temperature	:	Laboratory temperature (28-35 °C)
Detection	:	1. Ultraviolet light (254 and 366 nm) 2. Anisaldehyde reagent and heating at 105 °C for 10 min

### 3.2.2 Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PLC)

Technique	:	One dimension, ascending
Adsorbent	:	Silica gel F <sub>254</sub> (E. Merck) precoated plate
Layer thickness	:	0.5 mm
Distance	:	7.0 cm
Temperature	:	Laboratory temperature (28-35 °C)

Detection : Ultraviolet light (254 and 366 nm)

### 3.2.3 Column chromatography

#### 3.2.3.1 Quick column chromatography

Adsorbent : Silica gel 60 GF 254 for thin-layer chromatography (Art.7731, E. Merck)

Packing method : Dry packing

Sample loading : The sample was dissolved in a small amount of organic solvent, mixed with a small quantity of adsorbent, triturated, dried and then placed gently on top of the column.

Detection : Fractions were examined by TLC observing under UV light (254 and 366 nm).

#### 3.2.3.2 Flash column chromatography

Adsorbent : Silica gel 60 (No.9385) particle size 0.040-0.063 mm (230-400 mesh ASTM) (E. Merck)

Packing method : Wet packing

Sample loading : The sample was dissolved in a small amount of the eluent and then applied gently on top of the column.

Detection : Fractions were examined in the same manner as described in Section 3.2.3.1.

#### 3.2.3.3 Gel filtration chromatography

Adsorbent : Sephadex LH-20 (Amersham)

Packing method : Gel was suspended in the eluent and left standing to swell for 24 hours prior to use. It was poured into the column and allowed to set tightly.

Sample loading : The sample was dissolved in a small amount of the eluent and applied gently on top of the column.



Detection : Fractions were examined in the same manner as described in Section 3.2.3.1.

### 3.3 Culture media and chemicals

#### 3.3.1 Culture media

Culture media used for cultivation of endophytic fungi were potato dextrose agar (PDA) (Merck), Sabouraud's dextrose agar (SDA) (Merck), potato dextrose broth (PDB) (Merck), yeast Czapek broth (CzYB), yeast extract sucrose broth (YSB), yeast extract powder (Merck), and agar base (agar-agar ultrapure granulated, Merck). The formula are shown in Appendix B.

#### 3.3.2 Chemicals

Chemicals used in this study are as follows: n-hexane (Labscan, AR), methylene chloride (Labscan, AR), ethyl acetate (Labscan, AR), methanol (Labscan, AR),  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (Merck),  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (Merck), and  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  (Merck).

Throughout this work, all organic solvents were analytical grade and the commercial grade solvents were redistilled prior to use.

### 3.4 Isolation of endophytic fungi

Apparently healthy leaves of *Artemisia annua* L. (Family Asteraceae) and *Terminaria chebula* Retz. (Family Combretaceae) were collected from Thamaka Natural Agricultural Center, Kanjanaburi Province, and Suanluang Rama IX Public Park, Bangkok, respectively. The leaf samples were cleaned under running tap water and then air-dried. The cleaned leaves were repeatedly surface-sterilized in 70% ethanol for 1 min, sodium hypochlorite solution (5.25% available chlorine) for 5 min and washed in sterile distilled water for 1 min three times. The surface-sterilized leaves were cut into small pieces using a sterile blade and placed on sterile water agar for incubation at 30°C (Wiyakrutta et al., 2004). The fungal isolates designated Aann-134 from *A. annua* and Tche-153 from *T. chebula* were selected for further studies.

The endophytic fungal isolates Aann-134 and Tche-153 were deposited at the Bioactive Metabolite Unit (B600), Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Science,

Mahidol University. For short-term storage (< 1 year), the fungi were placed in distilled H<sub>2</sub>O, and they were kept frozen at -70°C in 15 % glycerol for longer term storage.

### 3.5 Identification of the endophytic fungal isolates Aann-134 and Tche-153

#### 3.5.1 Conventional method

Aann-134 and Tche-153 were grown on potato dextrose agar (PDA) plates and water agar plates with 5-6 small pieces of sterilized banana leaf at 25°C. Their macroscopic and microscopic characteristics were observed.

#### 3.5.2 Molecular method

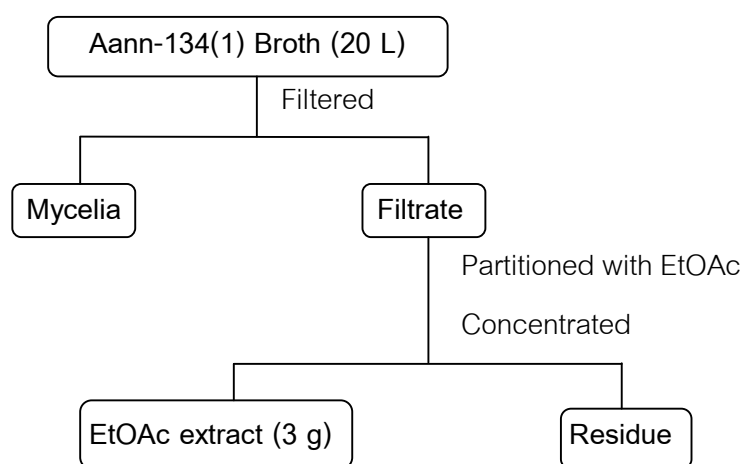
Both Aann-134 and Tche-153 were grown in potato dextrose broth. After cultivation for 5 days, fresh mycelium of each fungus (50 mg) was collected, washed twice with sterile normal saline solution and homogenized in 250 µl of sterile water. The mycelial homogenate was applied evenly to an FTA card matrix, allowed to dry at room temperature, and a 2-mm disk containing the fungal mycelia was punched from the FTA card. Total cellular DNA of fungal mycelia on the disk was extracted and purified using the FTA<sup>®</sup> Plant Kit (Whatman<sup>®</sup>) according to the manufacturer's instruction. Briefly, the disk was placed in a PCR tube, washed three times with FTA Purification Reagent and washed twice with TE buffer (10 mM Tris, pH 8.0). The washed disk was transferred to a PCR tube and the ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 ribosomal RNA gene region of fungal genomic DNA was amplified using ITS5 (GGAAGTAAAAGTCGTAACAAGG) and ITS4 (TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC) primers (White *et al.*, 1990). PCR amplification was performed in a 50 µl reaction volume which contained Taq PCR Master Mix (USB Corp., USA) using an automated thermal cycler (Mastercycler gradient, Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany). The thermocycling program was as follows: 3 min at 95°C followed by 30 cycles of 50 sec at 95°C, 40 sec at 45°C and 40 sec at 72°C, with a final extension period of 10 min at 72°C. The PCR products were gel purified and directly subjected to DNA sequencing (Bioservice Unit, NSTDA, Bangkok, Thailand) in both directions, primed with either of the two primers used to originally amplify the fragment. The DNA sequence of ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 rRNA gene obtained was used as the query sequence to search for similar sequences in GenBank using BLASTN 2.2.24+ (Zhang *et al.*, 2000).

### 3.6 Cultivation of the endophytic fungi *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134 and *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153

The endophytic fungi *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134 and *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153 were cultivated on PDA agar plates at 25°C for 7 days. Six pieces (@ 0.5 x 0.5 cm) of mycelial agar plugs from each culture as seedlings were inoculated into a 1000-ml Erlenmeyer flask containing 200 ml of Czapek yeast broth (CzYB) for Aann-134 and yeast extract sucrose (YES) broth for Tche-153 (Paterson & Bridge, 1994) and incubated at 25°C under still condition for 21 days. Two batches of the Aann-134 isolate were cultivated, each twenty liters of the broth, and respectively designated as Aann-134 (1) and Aann-134 (2), while twenty liters of the Tche-153 culture broth was prepared for further isolation and purification of fungal metabolites.

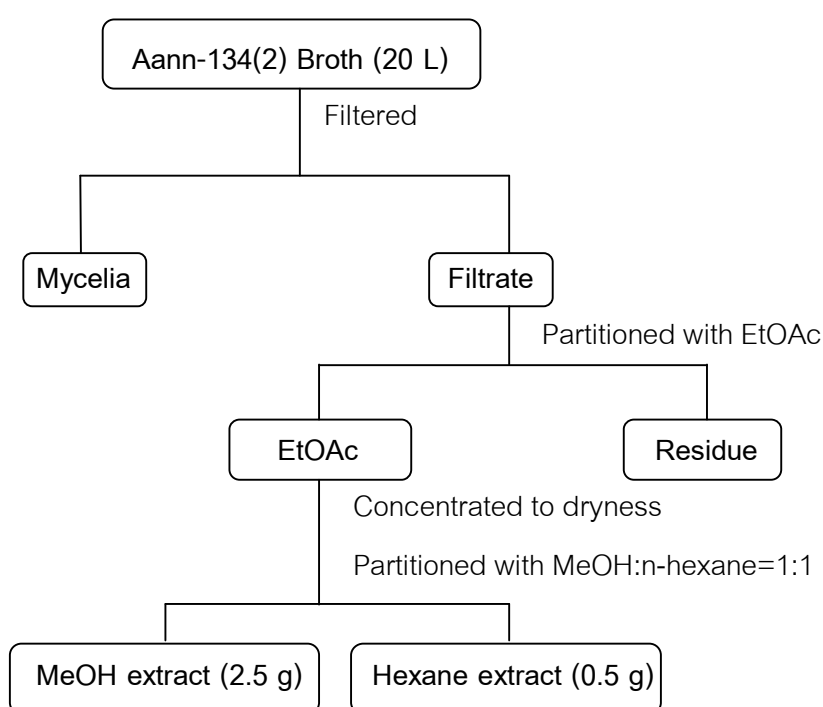
### 3.7 Extraction of the culture broths from *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

The first batch of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134 culture broth [Aann-134(1)] was passed through four layers of cheese cloth and exhaustively pressed. The filtrate was extracted by partitioning with an equal volume of ethyl acetate 5 times. The ethyl acetate layers were combined and the solvent was then removed by evaporation at 50°C under reduced pressure until dryness. The crude EtOAc extract of the Aann-134(1) broth was obtained as a dark brown mass (3 g, 0.015 % w:v of the broth). The extraction of the Aann-134(1) culture broth is shown in Scheme 1.



**Scheme1** Extraction of the Aann-134(1) culture broth from *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

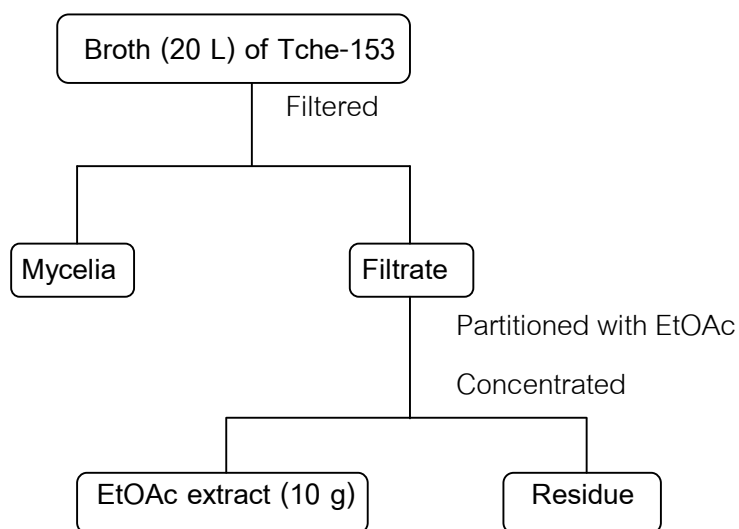
The second-batch of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134 culture broth [Aann-134(2)] was treated similar to the first batch to yield the EtOAc extract as a brown viscous oil (3 g). The EtOAc extract was further partitioned in MeOH: n-hexane (1:1, 5 times). Each layer was then evaporated at 50°C under reduced pressure until dryness. The MeOH and n-hexane extracts were obtained as a dark brown mass (2.5 g, 0.0125 % w/v of the broth) and a brown viscous liquid (0.5 g, 0.0025 % w/v of the broth), respectively. The extraction of the Aann-134(2) culture broth is shown in Scheme 2.



**Scheme 2** Extraction of the Aann-134(2) culture broth from *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

### 3.8 Extraction of the culture broth from *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153

The culture broth from *A. alternata* Tche-153 was treated in the same manner as Aann-134(1) culture broth. The crude EtOAc extract of the isolate Tche-153 was obtained as a dark brown mass (10 g, 0.05 % w/v of the broth). The extraction of the culture broth of the Tche-153 isolate is shown in Scheme 3.

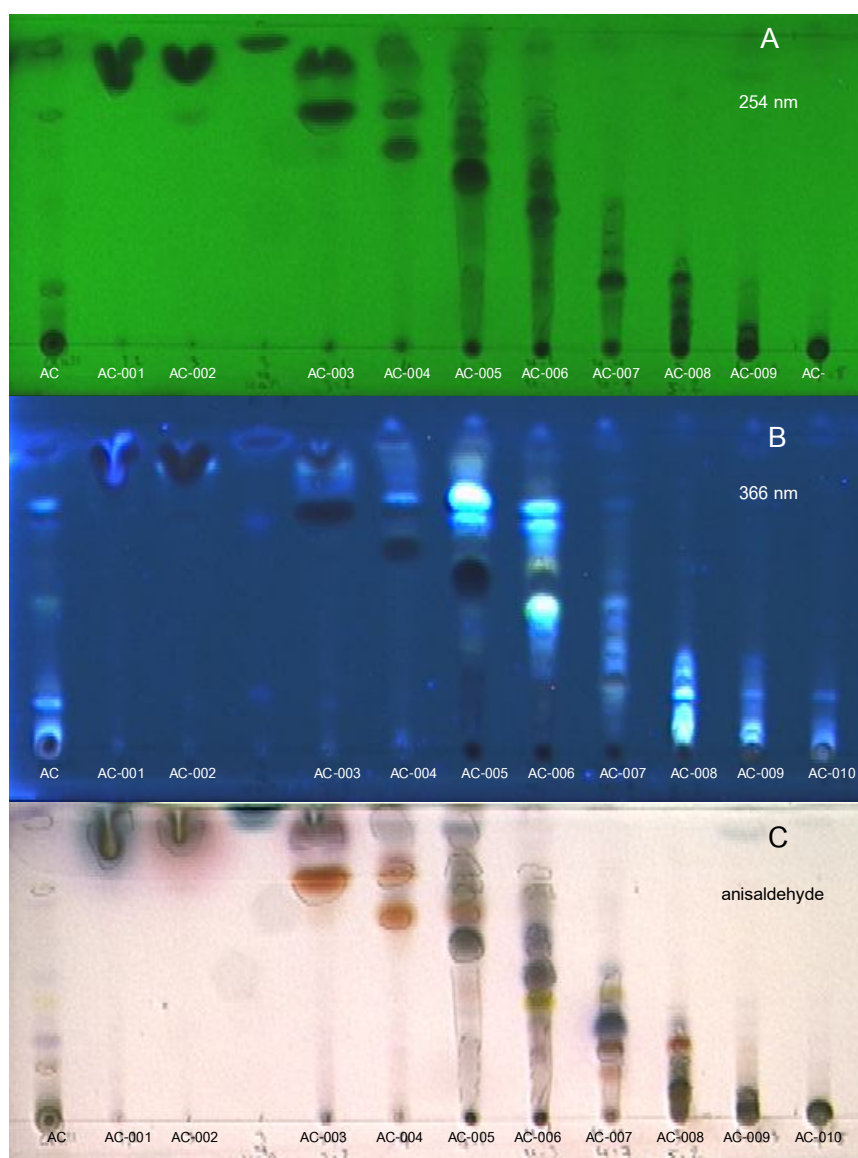


Scheme 3 Extraction of the culture broth of *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153

### 3.9 Isolation of secondary metabolites from *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

#### 3.9.1 Isolation of secondary metabolites from the EtOAc extract of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

The ethyl acetate extract (3 g) of the Aann-134(1) broth, designated as AC, was subjected to fractionation by quick column chromatography using a sintered glass filter column (10 x 5.5 cm) of silica gel (No. 7731, 200 g). Elution was performed in a polarity gradient manner with mixtures of n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:0, 50 ml; 1:1, 50 ml; 0:1, 50 ml), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:EtOAc (9:1, 350 ml) and EtOAc:MeOH (1:0, 50 ml; 9:1, 300 ml). The fractions (50 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Twenty four fractions were obtained and the fractions showing similar chromatographic patterns were pooled to yield ten fractions: AC-001 - AC-010 (Figure 8, Table 3 and Scheme 4).



**Figure 8** Thin-layer chromatogram ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : MeOH=39: 1) of fractions obtained from the EtOAc extract of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

A) detected under UV 254 nm;

B) detected under UV 366 nm, and

C) detected by anisaldehyde reagent

**Table 3** Fractions obtained from the EtOAc extract of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
AC-001	100	74
AC-002	50	235
AC-003	100	810
AC-004	50	42
AC-005	50	121
AC-006	100	464
AC-007	200	63
AC-008	150	550
AC-009	150	307
AC-010	250	117

#### 3.9.1.1 1,8-Dimethoxynaphthalene

Fraction AC-002 (235 mg) was crystallized from n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to give 3.6 mg of colorless needles (*R*<sub>f</sub> 0.93, silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). It was subsequently identified as 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene [18] (Scheme 4). The compound was also obtained from the hexane and the MeOH extracts of the second batch (Schemes 8 and 9).

#### 3.9.1.2 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)butanone

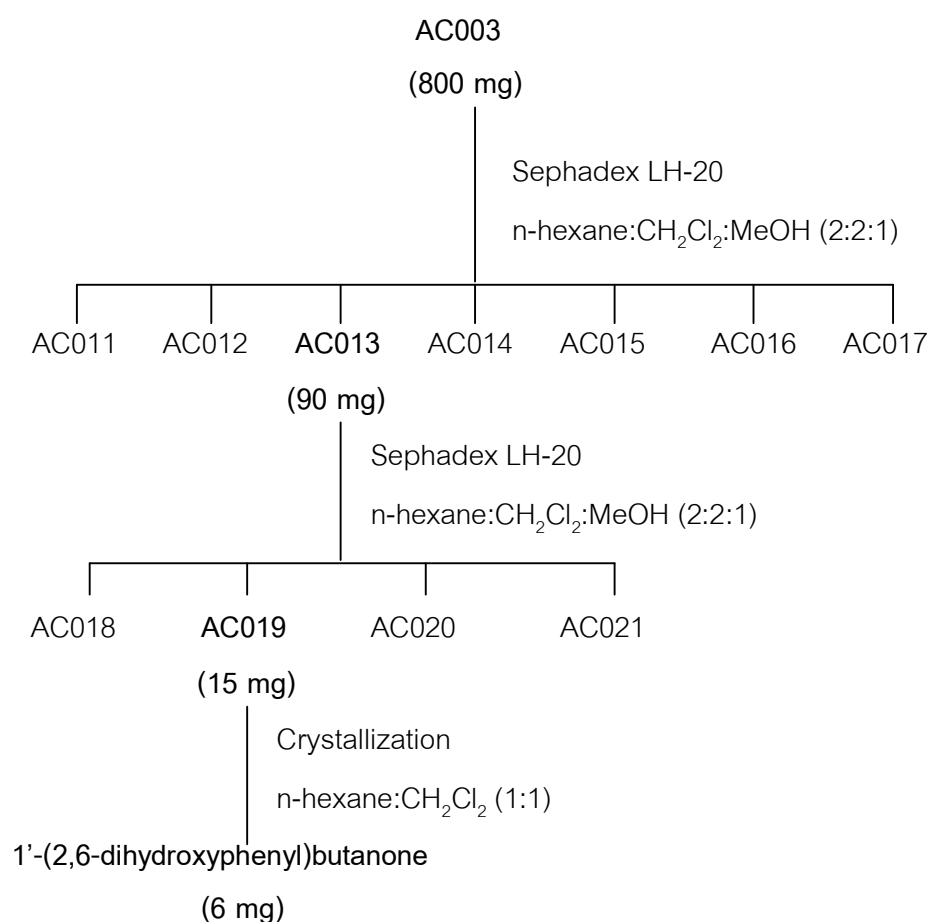
The anti-*Candida albicans* active fraction (AC-003, 810 mg) was further separated by a Sephadex LH-20 column (1 x 45 cm) using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1) as the eluent. Fractions (10-30 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield seven fractions: AC-011 - AC-017 (Table 4 and Scheme 5). The active fraction (AC-013, 90.7 mg) was repeatedly purified by a Sephadex LH-20 column (1 x 42 cm) eluted with n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1). The eluates fractions (10-30 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield four fractions: AC-018 - AC-021 (Table 5 and Scheme 5).





**Table 5** Fractions obtained from fraction AC-013 of the Aann-134(1) culture broth.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
AC-018	100	11
AC-019	90	15
AC-020	250	38
AC-021	30	13

**Scheme 5** Isolation of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone from the Aann-134(1) culture broth

### 3.9.1.3 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone

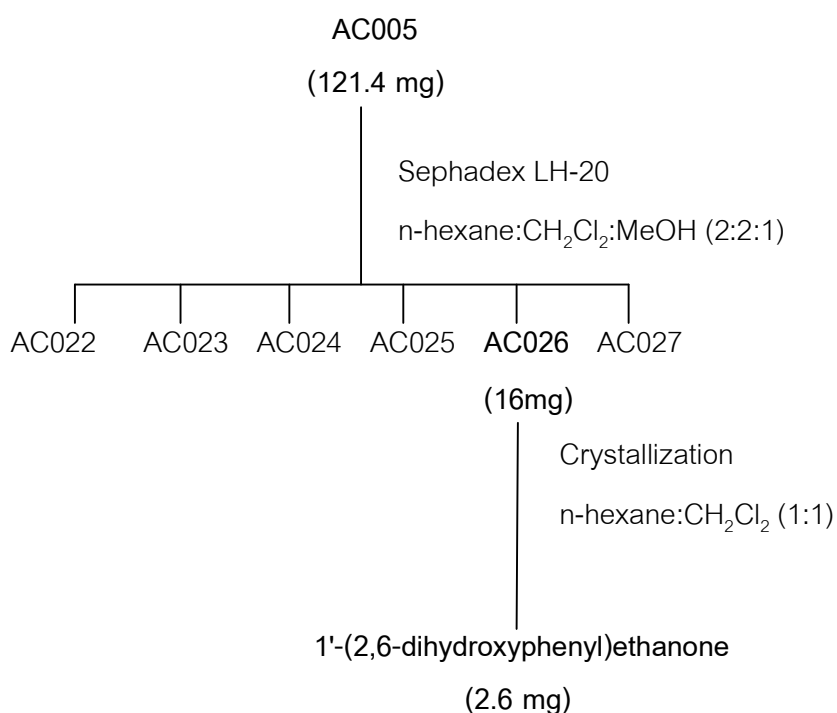
Fraction AC-005 (121 mg) was repeatedly separated by a Sephadex LH-20 column (1 x 45 cm) using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1). Fractions (10-30 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with

similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield six fractions: AC-022 - AC-027, (Table 6 and Scheme 6).

Fraction AC-026 (16.9 mg) was crystallized in n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:1) to give 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone (2.6 mg) [60]. The compound was also obtained from the MeOH extract of the second batch (Scheme 6).

**Table 6** Fractions obtained from fraction AC-005 of the Aann-134(1) culture broth.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
AC-022	50	31
AC-023	50	24
AC-024	20	14
AC-025	30	14
AC-026	30	16
AC-027	150	22



**Scheme 6** Isolation of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone from the Aann-134(1) culture broth

#### 3.9.1.4 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone

Fraction AC-007 (63 mg) was repeatedly chromatographed on a Sephadex LH-20 column (1 x 45 cm) using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1) as the eluent. Fractions (10-30 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield six fractions: AC-031 - AC-036 (Table 7 and Scheme 7).

Fraction AC-035 (6 mg) was crystallized from n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1) to give 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone (3.7 mg) [19].

**Table 7** Fractions obtained from fraction AC-007 of the Aann-134(1) culture broth.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
AC-031	40	9
AC-032	20	10
AC-033	20	20
AC-034	10	6
AC-035	20	6
AC-036	40	11

#### 3.9.1.5 Phenylacetic acid

Fraction AC-033 (20 mg) was repeatedly chromatographed on a Sephadex LH-20 column (1 x 45 cm) using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1) as the eluent. Fractions (10-30 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield three fractions: AC-044 - AC-046 (Table 8 and Scheme 7).

Fraction AC-045 (6mg) was crystallized from n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:2) to give phenylacetic acid (4.3 mg) [61].



### 3.9.2 Isolation of secondary metabolites from the hexane extract of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

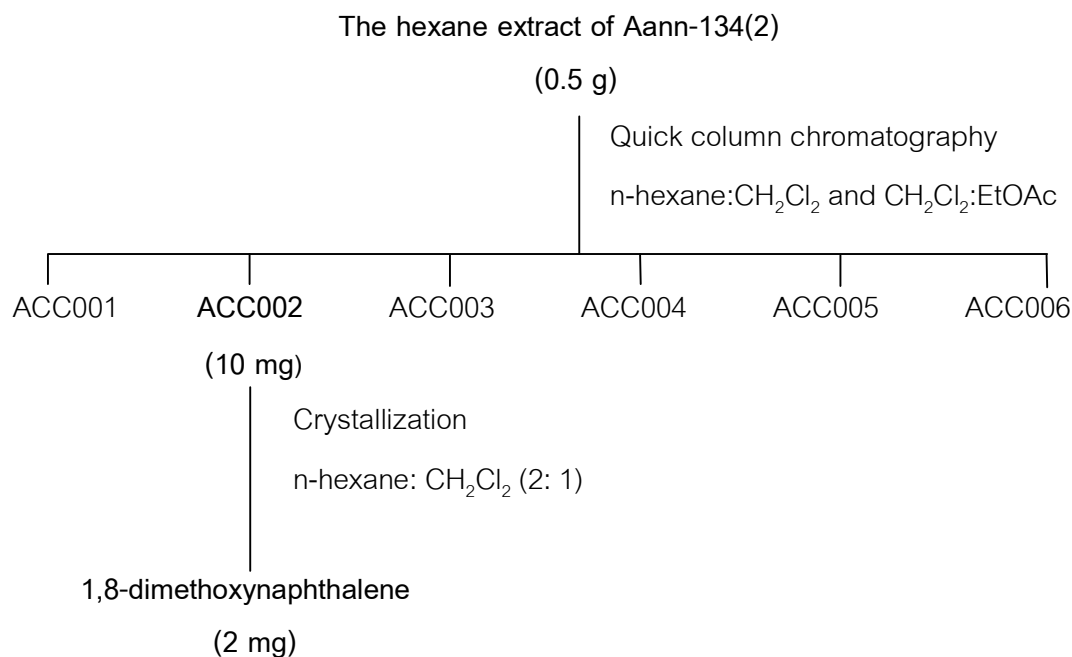
The hexane extract (0.5 g) of the Aann-134 (2) culture broth was fractionated by quick column chromatography using a sintered glass filter column (4 x 4 cm) of silica gel (No. 7731, 80 g). Elution was performed in a polarity gradient manner with mixtures of n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:0, 100 ml; 1:1, 50 ml; 0:1, 100 ml) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:EtOAc (1:0, 50 ml; 1:1, 50 ml; 0:1, 100 ml). Fractions (50 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>=1:1) to yield six fractions: ACC-001 - ACC-006 (Table 9 and Scheme 8).

**Table 9** Fractions obtained from the hexane extract of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
ACC-001	100	50
ACC-002	50	10
ACC-003	100	32
ACC004	50	45
ACC-005	50	50
ACC-006	100	37

#### 3.9.2.1 1,8-Dimethoxynaphthalene

Fraction ACC-002 (10 mg) was crystallized from n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2:1) to give 2.0 mg of colorless needles (*R<sub>f</sub>* 0.93, silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). It was subsequently identified as 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene (2.0 mg) [18] (Scheme 8). The compound was also obtained from the EtOAc extract of the first batch and the MeOH extract of the second batch (Schemes 4 and 9).



**Scheme 8** Fractionation of the hexane extract and isolation of 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene from the Aann-134(2) culture broth.

### 3.9.3 Isolations of secondary metabolites from the methanol extract of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

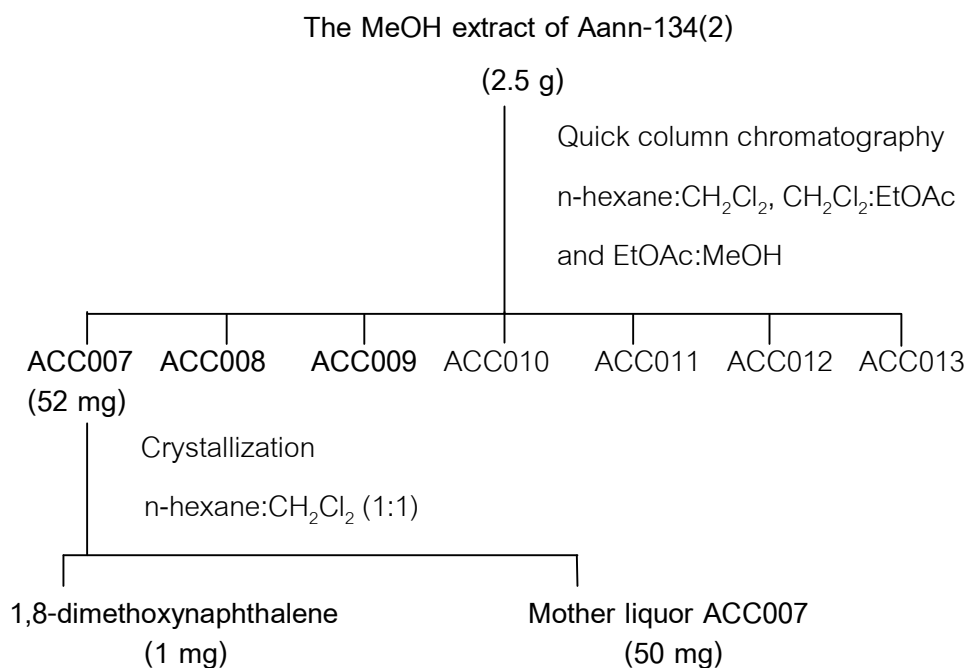
The methanol extract (2.5 g) of the Aann-134 (2) culture broth was fractionated by quick column chromatography using a sintered glass filter column (10 x 5.5 cm) of silica gel (No. 7731, 200 g). Elution was performed in a polarity gradient manner with mixtures of n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:0, 50 ml; 1:1, 50 ml; 0:1, 150 ml), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:EtOAc (9:1, 200 ml; 1:1, 100 ml) and EtOAc:MeOH (1:0, 200 ml; 9:1, 200 ml). Fractions (50 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Twenty-one fractions were obtained and the fractions showing similar chromatographic patterns were pooled to yield seven fractions: ACC-007 - ACC-013 (Table 10 and Scheme 9).

**Table 10** Fractions obtained from the methanol extract of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
ACC-007	100	52
ACC-008	150	150
ACC-009	200	155
ACC-010	100	50
ACC-011	100	55
ACC-012	200	200
ACC-013	200	50

### 3.9.3.1 1,8-Dimethoxynaphthalene

Fraction ACC-007 (52 mg) was crystallized from n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to give 1.0 mg of colorless needles (*R<sub>f</sub>* 0.93, silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). It was subsequently identified as a 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene [18] (Scheme 9). The compound was also obtained from the EtOAc extract of the first batch and the hexane extract of the second batch (Schemes 4 and 8).



**Scheme 9** Fractionation of the methanol extract and isolation of 1,8-dimethoxy naphthalene from the Aann-134(2) culture broth.

### 3.9.3.2 Nodulisporin G

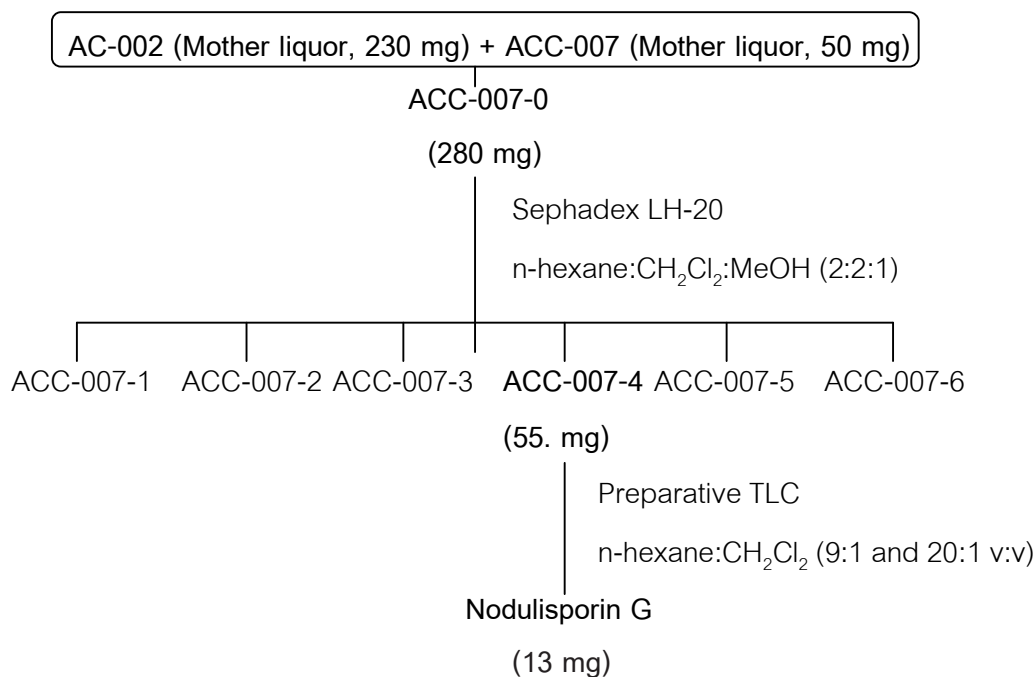
Mother liquors of fractions AC-002 (230 mg) and ACC-007 (50 mg) were combined into fraction ACC-007-0 (280 mg) which was repeatedly gel-filtered on a Sephadex LH-20 column (1 x 45 cm) using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1) as eluent to yield six fractions: ACC-007-1 - ACC-007-6 (Table 11 and Scheme 10).

Fraction ACC-007-4 was further purified by preparative TLC using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (9:1 and 20:1) as the solvent systems to give 13 mg of a yellow viscous liquid (R<sub>f</sub> 0.87, silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). It was subsequently identified as nodulisporin G [62] (Scheme 10).

**Table 11** Fractions obtained from fraction ACC-007-0 of the Aann-134(2) culture broth.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
ACC-007-1	20	70
ACC-007-2	10	53
ACC-007-3	5	15
ACC-007-4	10	55
ACC-007-5	5	3
ACC-007-6	15	7





**Scheme 10** Isolation of nodulisporin G from the Aann-134(1, 2) culture broth.

### 3.9.3.3 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene

The anti-*Candida albicans* fraction (ACC-009, 155 mg) was repeatedly separated by silica gel (No. 9385, 40 g) flash column chromatography (1 x 30 cm). Elution was performed in a polarity gradient manner with mixtures of n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:1, 150 ml; 0:1, 50 ml) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH (39:1, 100 ml; 19:1, 100 ml; 9:1, 100 ml). Fractions (25 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield three fractions: ACC-014-ACC-016 (Table 12 and Scheme 11).

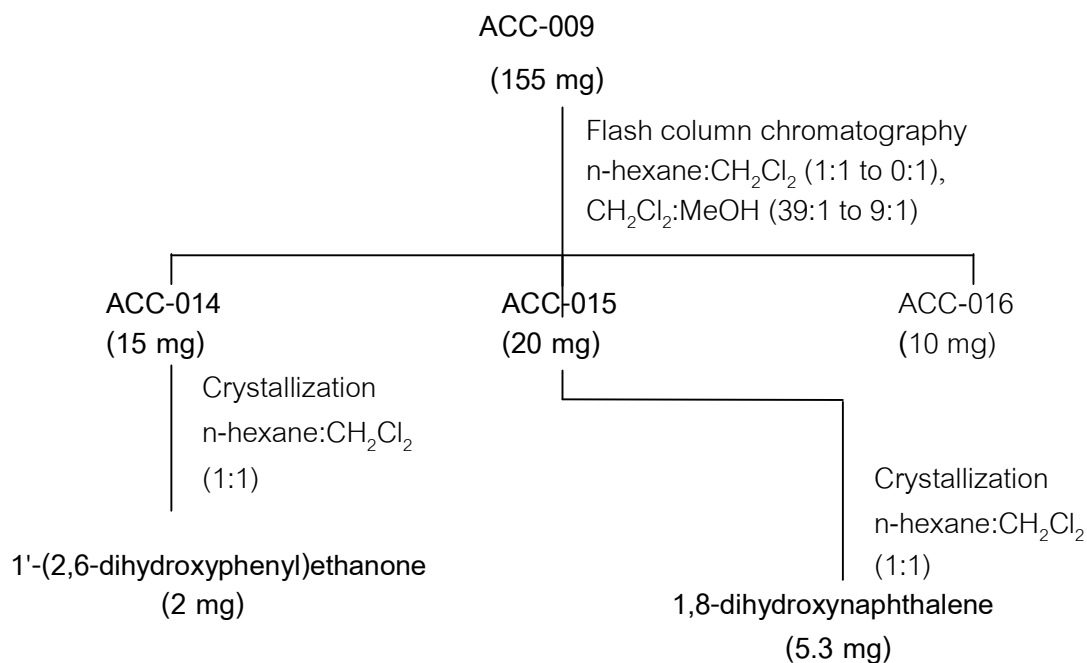
The active fraction ACC-015 (20 mg) was crystallized from hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:2) to give 5.3 mg of colorless needles ( $R_f$  0.43, silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). It was subsequently identified as 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene (5.3 mg) [63] (Scheme 11).

**Table 12** Fractions obtained from fraction ACC-009 of the Aann-134(2) culture broth.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
ACC-014	150	15
ACC-015	50	20
ACC-016	300	10

### 3.9.3.4 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone

Fraction ACC-014 (15 mg) was crystallized from n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:1) to give 2.0 mg of colorless needles (R<sub>f</sub> 0.5, silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). It was subsequently identified as 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone (2 mg) [60], as shown in Scheme 11. The compound was also obtained from the EtOAc extract of the first batch (Scheme 6).



**Scheme 11** Isolation of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone and 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene from the Aann-134(2) culture broth.

### 3.9.3.5 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)butanone

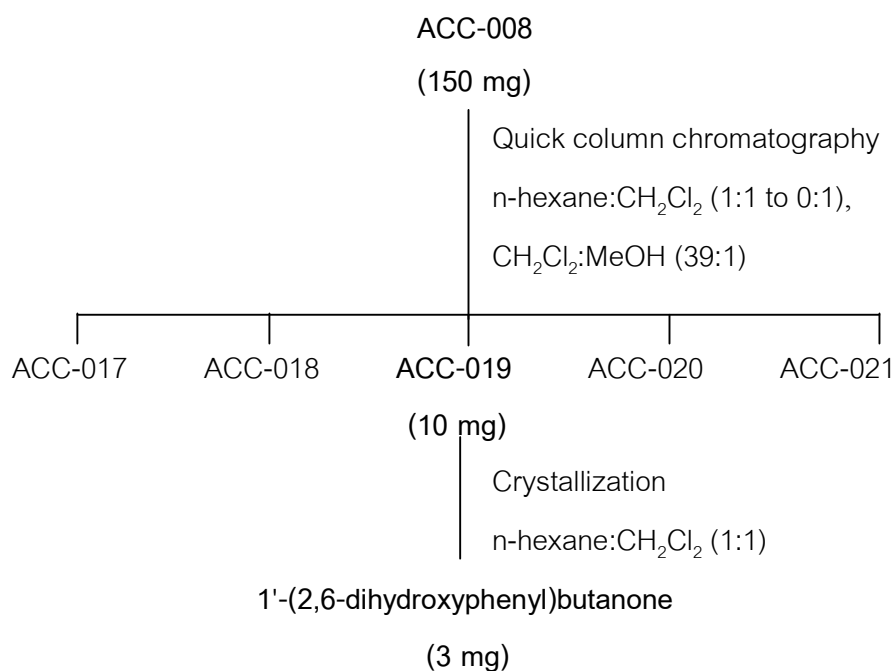
The anti-*C. albicans* fraction (ACC-008, 150 mg) was repeatedly chromatographed on a Flash column (1 x 30 cm) of silica gel (No. 9385, 40 g). Elution was performed in a polarity gradient manner with mixtures of n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:1, 50 ml; 0:1, 25 ml) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (39:1, 50 ml; 9:1, 100 ml). The eluates fractions (25 ml each) were examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield five fractions: ACC-017 - ACC-021 (Table 13 and Scheme 12).

The active fraction (ACC 019, 10 mg) was crystallized from n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:1) to give 3 mg of colorless needles (R<sub>f</sub> 0.71, silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). It was

subsequently identified as 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone [20] (Scheme 12). The compound was also obtained from the EtOAc extract of the first batch (Scheme 5).

**Table 13** Fractions obtained from fraction ACC-008 of the Aann-134(2) culture broth.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
ACC-017	25	12
ACC-018	25	7
ACC-019	25	10
ACC-020	50	30
ACC-021	100	90



**Scheme 12** Isolation of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone from the Aann-134(2) culture broth.

### 3.10 Isolation of secondary metabolites from *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153

The EtOAc extract (10 g) was chromatographed over a Sephadex LH-20 column (2.5 cm x 150 cm) using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1) as solvent system. Fractions (50 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1).

Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield fourteen fractions: TS-001-TS-014 (Figure 9, Table 14 and Scheme 13).

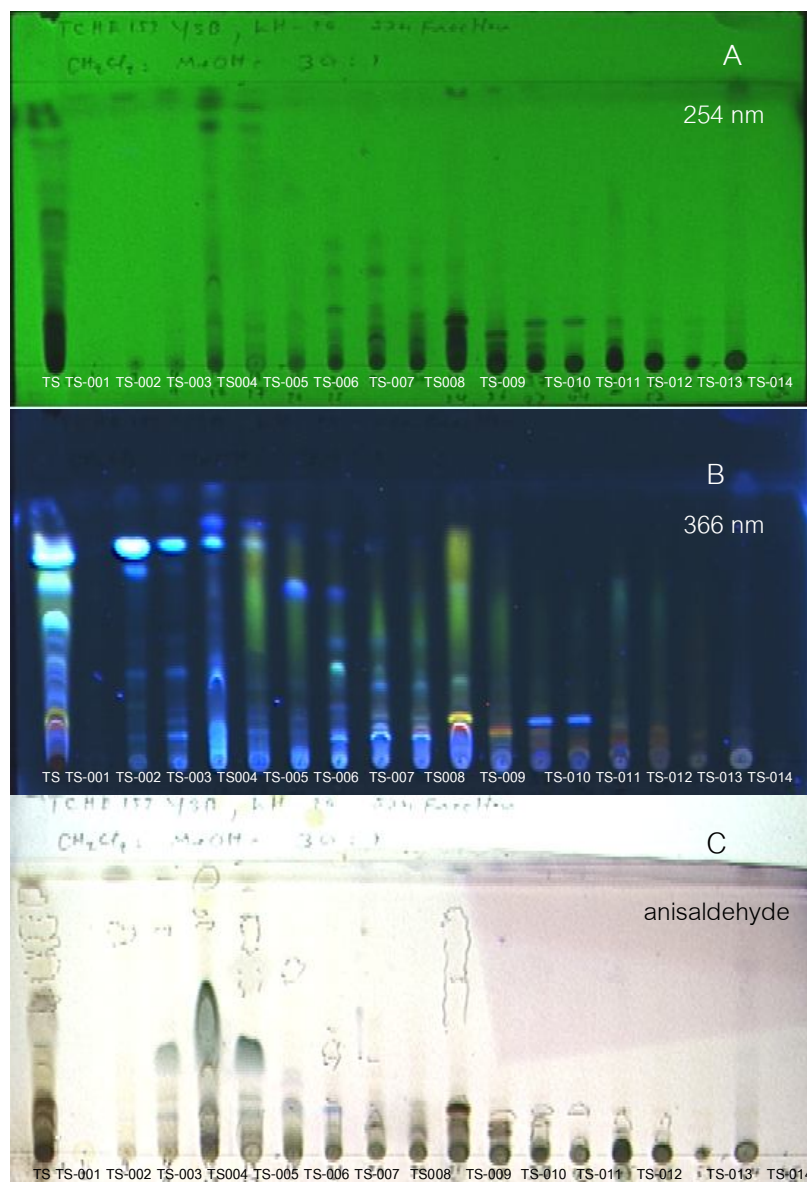


Figure 9 Thin-layer chromatogram system of fractions obtained from the EtOAc extract of *A. alternata* Tche-153.

- A) detected under UV 254 nm;
- B) detected under UV 366 nm, and
- C) detected by anisaldehyde reagent

**Table 14** Fractions obtained from the EtOAc extract of the Tche-153 culture broth.

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
TS-001	100	98
TS-002	50	61
TS-003	300	180
TS -004	150	214
TS -005	250	271
TS -006	150	362
TS -007	400	1,379
TS 008	100	900
TS -009	200	1,911
TS -010	100	424
TS -011	300	599
TS -012	100	334
TS -013	50	255
TS -014	250	528

### 3.10.1 Isochracinic acid

Fraction TS-009 (1,911 mg) was further fractionated by a sintered glass filter column (10 x 5.5 cm) of silica gel (No. 7731, 200 g). Elution was performed in a polarity gradient manner with mixtures of n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:0, 100 ml; 1:1, 100 ml; 0:1, 100 ml), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:EtOAc (9:1, 1400 ml; 3:2, 200 ml; 1:1, 200 ml; 0:1, 400 ml) and EtOAc:MeOH (39:1, 100 ml; 9:1, 100 ml; 8:2, 300 ml). The eluates were collected as Thirty-one fractions and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined into eight fractions: TS-015-TS-022 (Table 15 and Scheme 13).

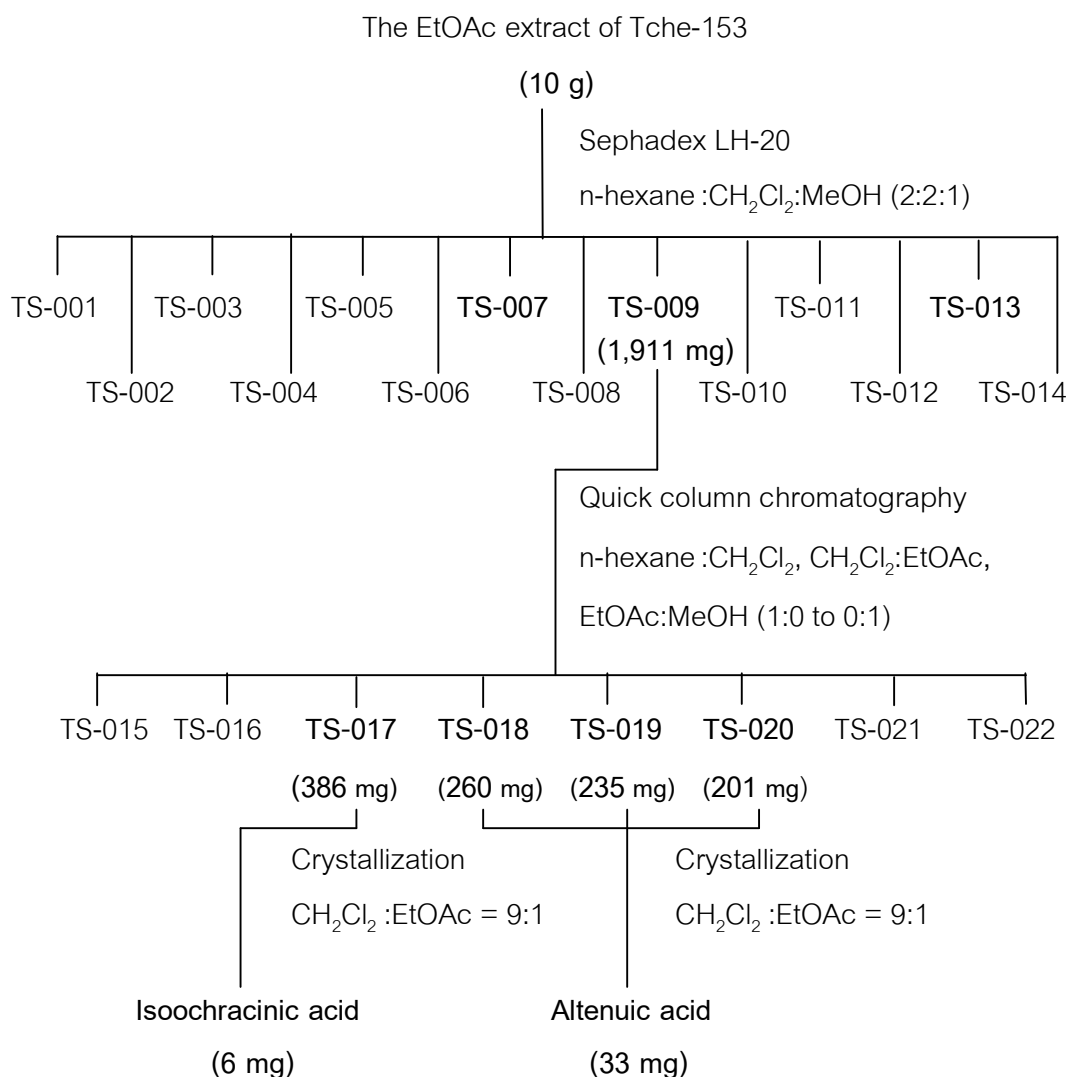
Fraction TS-017 (386 mg) was crystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:EtOAc (9:1) to give 6 mg of a colorless amorphous powder (R<sub>f</sub> 0.6, silica gel, EtOAc:MeOH = 39:1). It was subsequently identified as isochracinic acid [54] (Scheme 13).

**Table 15** Fractions obtained from fraction TS-009 of the Tche-153 culture broth

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
TS-015	300	187
TS-016	400	210
TS-017	300	386
TS-018	300	260
TS-019	200	235
TS-020	300	201
TS-021	200	156
TS-022	1,100	358

### 3.10.2 Altenuic acid

Fractions TS-018 to TS-020 (697 mg) were combined and crystallized from  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ :EtOAc (9:1) to give 33 mg of colorless needles ( $R_f$  0.05, silica gel,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ :MeOH = 39:1). The compound was subsequently identified as altenuic acid [53] (Scheme 13).



**Scheme 13** Fractionation of the EtOAc extract and Isolation of altenuic acid and isochracinic acid from the Tche-153 culture broth

### 3.10.3 2,5-Dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone

Fraction TS-007 (1379 mg) was separated by gel filtration chromatography over a Sephadex LH-20 column (1 x 50 cm) using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1) as the eluent. Fractions (50 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield three fractions: TS-023 - TS-025 (Table 16 and Scheme 15). Fraction TS-024 (1,070 mg) was further separated by quick column chromatography using a sintered glass filter column (4x5 cm) of silica gel (No. 7731, 80 g). Elution was performed in a polarity gradient

manner with mixtures of n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:0,50 ml; 1:1, 250 ml; 0:1, 50 ml), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:EtOAc (9:1, 100 ml; 1:1, 50 ml; 0:1, 50 ml) and EtOAc :MeOH (19:1, 50 ml; 9:1, 50 ml). Fractions (50 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1. Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield five fractions: TS-039 - TS-043 (Table 17 and Scheme 14).

Fraction TS-041 (35 mg) was crystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (99:1) to give 3.1 mg of reddish needles (R<sub>f</sub> 0.27, silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). It was subsequently identified as 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone [50] (Scheme 14).

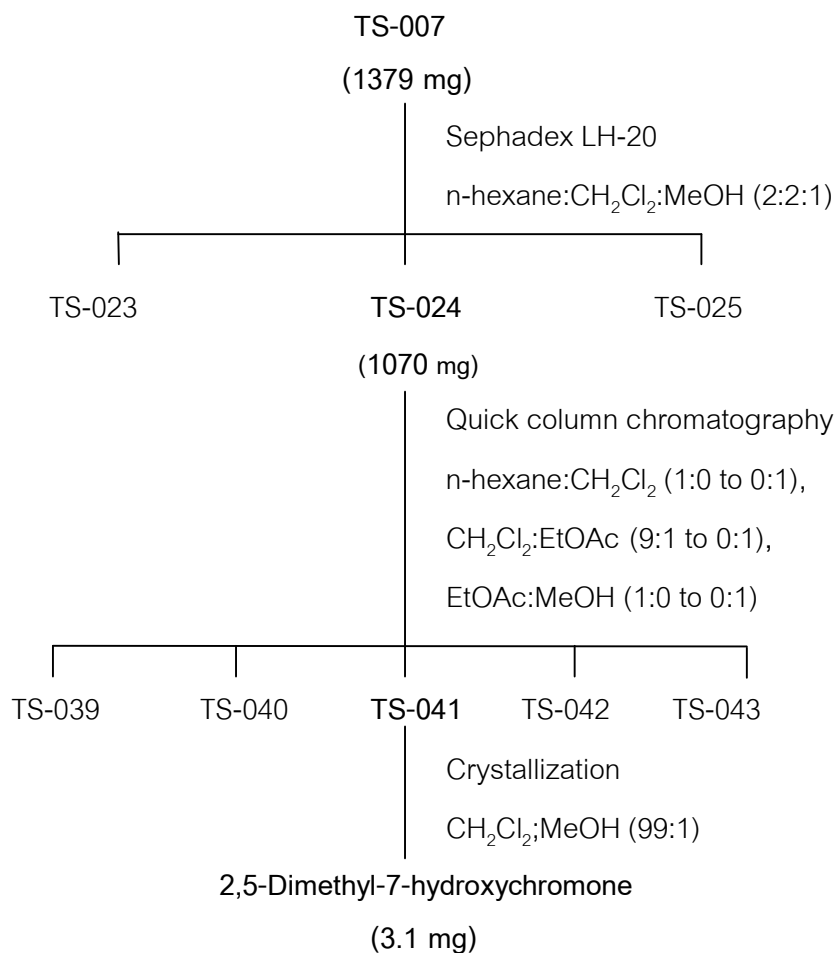
**Table 16** Fractions obtained from fraction TS-007 of the Tche-153 culture broth

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
TS-023	100	40
TS-024	300	1,070
TS-025	500	160

**Table 17** Fractions obtained from fraction TS-024 of the Tche-153 culture broth

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
TS-039	150	10
TS040	150	83
TS-041	50	35
TS-042	100	94
TS-043	250	411





**Scheme 14** Isolation of 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone from the Tche-153 culture broth

#### 3.10.4 Altenusin

The anti-*Candida albicans* fraction TS-013 (255 mg) was separated over a Sephadex LH-20 column (1 x 45 cm) using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1) as the eluent. The eluates (50 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1). Fractions with similar chromatographic patterns were combined to yield six fractions: TS-026 - TS-031 (Table 18 and Scheme 16). The active fraction TS-029 (137mg) was repeatedly separated on a Sephadex LH-20 column (1 x 45 cm) using n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (2:2:1) as the eluent. The eluates (50 ml each) were collected and examined by TLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 39:1), then combined to yield four fractions: TS-050 - TS-053 (Table 19 and Scheme 15).

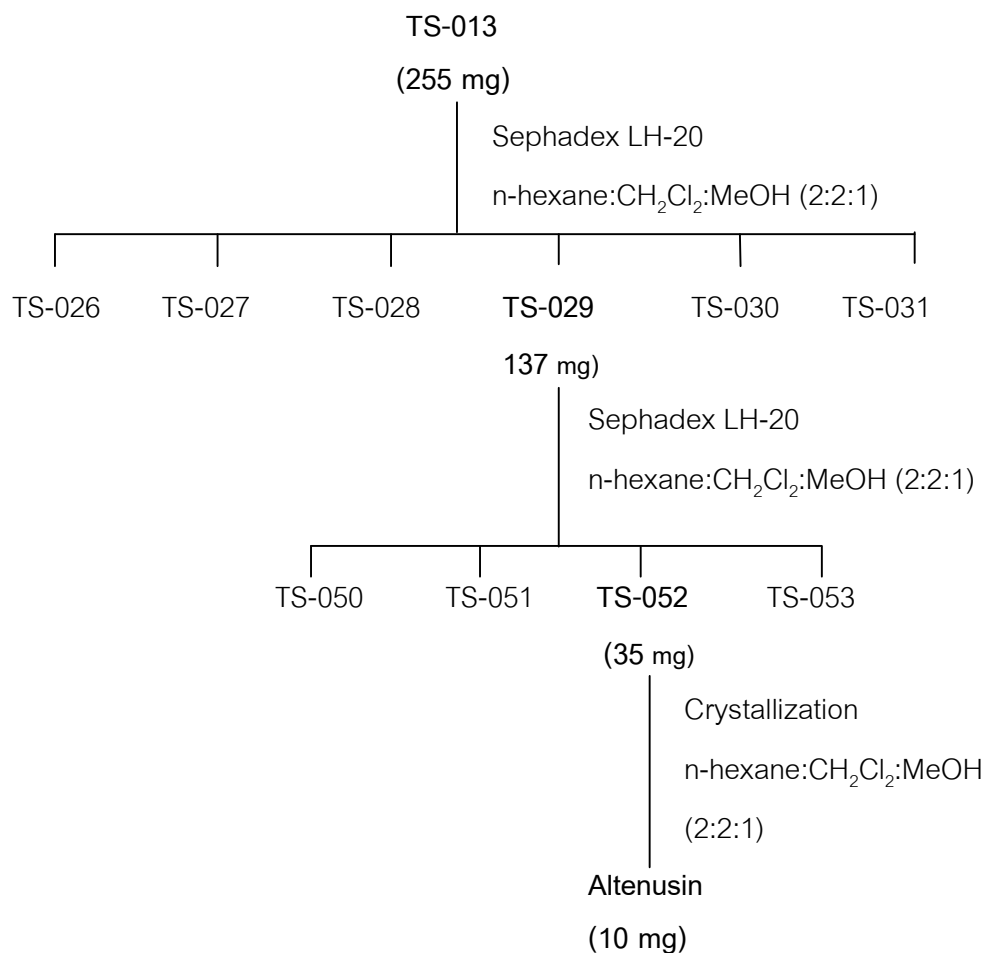
Fraction TS-052 (35 mg) were crystallized from n-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 2:2:1 to give 10 mg of reddish prisms (R<sub>f</sub> 0.65, silica gel, EtOAc:MeOH = 39:1). It was subsequently identified as altenusin [43] (Scheme 15).

**Table 18** Fractions obtained from fraction TS-013 of the Tche-153 culture broth

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
TS-026	50	41
TS-027	400	30
TS-028	50	18
TS-029	100	137
TS-030	50	9
TS-031	150	1

**Table 19** Fractions obtained from fraction TS-029 of the Tche-153 culture broth

Fraction code	Eluate volume (ml)	Weight (mg)
TS-050	300	47
TS-051	200	33
TS-052	50	35
TS-053	50	19



**Scheme 16** Isolation of altenusin from the Tche-153 culture broth

### 3.11 Physical properties of the isolated compounds

#### 3.11.1 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)butanone

1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)butanone (9 mg) was obtained as colorless needles, soluble in chloroform.

**EIMS** :  $m/z$  (% relative intensity); Figure 31

180 [M]<sup>+</sup> (27), 165 (3), 147 (3), 138 (7), 137 (100)

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR :  $\delta$  ppm, 500 MHz, in CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Figures 32-34, Table 20

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR :  $\delta$  ppm, 125 MHz, in CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Figure 35, Table 20

### 3.11.2 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone

1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone (3.7 mg) was obtained as colorless needles, soluble in chloroform.

ESI-TOF MS	: [M+Na] <sup>+</sup> <i>m/z</i> 219; Figure 41
[ $\alpha$ ] <sub>D</sub> <sup>25</sup>	: -6.0 (c 0.085, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 500 MHz, in CDCl <sub>3</sub> ; Figures 42-44, Table 21
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 125 MHz, in CDCl <sub>3</sub> ; Figure 45, Table 21

### 3.11.3 Nodulisporin G

Nodulisporin G (13 mg) was obtained as yellow viscous liquid, soluble in chloroform.

HRESI-TOF MS	: [M+Na] <sup>+</sup> <i>m/z</i> 413.2663 (calcd for C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Na <sup>+</sup> 413.1207); Figure 50
[ $\alpha$ ] <sub>D</sub> <sup>25</sup>	: -1.7 (c 0.875, CHCl <sub>3</sub> )
UV	: $\lambda_{\max}$ nm (log $\epsilon$ ), in methanol; Figure 52 221 (1.49), 271 (1.01), 346 (0.53)
IR	: $\nu_{\max}$ cm <sup>-1</sup> , KBr disc; Figure 51 3400, 2927, 1648, 1579, 1463, 1349, 1228, 1059, 1018, 800
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 500 MHz, in CDCl <sub>3</sub> ; Figures 53-56, Table 22
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 125 MHz, in CDCl <sub>3</sub> ; Figure 57, Table 22

### 3.11.4 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone

1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone (4.6 mg) was obtained as colorless needles, soluble in chloroform.

ESI-TOF MS	: [M+H] <sup>+</sup> <i>m/z</i> 153; Figure 73
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 500 MHz, in CDCl <sub>3</sub> ; Figures 74-75, Table 23
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 125 MHz, in CDCl <sub>3</sub> ; Figure 76, Table 23

### 3.11.5 Phenylacetic acid

Phenylacetic acid (4.3 mg) was obtained as colorless needles, soluble in chloroform.

ESI-TOF MS	: $[M+H]^+$ $m/z$ 137; Figure 81
$^1\text{H-NMR}$	: $\delta$ ppm, 500 MHz, in $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; Figures 82-83, Table 24
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$	: $\delta$ ppm, 125 MHz, in $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; Figure 84, Table 24

### 3.11.6 1,8-Dimethoxynaphthalene

1,8-Dimethoxy naphthalene (6.6 mg) was obtained as colorless needles, soluble in chloroform.

EIMS	: $m/z$ (% relative intensity); Figure 89 189 $[M+H]^+$ (12), 188 $[M]^+$ (100), 175 (37), 145 (89), 127 (22)
$^1\text{H-NMR}$	: $\delta$ ppm, 500 MHz, in $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; Figures 90-91, Table 25
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$	: $\delta$ ppm, 125 MHz, in $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; Figure 92, Table 25

### 3.11.7 1,8-Dihydroxynaphthalene

1,8-Dihydroxynaphthalene (5.3 mg) was obtained as colorless needles, soluble in chloroform.

ESI-TOF MS	: $[M+H]^+$ $m/z$ 161; Figure 97
$^1\text{H-NMR}$	: $\delta$ ppm, 500 MHz, in $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; Figures 98-99, Table 26
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$	: $\delta$ ppm, 125 MHz, in $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; Figure 100, Table 26

### 3.11.8 Altenusin

Altenusin (10 mg) was obtained as reddish prisms, soluble in methanol.

EIMS	: $m/z$ (% relative intensity); Figure 106 290 $[M]^+$ (100), 289 (2), 272 (37), 244(89), 215 (22), 201 (15)
$^1\text{H-NMR}$	: $\delta$ ppm, 400 MHz, in $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ; Figures 107-108, Table 27
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$	: $\delta$ ppm, 100 MHz, in $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ; Figure 109, Table 27

### 3.11.9 Isoochracinic acid

Isoochracinic acid (6.5 mg) was obtained as colorless amorphous power, soluble in methanol.

ESI-TOF MS	: [M+Na] <sup>+</sup> <i>m/z</i> 231; Figure 115
[ $\alpha$ ] <sub>D</sub> <sup>25</sup>	: -0.4 (c 0.46, MeOH)
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 500 MHz, in CD <sub>3</sub> OD; Figures 116-117, Table 28
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 125 MHz, in CD <sub>3</sub> OD; Figure 118, Table 28

### 3.11.10 Altenuic acid

Altenuic acid (33 mg) was obtained as colorless needles, soluble in DMSO.

HRESI-TOF MS	: [M+Na] <sup>+</sup> <i>m/z</i> 345.0588 (calcd for C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Na <sup>+</sup> 345.0581); Figure 123
[ $\alpha$ ] <sub>D</sub> <sup>25</sup>	: -2.2 (c 0.32, MeOH)
Melting point	: 174-175 °C
UV	: $\lambda_{\max}$ nm (log $\epsilon$ ), in methanol; Figure 125 219 (1.69), 258 (0.74), 295 (0.30)
IR	: $\nu_{\max}$ cm <sup>-1</sup> , KBr disc; Figure 124 3441, 2551, 1737, 1619, 1479, 1445, 1389, 1340, 1299, 1248, 1167, 1015, 848
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 500 MHz, in DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> ; Figures 126-127, Table 29
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 125 MHz, in DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> ; Figure 128, Table 29

### 3.11.11 2,5-Dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone

2,5-Dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone (3.1 mg) was obtained as colorless needles, soluble in methanol.

ESI-TOF MS	: [M+Na] <sup>+</sup> <i>m/z</i> 191; Figure 135
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 500 MHz, in CD <sub>3</sub> OD; Figures 136-138, Table 30
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR	: $\delta$ ppm, 125 MHz, in CD <sub>3</sub> OD; Figure 139, Table 30

### 3.12 Preparation of (R)-and (S)-MTPA esters of nodulisporin G

(R)- $\alpha$ -Methoxy- $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)-phenylacetyl chloride (20  $\mu$ l, 26  $\mu$ M) was added to 2 mg of nodulisporin G in 400  $\mu$ l dry pyridine. After being stirred at room temperature for 12 h, the mixture was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (4 x 2 ml) and washed with 1M HCl (4 x 2 ml). The  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  layer was dried with anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The residue was evaporated to dryness and purified to give S-(-)-MTPA ester. (S)- $\alpha$ -Methoxy- $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)-phenylacetyl chloride was also prepared using the same protocol to afford R-(+)-MTPA ester (Appendino *et al.*,2005).

### 3.13 Determination of azole-synergistic activity against *Candida albicans* by disk diffusion assay.

Anti-*C. albicans* activity of test sample was determined by agar diffusion assay modified from antibiotic assay described in United States Pharmacopeia 32–National Formulary 27 (2009).

*C. albicans* ATCC 90028 was grown overnight on SDA at 37°C and suspended in sterile normal saline solution (0.85% NaCl). The turbidity of yeast suspension was adjusted to match that of 50%T at 580 nm using a spectrophotometer (BioSpec-1601, Shimadzu).

The yeast inoculum was added in a final concentration of 1% into molten SDA without and with ketoconazole at a sub-inhibitory concentration (0.125  $\mu$ g/ml). The inoculated SDA (9 ml) was pipetted into 90-mm petri dish and allowed to harden. Ten  $\mu$ l of each test sample (1 mg of crude extract or 256  $\mu$ g of pure compound in DMSO) and DMSO (control) were applied to paper disks placed on the inoculated agar surface. After keeping at room temperature for 1 h, the test plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 h. The clear zone of inhibition around the disk indicating antimicrobial activity of the compound was then measured.

### 3.14 Determination of azole-synergistic activity against *Candida albicans* by TLC-contact bioautography

TLC-contact bioautographic method, modified from previously described (Narasimhachari and Ramachandran, 1967), was used to detect active component in crude extract. The test fraction (1 mg) was applied to silica gel analytical TLC plate which was further developed by a suitable solvent system ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ :MeOH = 39:1).

The assay plates were prepared as previously described in 3.13. Dried TLC plate was placed face down onto the inoculated agar surface. After keeping at room temperature for 1 h, the test plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 h. The clear inhibition zone around the chromatogram indicating antimicrobial activity of the active component was measured.

### 3.15. Determination of minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) against *Candida albicans*

Compounds exhibiting activity from disk diffusion assay were determined for their MICs against *C. albicans* by broth microdilution method as previously described (NCCLS, 2002).

Test compound was dissolved in DMSO at a concentration of 25.6 mg/ml and further diluted in RPMI 1640 to 512 µg/ml. Then, it was serially diluted two-fold to 1 µg/ml and each dilution was dispensed in a volume of 100 µl into 96-well microtitre plate. A 200-µl of RPMI 1640 and a 100-µl of RPMI 1640 containing 1% DMSO were used as a sterility control and a growth control, respectively. Nystatin was used as a positive control. The experiment was done in triplicate.

*C. albicans* ATCC 90028 was grown overnight on SDA at 37°C and suspended in sterile normal saline solution (0.85% NaCl) to yield  $1 \times 10^6$  -  $5 \times 10^6$  CFU/ml. The yeast suspension was further diluted in RPMI1640 medium to yield  $1 \times 10^3$  -  $5 \times 10^3$  CFU/ml. A 100-µl inoculum was dispensed into each well that contained 100 µl of test compound. After incubation at 37 °C for 24 h, a 20 µl aliquot of p-iodonitrotetrazolium (INT) solution (1 mg/ml) was added into each well. The assay plates were further incubated for 24 h.



Violet color which developed in each well indicated the growth of test organism. The well showing no change in color indicated anticandidal activity of the test compound.

MIC was defined as the lowest concentration that showed no visible growth of *C. albicans*.

### 3.16 Determination of azole synergistic activity against *Candida albicans* by the microdilution chequerboard technique

Microdilution chequerboard method was used to determine the interaction of test compound with azole drugs including ketoconazole, fluconazole or itraconazole, according to the method described by Sun *et al.* (2008). The final drug concentrations after addition of 100  $\mu$ L of the inoculum ranged from 256 to 4  $\mu$ g/ml for test compound and 16 to 0.25  $\mu$ g/ml for azole drugs. Plates were incubated at 37°C for 48 h, as described previously in 13.15. The experiment was done in triplicate.

Fractional inhibitory concentration (FIC) index was used to indicate the effect of the combination. FIC index is the sum of the MIC-0 (no visible growth) of each drug when used in combination divided by the MIC-0 of the drug when used alone. Synergism, indifference and antagonism were defined as FIC indices of  $\leq 0.5$ ,  $>0.5 - 4$  and  $>4$ , respectively (Odds, 2003).

## CHAPTER IV

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 4.1 Identification of the endophytic fungus *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

##### Morphological characteristics

The Aann-134 fungus grew rapidly on PDA as a pale brown velvety colony (Figure 10). The reverse side was brown. On water agar with sterilized banana-leaf pieces, the Aann-134 fungus produced light brown hyphae. Conidiophores were long, asymmetrically branched and verrucose, as shown in Figure 11. These characteristics suggested that Aann-134 should be *Nodulisporium* sp. (Ellis, 1993).

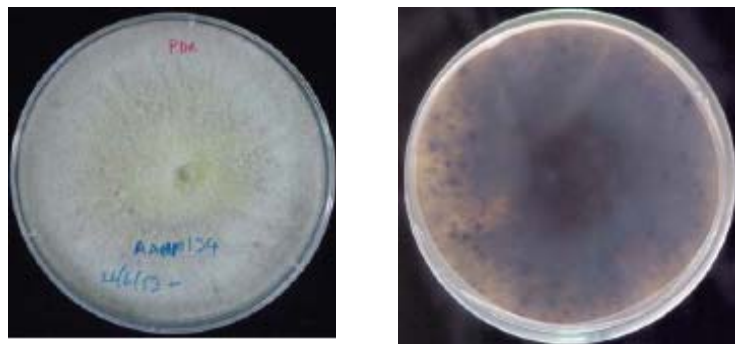


Figure 10 Colony morphology of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134 grown on PDA at 25°C for 10 days. (Left) obverse side; (Right) reverse side.

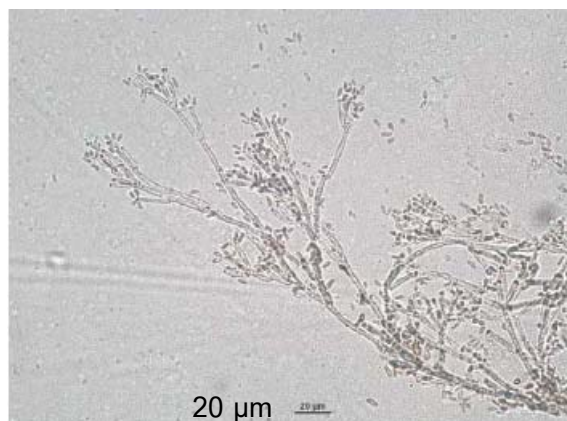


Figure 11 Microscopic morphology of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134 grown on water agar with sterilized banana-leaf pieces at 25°C for 60 days.

### DNA sequence based identification

The complete ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 DNA sequence of the endophytic fungus Aann-134 (Figure 12) was found to be perfectly matched (100% homology) with those of *Daldinia eschscholzii* strain HNY27-4C (FJ624265), isolate SUT168 (DQ322086), isolate MU 41 (AB641415) and strain KT32 (FR852577). This supported the identification of Aann-134 fungus as *Nodulisporium* sp. based on morphology as described earlier. *Nodulisporium* sp. has been known to be an anamorph of *Daldinia eschscholzii* (Farr *et al.*, 1989).

Based on morphological characteristics and nucleotide sequence of the ribosomal RNA gene region, this endophytic fungus Aann134 was identified as *Nodulisporium* sp. Culture of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann134 has been deposited at Department of Microbiology, Mahidol University, Thailand. The DNA sequence of the ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 region of this fungus has been submitted to the GenBank database with the accession number JN635501.

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**Figure 12** Nucleotide sequence of the partial 18S rRNA gene, complete ITS1 region - 5.8S rRNA gene - ITS2 region, and partial 28S rRNA gene of the endophytic fungus *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134.

#### 4.2 Identification of the endophytic fungus *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153

##### Morphological characteristics

The Tche-153 fungus grew on potato dextrose agar (PDA) as a gray cottony colony with brown diffusible pigment around the colony (Figure 13). The reverse side was brown. On water agar with sterilized banana-leaf pieces, the Tche-153 fungus produced brown catenate conidia on brown conidiophores. Conidia were obclavate with a short cylindrical beak, verrucose, with up to 8 transverse septa and a few longitudinal septa, overall length 25-49  $\mu\text{m}$  and 8-12  $\mu\text{m}$  thick in the broadest part (Figure 14). These characteristics suggested that the Tche-153 isolate should be *Alternaria alternata* (Ellis, 1993).

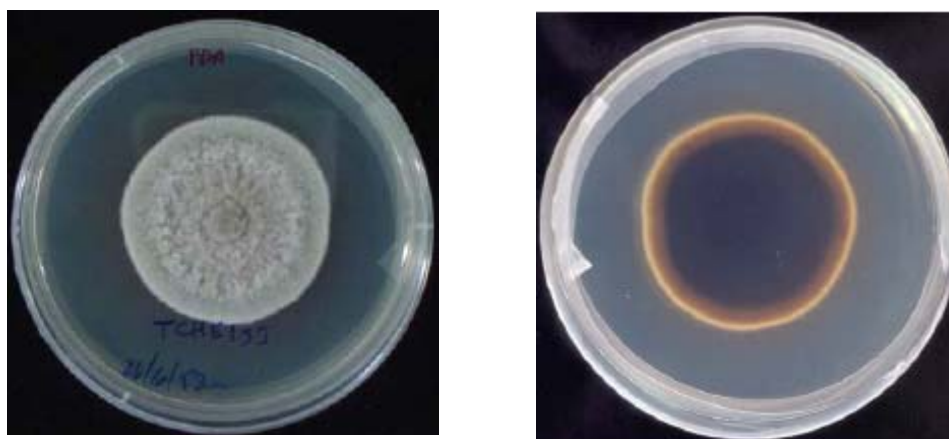
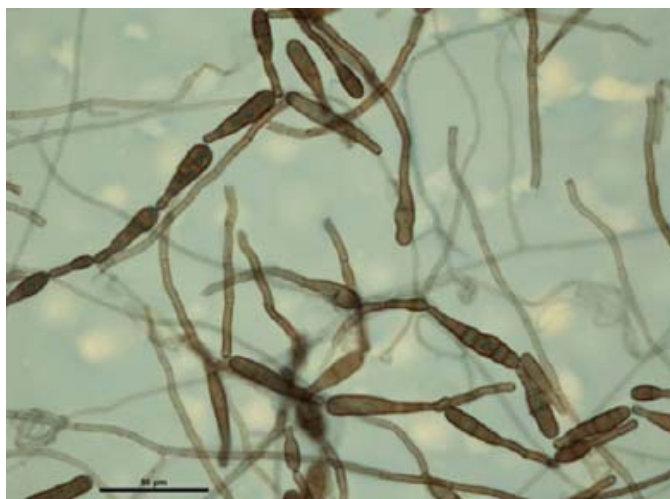


Figure 13 Colony morphology of *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153 grown on PDA at 25°C for 10 days. (Left) obverse side; (Right) reverse side.



**Figure 14** Microscopic morphology of *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153 grown on water agar with sterilized banana-leaf pieces at 25°C for 10 days.

#### DNA sequence based identification

The complete ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 DNA sequence of the endophytic fungus Tche-153 (Figure 15) was found to be perfectly matched (100% homology) with those of *A. alternata* (HM003680, GQ916545, GQ169766, DQ156341), *A. porri* (DQ156345), *A. tenuissima* (AF276656, DQ323692) and *A. longipes* (AF267137). All of the perfectly matched strains were not reference strains. Therefore, the ITS sequence data of *Alternaria* reference strains available in databases were retrieved with CLC Mainworkbench 5.6 (CLC bio A/S, Aarhus, Denmark) and aligned with that of the Tche-153 fungus. It was found that complete ITS sequence of Tche-153 showed the highest homology (99.79%) to that of *A. alternata* ATCC 28329 (AF229459) and 99.59% homology to those of *A. alternata* ATCC MYA-4642 (HQ263343), *A. alternata* ATCC 13963 (AY625056) and *A. tenuissima* ATCC 16423 (AF229476).

Based on morphological characteristics and nucleotide sequence of the ribosomal RNA gene region, this endophytic fungus Tche-153 was identified as *Alternaria alternata*. Culture of *A. alternata* Tche-153 has been deposited at Department of Microbiology, Mahidol University, Thailand. The DNA sequence of the ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 region of this fungus has been submitted to the GenBank database with the accession number JN210895.

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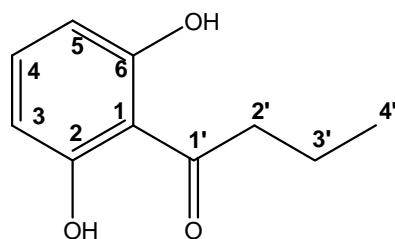
Figure 15 Nucleotide sequence of the partial 18S rRNA gene, complete ITS1 region - 5.8S rRNA gene - ITS2 region, and partial 28S rRNA gene of the endophytic fungus *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153.

#### 4.3 Structure determination of secondary metabolites isolated from the endophytic fungus *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134

The crude EtOAc extract (1 mg per disk) of *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134 primarily exhibited antifungal activity and ketoconazole-synergistic activity against *Candida albicans* with inhibition zone diameters of 7.39 and 19.31 mm, respectively. The extract was further purified by bioassay-guided fractionation using a chromatographic combination of Sephadex LH-20 and silica gel columns to afford seven compounds. Extensive analyses of NMR spectral data ( $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ ; 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY, HMQC, and HMBC) and mass spectral data in combination with literature data comparison, all seven compounds were identified as one new resorcinol derivative and three known resorcinol derivatives, two naphthalene derivatives, and phenylacetic acid.

#### 4.3.1 Structure determination of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone

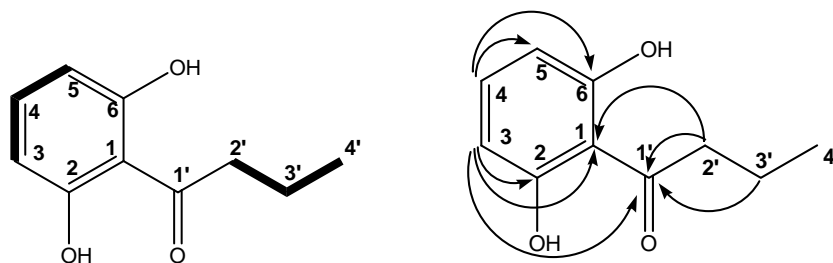
The compound was obtained as colorless needles from fraction AC019 of the EtOAc extract (0.2 % w/w yield) and fraction ACC019 of the MeOH extract (0.1% w/w yield) (Schemes 5 and 12), respectively. The low-resolution EIMS spectrum (Figure 31) showed the molecular ion peak  $[M]^{+}$  at  $m/z$  180. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 20 and Figure 35) displayed eight carbon signals which were classified by HSQC (Figure 37-38) as one methyl carbon at  $\delta$  13.88, two methylene carbons at  $\delta$  17.79 and 46.66, two aromatic methine carbon signals at  $\delta$  108.40 (2C) and 135.67, two quaternary aromatic carbon signals at  $\delta$  110.07 and 161.18 (2C), and a ketone carbonyl carbon at  $\delta$  207.87. Therefore, the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$  was proposed based on these mass spectral and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 20 and Figures 32-34) of the compound displayed typical character of a symmetrically 1,2,3-trisubstituted benzene ring at  $\delta$  6.39 (2H, *d*,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, H-3/H-5) and 7.22 (1H, *t*,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, H-4). The resorcinol moiety was proposed from the evidence of these proton signals and the downfield shifts of the oxygenated aromatic carbons at  $\delta$  161.18 (C-2/C-6). In addition, the n-butanone moiety was suggested by the ketone carbonyl carbon at  $\delta$  207.87 (C-1') and the proton signals at  $\delta$  0.99 (3H, *t*,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, H<sub>3</sub>-4'), 1.74 (2H, *h*,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, H<sub>2</sub>-3') and 3.12 (2H, *t*,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, H<sub>2</sub>-2'). Analysis of the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (Figure 36) confirmed the connectivities from H-3/H-5 to H-4 and H<sub>2</sub>-2' to H<sub>2</sub>-3' to H<sub>3</sub>-4'. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data of the compound were completely assigned from the HSQC (Figures 37-38) and the HMBC spectra (Figures 39-40) showing the long-range correlations between H-3/H-5 with C-1 ( $\delta$  110.07), C-2/C-6 and C-1'; between H-4 with C-2/C-6 and C-3/C-5 ( $\delta$  108.40); between H<sub>2</sub>-2' with C-1' and C-1, and between H<sub>2</sub>-3' with C-1', of which the location of the butan-1-one side chain was suggested at C-1 of the resorcinol ring. The HMBC long-range correlations were shown in Figure 16 and summarized in Table 20. Based upon these spectral data, the compound was identified as a resorcinol derivative 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone [20] which was previously isolated from *Nodulisporium* sp. (Dai *et al.*, 2006).



1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)butanone [20]

Table 20 NMR spectral data of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)

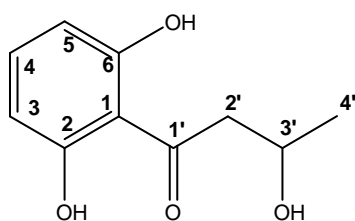
Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm), $J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ (ppm)	$^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ COSY	HMBC correlation $^1\text{H}$ to $^{13}\text{C}$
1		110.07		
2		161.18		
3	6.39 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 8.1$ )	108.40	4	1, 2, 1'
4	7.22 (1H, <i>t</i> , $J = 8.1$ )	135.67	3, 5	2/6, 3/5
5	6.39 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 8.1$ )	108.40	4	1, 6, 1'
6		161.18		
1'		207.87		
2'	3.12 (2H, <i>t</i> , $J = 7.3$ )	46.66	3'	1, 1'
3'	1.74 (2H, <i>m</i> , $J = 7.3$ )	17.79	2', 4'	1'
4'	0.99 (3H, <i>t</i> , $J = 7.3$ )	13.88	3'	
2,6-OH	9.62 (2H, <i>s</i> )			

Figure 16  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY (bold line) and key HMBC correlations (arrow) for 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



### 4.3.2 Structure determination of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone

The compound was obtained as colorless needles from fraction AC035 of the EtOAc extract (1.23 % w/w yield) (Scheme 7). The high-resolution ESI-TOF MS (Figure 41) showed the pseudomolecular ion peak  $[M+Na]^+$  at  $m/z$  219.0627 (calculated for  $C_{10}H_{12}O_4Na^+$  at  $m/z$  219.0628), consistent with the molecular formula  $C_{10}H_{12}O_4$ . The  $^{13}C$ -NMR spectrum (Table 21 and Figure 45) displayed eight carbon signals which were classified by DEPT 135 (Figure 46) as one methyl carbon signal at  $\delta$  23.1; one methylene carbon signals at  $\delta$  51.4; one oxygenated methine carbon at  $\delta$  73.72; two aromatic methine carbon signals at  $\delta$  108.99 (2C) and 136.75; two quaternary aromatic carbon signals at  $\delta$  111.53, 161.10(2C) and a ketone carbonyl carbon at  $\delta$  206.28. The  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum (Table 21 and Figures 42-44) of the compound displayed typical character of a symmetrically 1,2,3-trisubstituted benzene ring similar to the previously described resorcinol derivatives [20] at  $\delta$  6.50 (2H, *d*,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, H-3/H-5) and 7.30 (1H, *t*,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, H-4). Furthermore, one methyl proton signal at  $\delta$  1.37 (3H, *d*,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, H<sub>3</sub>-4') together with non-equivalent methylene proton signals at  $\delta$  3.20 (1H, *dd*,  $J = 16.0, 2.9$  Hz, H-2'a) and 3.35 (1H, *dd*,  $J = 16.0, 9.3$  Hz, H-2'b) and one oxygenated methine proton signal at  $\delta$  4.50 (1H, *qdd*,  $J = 9.3, 6.3, 2.9$  Hz, H-3') were consistent with a  $-CH_2-CHO-CH_3$  moiety. This moiety and the carbonyl carbon at  $\delta$  206.30 (C-1') were combined to form a 3'-hydroxybutanone side chain. Finally, a two-proton signal at  $\delta$  9.96 was assigned to two phenolic hydroxyl protons. Analysis of the  $^1H$ - $^1H$  COSY spectrum (Figure 47) confirmed the connectivities from H-3/H-5 to H-4 and H-3' to H<sub>2</sub>-2' to H<sub>3</sub>-4'. The  $^1H$ -NMR and  $^{13}C$ -NMR data of the compound were completely assigned from the HMQC spectrum (Figure 48) and the HMBC spectrum (Figure 49) showing the long-range correlations between H-3/H-5 with C-1 ( $\delta$  111.53), C-2/C-6 ( $\delta$  161.10) and C-1', of which the location of the butanone side chain was suggested at C-1 of the resorcinol ring; between H-4 with C-2, C-6; and between H<sub>2</sub>-2' and H-3' with C-1', C-4'. The HMBC long-range correlations were shown in Figure 17 and summarized in Table 21. Based upon these spectral data, the compound was identified as a resorcinol derivative 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone [19] which was previously isolated from *Nodulisporium* sp. (Dai *et al.*, 2006).



1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone [19]

Table 21 NMR Spectral data of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm), $J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ (ppm)	$^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ COSY	HMBC correlation $^1\text{H}$ to $^{13}\text{C}$
1		111.53		
2		161.10		
3	6.50 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 8.1$ )	108.99	4	1, 1', 2
4	7.30 (1H, <i>t</i> , $J = 8.1$ )	136.75	3/5	2, 6
5	6.50 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 8.1$ )	108.99	4	1, 1', 6
6		161.10		
1'		206.28		
2'	a 3.20 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 16.0, 2.9$ )	51.44	2'b	1'
	b 3.35 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 16.0, 9.3$ )		2'a, 3'	3', 1', 4'
3'	4.50 (1H, <i>qdd</i> , $J = 9.3, 6.3, 2.9$ )	66.61	2'b, 4'	1', 4'
4'	1.37 (3H, <i>d</i> , $J = 6.3$ )	23.10	3'	2', 3'
2,6-OH	10.06 (2H, <i>s</i> )			

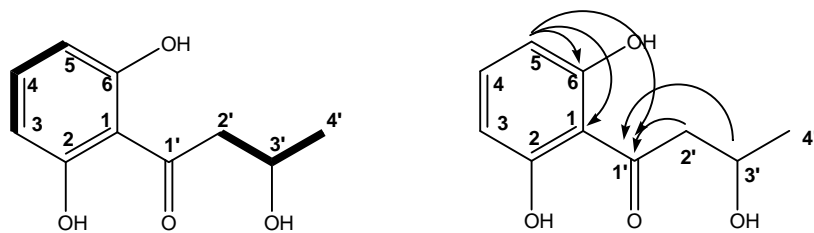


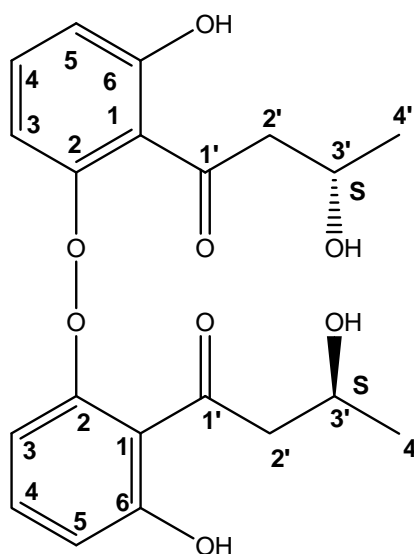
Figure 17  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY (bold line) and key HMBC correlations (arrow) for 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

### 4.3.3 Structure determination of nodulisporin G

The compound was obtained as a viscous oil from fraction ACC007-4 of the EtOAc/MeOH extract (0.22 % w/w yield) (Scheme 10). The high resolution ESI-TOF-MS (Figure 50) showed the pseudomolecular ion  $[M+Na]^+$   $m/z$  413.2663 (calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{22}O_8Na^+$  413.1207), consistent with the molecular formula  $C_{20}H_{22}O_8$ . The UV spectrum showed bands at 221, 271 and 346 nm (Figure 52). The IR spectrum displayed bands at 3441, 1737, and 1619  $cm^{-1}$  (Figure 51) characteristic for hydroxyl group and carbonyl group, respectively. The  $^{13}C$ -NMR spectrum (Table 22 and Figure 57) showing only ten carbon signals implying the symmetric character of the structure. The carbon signals were classified by DEPT 135 (Figure 58) as one methyl carbon at  $\delta$  19.79 (C-4'); one methylene carbon at  $\delta$  42.78 (C-2'); one oxygenated methine carbon at  $\delta$  72.77 (C-3'); three methine aromatic carbons at  $\delta$  106.26 (C-3), 108.12 (C-5), and 137.11 (C-4); one quaternary aromatic carbon at  $\delta$  106.99 (C-1); two oxygenated quaternary aromatic carbons at  $\delta$  160.66 (C-2) and 161.07 (C-6), and one ketone carbon at  $\delta$  197.46 (C-1'). The  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum (Table 22 and Figure 53-56) in  $CDCl_3$  displayed a character of the asymmetrically 1,2,3-trisubstituted benzene ring different from the previously described resorcinol derivatives [19] at  $\delta$  6.34 (1H, *dd*,  $J = 8.3, 1.0$  Hz, H-5), 6.40 (1H, *dd*,  $J = 8.3, 1.0$  Hz, H-3), and 7.26 (1H, *t*,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, H-4). Furthermore, one methyl proton signal at  $\delta$  1.42 (3H, *d*,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, H<sub>3</sub>-4') together with non-equivalent methylene proton signals at  $\delta$  2.65 (1H, *dd*,  $J = 17.2, 3.5$  Hz, H-2'a) and 2.57 (1H, *dd*,  $J = 17.1, 12.2$  Hz, H-2'b) and one oxygenated methine proton signal at  $\delta$  4.47 (1H, *qdd*,  $J = 6.2, 3.5, 12.2$  Hz, H-3') were consistent with a  $-CH_2-CHO-CH_3$  moiety. This moiety and the carbonyl carbon at  $\delta$  197.46 (C-1') were combined to form a 3'-hydroxybutanone side chain. Finally, a one-proton singlet at  $\delta$  11.63 was assigned to a phenolic proton. Analysis of the  $^1H$ - $^1H$  COSY (Figure 59) spectrum confirmed the connectivities from H-3 to H-4 to H-5 and H-3' to H<sub>2</sub>-2' to H<sub>3</sub>-4'. The  $^1H$ -NMR and  $^{13}C$ -NMR data were completely assigned from the HMQC spectrum (Figure 60) and the HMBC spectrum (Figures 61-64) showing the following long-range correlations between H-3 with C-1 ( $\delta$  106.99), C-2 ( $\delta$  160.66), C-5 ( $\delta$  108.12) and C-1'; between H-4 with C-2 ( $\delta$  160.66) and C-6 ( $\delta$  161.07); between H-5 with C-1 ( $\delta$  106.99), C-3 ( $\delta$  106.26), and C-

6 ( $\delta$  161.10), between H<sub>2</sub>-2' with C-1, C-1', C-3' and C-4'; between H<sub>3</sub>-4' with C-1', C-3'; and between 6-OH with C-1, C-4, C-5, and C-6. The long-range correlation between H<sub>2</sub>-2' with C-1 confirmed the 3'-hydroxybutanone substituting at C-1 of the resorcinol nucleus. According to the structural symmetry, these data were accounted for 2 symmetrical units of C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. The HMBC long-range correlations were shown in Figure 18 and summarized in Table 22. Finally, the two units were proposed to connect through a peroxide bridge based on the different chemical shifts of the oxygenated quaternary aromatic carbons at  $\delta$  160.66 (C-2) and 161.07 (C-6). From the described evidence, the compound was identified as a new dimeric resorcinol compound, for which the trivial name nodulisporin G [62] was proposed.

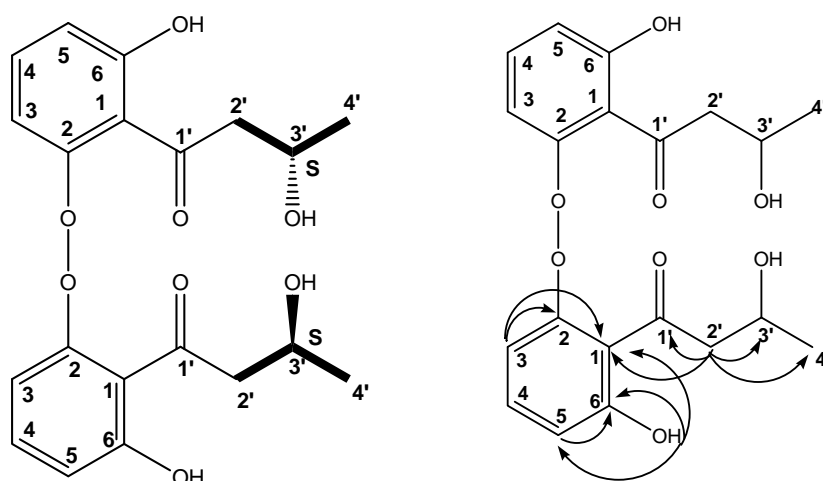
The absolute configuration of the hydroxybutanone chain at C-3' was assigned using the modified Mosher's method (Appendino *et al.*, 2005). Reaction of nodulisporin G with Mosher's reagents, (*R*)- and (*S*)-methoxytrifluoromethylphenylacetic (MTPA) chloride yielded the (*S*)-MTPA ester [62S] and (*R*)-MTPA ester [62R], respectively. The difference in chemical shift values ( $\Delta\delta_{SR}$ ) of the corresponding protons in the diastereomeric esters, (*S*)-MTPA ester [62S] and (*R*)-MTPA ester [62R], led to the assignment of the *S* absolute configuration for C-3' (Figure 19).



Nodulisporin G [62]

Table 22 NMR Spectral data of nodulisporin G (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)

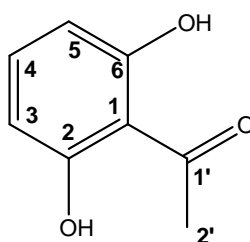
Position	$\delta$ H (ppm), J (Hz)	$\delta$ C (ppm)	<sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H COSY	HMBC correlation <sup>1</sup> H to <sup>13</sup> C
1		106.99		
2		160.66		
3	6.34 (2H, <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.3, 1.0)	106.26	4	1, 2, 5, 1'
4	7.26 (2H, <i>t</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.3)	137.11	3, 5	2, 6
5	6.40 (2H, <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.3, 1.0)	108.12	4	1, 3, 6
6		161.07		
1'		197.46		
2'	a 2.65 (2H, <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 17.1, 12.2)	42.78	3'	1, 1', 3', 4'
	b 2.57 (2H, <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 17.1, 3.5)			
3'	4.47 (2H, <i>qdd</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.3, 3.5, 12.2)	72.77	2', 4'	
4'	1.42 (6H, <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.3)	19.79	3'	2', 3'
6OH	11.63 (1H, <i>s</i> )			1, 5, 6

Figure 18 <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY (bold line) and key HMBC correlations (arrow) for nodulisporin G.



#### 4.3.4 Structure determination of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone

The compound was obtained as colorless needles from fraction AC026 of the EtOAc extract (0.09 % w/w yield) and fraction ACC014 of the MeOH extract (0.07 % w/w yield) (Schemes 6 and 11). The low-resolution ESI-TOF MS (Figure 73) showed the pseudomolecular ion peak  $[M+H]^+$  at  $m/z$  153. The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (Figures 74-75) and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (Figure 76) spectra showed characteristic signals of a symmetrically 1,2,3-trisubstituted benzene ring similar to those of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxy-phenyl)butanone [20] at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.39 (2H, *d*,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, H-3/H-5) /  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  108.31 (C-3/C-5),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.25 (1H, *t*,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, H-4) /  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  135.98 (C-4),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  161.27 (C-2/C-6), and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  110.23 (C-1). The remaining signals observed at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.73 (3H, *s*, H<sub>3</sub>-2') /  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  33.43 and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  205.15 were ascribed for an acetyl moiety. The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  data of the compound were completely assigned from the HSQC spectrum (Figure 77) and the HMBC spectrum (Figures 78-80) which showed the following long-range correlations between H-3/H-5 with C-1, C-2/C-6, and C-1'; between H-4 with C-2/C6; and between H<sub>3</sub>-2' with C-1 and C-1'. The long-range correlation between H<sub>3</sub>-2' and C-1 indicated that the acetyl moiety attached to the aromatic nucleus at C-1. The NMR data of the compound were summarized in Table 25. Based upon these spectral data, the compound having the molecular formula  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$  was identified as a resorcinol derivative 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone [60]. The HMBC long-range correlations were shown in Figure 20 and summarized in Table 23.



1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone [60]

Table 23 NMR spectral data of 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm), $J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ (ppm)	HMBC correlation $^1\text{H}$ to $^{13}\text{C}$
1		110.23	
2		161.27	
3	6.39 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 8.0$ )	108.31	1, 2, 1'
4	7.25 (1H, <i>t</i> , $J = 8.0$ )	135.98	2, 6
5	6.39 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 8.0$ )	108.31	1, 6, 1'
6		161.27	
1'		205.15	
2'	2.73 (2H, <i>s</i> )	33.43	1, 1'
2,6-OH	9.49 (2H, <i>s</i> )		

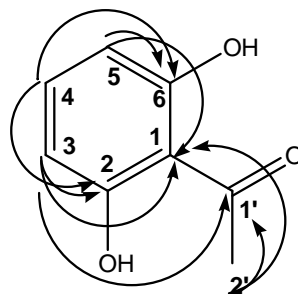


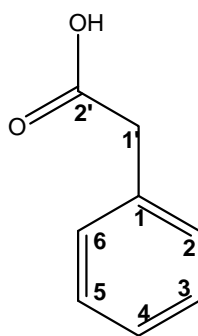
Figure 20 Key HMBC correlations (arrow) for 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone

#### 4.3.5 Structure determination of phenylacetic acid

The compound was obtained as colorless needles from fraction AC045 of the EtOAc extract (0.14 % w/w yield) (Scheme 7). The low-resolution ESI-TOF MS spectrum (Figure 81) showed the pseudomolecular ion peak  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  at  $m/z$  137. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 24 and Figure 84) displayed six carbon signals which were classified by correlations in the HSQC spectrum (Figures 85-86) as belonging to one methylene carbon at  $\delta$  40.86, five aromatic methine carbons at  $\delta$  129.35 (2C), 128.65 (2C) and 127.35, one quaternary aromatic carbon at  $\delta$  133.26, and a carbonyl carbon at  $\delta$



176.66. The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum (Table 24 and Figures 82-83) displayed typical characteristic of a monosubstituted benzene ring at  $\delta$  7.28-7.33 (5H). The acetic acid moiety was ascribed by the carbonyl carbon signal at  $\delta$  176.66 (C-2') and a two-proton singlet at  $\delta$  3.65 (2H, s, H-1'). The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  data were completely assigned from the HSQC spectrum (Figures 85-86) and the HMBC spectrum (Figures 87-88) which showed the long-range correlations between H-2/H-6 with C-1, C-4, and C-1'; between H-3/H-5 with C-1; between H-4 with C-2/C6; and between H<sub>2</sub>-1' with C-1, C-2/C-6, and C-2'. The last set of long-range correlations indicated that the acetic acid moiety attached to the aromatic nucleus at C-1. Its NMR data were summarized in Table 26. Based upon these spectral data, the compound having the molecular formula  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$  was identified as phenylacetic acid [61]. The HMBC long-range correlations were shown in Figure 21 and summarized in Table 24.



Phenylacetic acid [61]

Table 24 NMR Spectral data of phenylacetic acid (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm), <i>J</i> (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ (ppm)	HMBC correlation <sup>1</sup> H to <sup>13</sup> C
1		133.26	
2	7.28-7.33 (5H)	129.35	1, 1', 4
3		128.65	1
4		127.35	2, 6
5		128.65	1
6		129.35	1, 1', 4
1'	3.65 (2H, s)	40.86	1, 2, 6, 2'
2'		176.66	

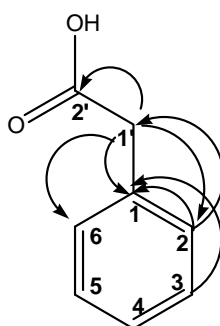
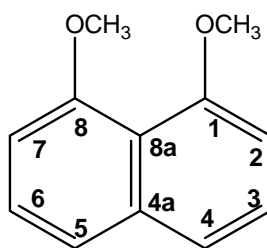


Figure 21 Key HMBC correlations (arrow) for phenylacetic acid

#### 4.3.6 Structure determination of 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene

The compound was obtained as colorless needles from fraction AC002 of the EtOAc extract (0.12 % w/w yield), fraction ACC002 of the hexane extract (0.12% w/w yield) and fraction ACC007 of the MeOH extract (0.2% w/w yield) (Schemes 4, 8 and 9), respectively. Its low-resolution EIMS (Figure 89) showed the molecular ion peak  $[M]^{+\bullet}$  at  $m/z$  188. Its <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum (Table 25 and Figure 92) showed seven signals which were classified by DEPT 135 (Figure 93) as a methyl carbon signal at  $\delta$  55.44 (2 C); three aromatic methine carbon signals at  $\delta$  105.23, 119.83 and 125.32 (each one representing, 2C); and three quaternary carbon signals at  $\delta$  116.63, 156.10 (2 C) and 156.38. Based on the above mass spectral and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data, its molecular formula

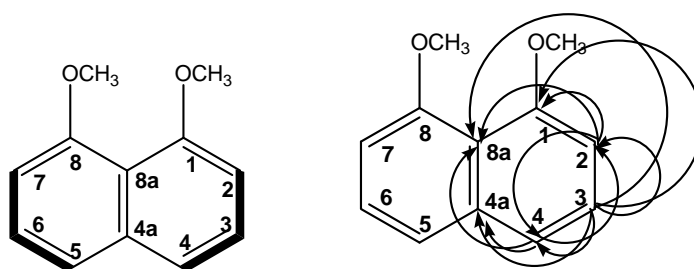
$C_{12}H_{12}O_2$  was determined. Its  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum (Table 25 and Figures 90-91) displayed typical characteristic of the 1,2,3-trisubstituted benzene moiety at  $\delta$  6.78 (2H, *dd*,  $J = 8.2, 1.3$  Hz, H-2/H-7), 7.28 (2H, *t*,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, H-3/H-6) and 7.32 (1H, *dd*,  $J = 8.2, 1.3$  Hz, H-4/H-5). The proton singlet at  $\delta$  3.78 was readily assigned to two methoxy protons at (1-OCH<sub>3</sub>/8-OCH<sub>3</sub>). The  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR data accounted for only half of the carbon and hydrogen compositions given by the molecular formula, demonstrating that the compound possess a highly symmetrical structure. Analysis of its  $^1H$ - $^1H$  COSY (Figure 94) spectrum established the connectivity from H-4 to H-3 to H-2; and H-5 to H-6 to H-7. The  $^1H$ -NMR and  $^{13}C$ -NMR data of the compound (Table 25) were completely assigned from the HMQC spectrum (Figure 95) and the HMBC spectrum (Figure 96) showing long-range correlations between H-2/H-7 with C-1/C-8 ( $\delta$  156.10), C-4/C-5 ( $\delta$  119.83) and C-8a ( $\delta$  116.63); between H-3/H-6 with C-1/C-8, C-2/C-7 ( $\delta$  105.23), C-4/C-5, and C-4a ( $\delta$  156.38) and between OCH<sub>3</sub> with C-1/C-8. The later correlation indicated that the two methoxy groups should be placed at C-1 and C-8. The long-range correlations from the HMBC spectrum were illustrated in Figure 22 and summarized in Table 25. Based upon these spectral data, the compound was identified as 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene [18] which was previously isolated from *Nodulisporium* sp. (Dai *et al.*, 2006).



1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene [17]

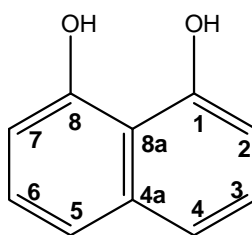
Table 25 NMR Spectral data of 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm), $J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ (ppm)	$^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ COSY	HMBC correlation $^1\text{H}$ to $^{13}\text{C}$
1		156.10		
2	6.78 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.2, 1.3$ )	105.23	3, 4	1, 4, 8a
3	7.28 (1H, <i>t</i> , $J = 8.2$ )	125.32		1, 2, 4, 4a
4	7.32 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.2, 1.3$ )	119.83	3, 2	2, 4a, 8a
5	7.32 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.2, 1.3$ )	119.83	6, 7	7, 4a, 8a
6	7.28 (1H, <i>t</i> , $J = 8.2$ )	125.32		8, 7, 5, 4a
7	6.78 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.2, 1.3$ )	105.23	6, 5	8, 5, 8a
8		156.10		
4a		156.38		
8a		116.63		
1 OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.78	55.44		1
8 OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.78	55.44		8

Figure 22  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY (bold line) and key HMBC (arrow) correlations for 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene

#### 4.3.7 Structure determination of 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene

The compound was obtained as colorless needles from fraction ACC015 in 0.18 % w/w yield of the MeOH extract (Scheme 11). Its low-resolution ESI-TOF MS (Figure 97) showed the pseudomolecular ion peak  $[M+H]^+$  at  $m/z$  161. The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (Figures 98-99) and 125 MHz  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (Figure 100) spectra of compound ACC015 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  closely resembled those of AC002 with characteristic of 1,2,3-trisubstituted benzene ring at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.78 (2H, *dd*,  $J = 8.2, 0.9$  Hz, H-2/H-7) /  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  109.35 (C-2/C-7);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.28 (2H, *t*,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, H-3/H-6) /  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  126.68 (C-3/C-6);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.36 (2H, *dd*,  $J = 8.2, 0.8$  Hz, H-4/H-5) /  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  120.46 (C-4/C-5),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  152.76 (C-1/C-8),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  114.52 (C-8a), and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  137.01 (C-4a). The main difference was the absence of the methoxyl groups and the presence hydroxyl proton at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.63. The proton singlet at  $\delta$  7.63 was readily assigned to two hydroxy protons at 1-OH/8-OH. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data accounted for only a part of the carbon and hydrogen compositions given by the molecular formula. This observation demonstrated that the compound was a highly symmetrical structure. Analysis of its  $^1\text{H-}^1\text{H}$  COSY (Figure 101) spectrum recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  established the connectivity from H-3/H-6 to H-4/H-5 to H-2/H-7. The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  data of the compound (Table 26) were completely assigned from the HSQC spectrum (Figure 102) and the HMBC spectrum (Figure 103-105) showing long-range correlations between H-2/H-7 with C-1/C-8 ( $\delta$  156.10), C-4/C-5 and C-8a; between H-3/H-6 with C-1/C-8, C-2/C-7, C-4/C-5, and C-4a; between H-4/H-5 with C-1/C-8, C-2/C-7, C-4a, and C-8a; and between OH with C-1/C-8, C-2/C-7. The later correlation indicated that the two hydroxyl groups should be placed at C-1 and C-8. The long-range correlations from the HMBC spectrum were illustrated in Figure 23 and summarized in Table 26. Based upon these spectral data, the compound was identified as 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene [63] which was previously isolated from *Papulaspora immerse* H. (Gallo *et al.*, 2010).



1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene [63]

Table 26 NMR Spectral data of 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm), $J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ (ppm)	<sup>1</sup> H- <sup>1</sup> H COSY	HMBC correlation <sup>1</sup> H to <sup>13</sup> C
1		152.76		
2	6.78 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.2, 0.9$ )	109.35	3/6	1, 4, 8a
3	7.28 (1H, <i>t</i> , $J = 8.2$ )	126.68	4/5,2	1, 2, 4, 4a
4	7.36 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.2, 0.9$ )	120.46	3/6	2, 4a, 8a
5	7.36 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.2, 0.9$ )	120.46	3/6	7, 4a, 8a
6	7.28 (1H, <i>t</i> , $J = 8.2$ )	126.68	4/5,2	8, 7, 5, 4a
7	6.78 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.2, 0.9$ )	109.35	3/6	8, 5, 8a
8		152.76		
4a		137.01		
8a		114.52		
1-OH	7.63			1/8
8-OH	7.63			1/8

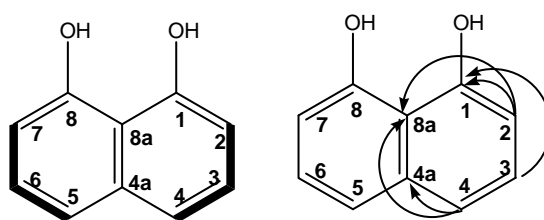


Figure 23 <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY (bold line) and key HMBC (arrow) correlations for 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene

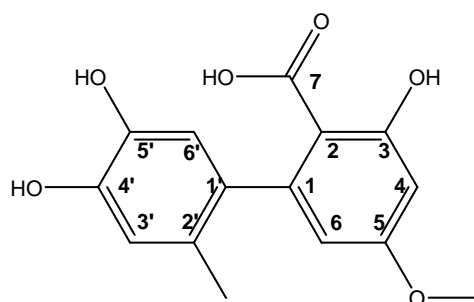
#### 4.4 Structure determination of secondary metabolites isolated from the endophytic fungus *Alternaria alternata* Tche-153

The crude EtOAc extract (1 mg per disk) of the fungal endophyte *A. alternata* Tche-153 primarily exhibited ketoconazole-synergistic activity against *C. albicans* with an inhibition zone diameter of 23.59 mm. The extract was further purified by bioassay-guided fractionation using a chromatographic combination of Sephadex LH-20 and silica gel columns to afford four compounds. Extensive analyses of NMR spectral data ( $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ ; 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY, HMQC, and HMBC) and mass spectral data in combination with literature data comparison, led to the identification of four isolated compounds as three salicylic acid derivatives altenusin, isochracinic acid and altenuic acid and a chromone derivative, 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone, respectively.

##### 4.4.1 Structure determination of altenusin

The compound was obtained as reddish prisms from fraction TS052 of the EtOAc extract (0.1% w/w yield) (Scheme 16). The low-resolution EIMS spectrum (Figure 106) showed the molecular ion peak  $[\text{M}]^+$  at  $m/z$  290. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 27 and Figure 109) displayed fifteen carbon signals of two methyl carbons at  $\delta$  19.50 and 56.00, four aromatic methine carbon signals at  $\delta$  101.00, 111.00, 117.00 and 118.00, nine quaternary aromatic carbon signals at  $\delta$  107.00, 127.50, 135.50, 143.00, 145.00, 148.00, 165.00, 166.00 and 175.00 ppm. The low-field signal at  $\delta$  175.00 can be assigned to the carbon atom of a carboxyl group. This was further confirmed by the presence of a fragment ion at  $m/z$  244  $[\text{M}-\text{CO}_2-\text{H}]^+$  in the positive EI-MS. Therefore, the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_6$  was proposed based on these mass spectral and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 27 and Figures 107-108) displayed six signals at  $\delta$  1.90 (3H, s,  $\text{H}_3$ -2'), 3.80 (3H, s, 5-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.11 (1H, d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, H-6), 6.37 (1H, d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz H-4), 6.43 (1H, s, H-6'), 6.52 (1H, s, H-3'), aromatic methine proton at  $\delta$  6.11 (1H, d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz, H-6) *meta*-coupled to another aromatic proton at  $\delta$  6.37 (1H, d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz H-4). Two aromatic singlets at  $\delta$  6.52 and 6.43 were assigned to H-6' and H-3', respectively. A methoxy signal was seen at  $\delta$  3.80 and an aromatic methyl at  $\delta$  1.90. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data of the compound were completely assigned from the

HMQC spectrum (Figure 110) and the HMBC spectrum (Figures 111-114) showing the long-range correlations between H-4 with C-2 ( $\delta$  107.00), C-3 ( $\delta$  166.0), C-5 ( $\delta$  165.0) and C-6 ( $\delta$  111.0); between H-6 with C-2, C-4, ( $\delta$  101.0), between 5-OCH<sub>3</sub> with C-5, respectively, thereby establishing the structure of one aromatic ring. Furthermore, from the correlations of the aromatic methyl group 2'-CH<sub>3</sub> with C-1' ( $\delta$  135.5), C-3' ( $\delta$  118.0) and C-2' ( $\delta$  127.5), between H-6' with C-4' ( $\delta$  145.0) and C-2' and between H-3' with C-1' and C-5' ( $\delta$  143.0), respectively, the structure of the second aromatic ring was deduced. The correlation of H-6 with C-1' and H-6' with C-1 ( $\delta$  148.0), established the C1-C1' bond between both rings. The long-range correlations from the HMBC spectrum were shown in Figure 24 and summarized in Table 29. Based upon these spectral data, the compound was identified as a salicylic acid derivative altenusin (3,4',5'-trihydroxy-5-methoxy-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid) [43] which was previously isolated from *Alternaria* sp. (Aly *et al.*, 2008 a; Cota *et al.*, 2008); *Penicillium* (Nakanishi *et al.*, 1995).



Altenusin [43]



Table 27 NMR spectral data of altenusin in (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz)

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm), $J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ (ppm)	HMBC correlation $^1\text{H}$ to $^{13}\text{C}$
1		148.00	
2		107.00	
3		165.90	
4	6.37 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 2.7$ )	101.00	2, 3, 5, 6
5		165.00	
6	6.11 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 2.7$ )	111.00	2, 4, 1'
7		175.00	
1'		135.50	
2'		127.5	
3'	6.52 (1H, <i>s</i> )	118.00	1', 5'
4'		145.00	
5'		143.00	
6'	6.43 (1H, <i>s</i> )	117.00	1, 2', 4'
2'-CH <sub>3</sub>	1.90 (3H, <i>s</i> )	19.50	1', 2', 3'
5-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.80 (3H, <i>s</i> )	56.00	5

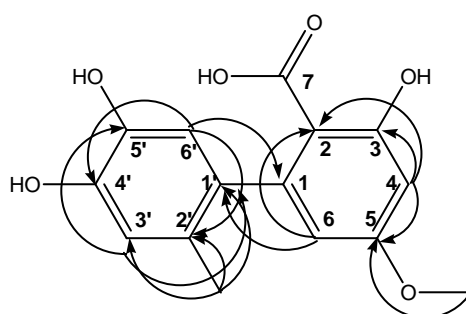
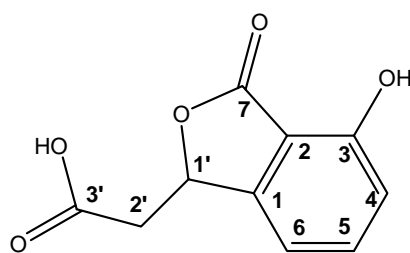


Figure 24 Key HMBC correlations (arrow) for altenusin [43]

#### 4.4.2 Structure determination of isochracinic acid

The compound was obtained as a colorless solid from fraction TS017 of the EtOAc extract (in 0.07% w/w yield) (Scheme 14). The low-resolution ESI-TOF MS (Figure 115) showed the pseudomolecular ion peak  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  at  $m/z$  231. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR

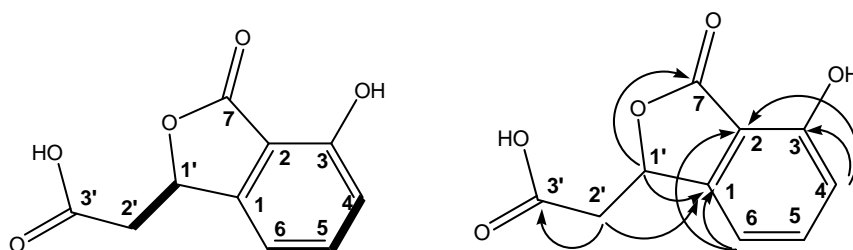
spectrum (Table 28 and Figure 118) displayed ten carbon signals which were classified by DEPT 135 (Figure 119) as one methylene carbon at  $\delta$  40.23; four methine carbon signals at  $\delta$  78.67, 113.92, 117.02 and 137.74; and five quaternary carbon signals at  $\delta$  112.56, 152.47, 158.31, 171.31 and 172.87. The low-field signals at  $\delta$  = 171.31 and 172.87 were assigned to the carbonyl carbons of a lactone group (C-7) and a carboxyl group (C-3') respectively. The low-field signal at  $\delta$  78.67 was assigned to an oxygenated carbon atom (C-1'). Therefore, the molecular formula  $C_{10}H_8O_5$  having seven degrees of unsaturation, was proposed based on these mass spectra and  $^{13}C$ -NMR data. The  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum (Table 28 and Figures 116-117) displayed a typical characteristic of a 1,2,3-trisubstituted aromatic ring by the signals at  $\delta$  6.85 (1H, *dd*,  $J$  = 8.1, 0.6 Hz, H-4), 7.02 (1H, *dd*,  $J$  = 7.7, 0.6 Hz, H-6) and 7.52 (1H, *dd*,  $J$  = 8.1, 7.7 Hz, H-5). The ABX system of the aliphatic protons was observed at  $\delta$  2.75 (1H, *dd*,  $J$  = 16.7, 7.9 Hz, H-2'a); 3.00 (1H, *dd*,  $J$  = 16.7, 4.9 Hz, H-2'b) and 5.77 (1H, *dd*,  $J$  = 7.9, 4.9 Hz, H-1'), Analysis of the  $^1H$ - $^1H$  COSY spectrum (Figure 120) confirmed the connectivity from H-1' to H-2'a and H-2'b, and H-6 to H-5 and H-4 as shown in Figure 24. The  $^1H$ -NMR and  $^{13}C$ -NMR data were completely assigned from the HMQC spectrum (Figure 121) and the HMBC spectrum (Figure 122) showing the long-range correlations in the aromatic ring between H-6 with C-1 ( $\delta$  152.47), C-5 ( $\delta$  137.74), C-4 ( $\delta$  117.02), and C-2 ( $\delta$  112.56); H-5 with C-1, C-4, and C-3 ( $\delta$  158.31); and H-4 with C-6 ( $\delta$  113.96), C-3, and C-2. Moreover, the HMBC correlations between H-1' with C-7 ( $\delta$  171.36), C-1 and H-2' with C-1' ( $\delta$  78.87), C-1 and C-3' ( $\delta$  172.87) indicated the attachment of a  $\gamma$ -lactone ring to the aromatic ring, and the carboxylic moiety to C-2', respectively. The long-range correlations from the HMBC spectrum were shown in Figure 25 and summarized in Table 28. Based upon these spectral data, compound TS017 was identified as a salicylic derivative isochracinic acid [54] which was previously isolated from *Alternaria kikuchiana* and *Mycosphaerella fijiensis* (Kameda and Namiki, 1947; Stierle *et al.*, 1991).



isochracinic acid [54]

Table 28 NMR Spectral data of isochracinic acid (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz)

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm), J(Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ (ppm)	$^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ COSY	HMBC correlation $^1\text{H}$ to $^{13}\text{C}$
1		152.47		
2		112.56		
3		158.31		
4	6.85 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.1, 0.6$ )	117.02	5	2, 3, 6
5	7.52 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.1, 7.7$ )	137.74	4, 6	1, 3, 4
6	7.02 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 7.7, 0.6$ )	113.96	5	1, 2, 4, 5
7		171.36		
1'	5.77 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 7.9, 4.9$ )	78.87	2'a, 2'b	1, 7
2'	a) 2.75 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 16.7, 7.9$ )	40.23	1'	1, 1', 3'
	b) 3.00 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 16.7, 4.9$ )		1'	1, 1', 3'
3'-COOH		172.87		

Figure 25  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY (bold line) and key HMBC correlations (arrow) for isochracinic acid.

#### 4.4.3 Structure determination of 1'R\*,4'S\*-altenuic acid

The compound was obtained as colorless needles from fractions TS018-TS020 of the EtOAc extract (0.33 % w/w yield) (Scheme 14). The high resolution ESI-TOF-MS spectrum (Figure 123) showed the pseudomolecular ion peak  $[M+Na]^+$  at  $m/z$  345.0588  $[M+Na]^+$  (calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{14}O_8Na$ , 345.0581). The UV spectrum (Figure 125) showed bands at 219, 258 and 295 nm while the IR spectrum (Figure 124) displayed bands at 3441 (broad), 1737, and 1619  $cm^{-1}$  characteristic for carboxylic hydroxy group and carbonyl groups, respectively. The  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum (Table 29 and Figures 126-127) displayed two meta-coupled aromatic protons  $\delta$  6.45 (1H, *d*,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-4) and 6.78 (1H, *d*,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-6) indicating a tetra-substituted aromatic ring, methyl protons at  $\delta$  1.69 (3H, *s*,  $H_3-7'$ ), methoxy protons at  $\delta$  3.80 (3H, *s*, 5-OCH<sub>3</sub>), two pairs of methylenes proton at  $\delta$  2.50 (1H, *d*,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, H-5'a), 2.76 (1H, *d*,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, H-5'b) and 2.95 (1H, *d*,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, H-2'a), 3.79 (1H, *d*,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, H-2'b); and one hydroxyl proton at  $\delta$  10.97. The  $^{13}C$ -NMR spectrum (Table 29 and Figure 128) displayed fifteen carbon signals which were classified by DEPT 135 (Figure 129) as one methyl carbon at  $\delta$  21.86 ( $H_3-7'$ ) and one methoxyl carbon at  $\delta$  56.02 (5-OCH<sub>3</sub>); two methylene carbons at  $\delta$  39.0 ( $H_2-5'$ ) and 40.6 ( $H_2-2'$ ); two oxygenated quaternary carbons at  $\delta$  88.07 (C-4'), 88.79 (C-1'); two aromatic methine carbons at  $\delta$  101.10 (C-6) and 102.15 (C-4); two aromatic quaternary carbons at  $\delta$  105.15 (C-2) and 149.23 (C-1); two oxygenated aromatic quaternary carbons at  $\delta$  158.17 (C-3) and 165.26 (C-5); and carbonyl carbons at  $\delta$  165.75, 169.95 and 172.25. The  $^1H$ -NMR and  $^{13}C$ -NMR data of the compound were completely assigned from the HMQC spectrum (Figure 130) and the HMBC spectrum (Figures 131-134) showing the long-range correlations between H-4 with C-2, C-3, C-5, and C-6 as well as H-6 with C-2, C-4, and C-5, the aromatic hydroxyl group to C-2, C-3, and C-4, the methoxyl proton with C-5, thereby establishing the structure of the tetrasubstituted aromatic ring. Furthermore, HMBC correlations between the nonequivalent methylene protons  $H_2-2'$  with C-1', C-3', and C-4' together with the nonequivalent methylene protons  $H_2-5'$  with C-1', C-4', and C-6' and  $7'-CH_3$  with C-1', C-

4', and C-5' were observed. Based upon these spectral data, three structures (A, B, and C) were possible as shown below.

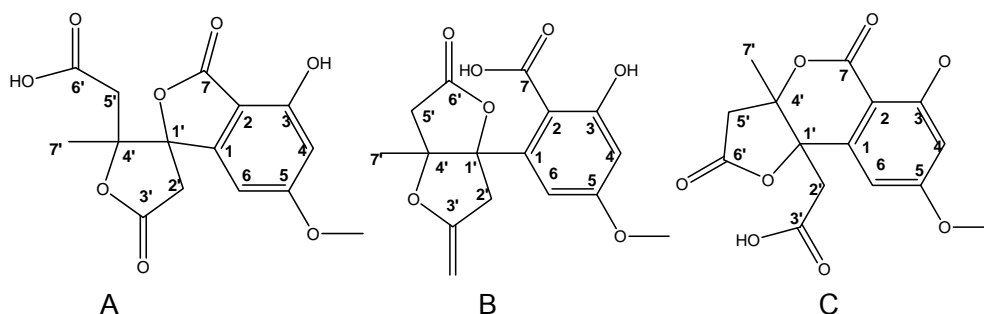


Table 29 NMR Spectral data of altenuic acid in (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)

Position	$\delta_H$ (ppm),J(Hz)	$\delta_C$ (ppm)	$^1H$ - $^1H$ COSY	HMBC correlation $^1H$ to $^{13}C$
1		149.23		
2		105.15		
3		158.17		
4	6.45 (1H, <i>d</i> , J = 2.0)	102.15	6	2, 6, 5, 3
5		165.75		
6	6.78 (1H, <i>d</i> , J = 2.0)	101.10	4	2, 5, 4, 1'
7		165.26		
5-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.80 (3H, <i>s</i> )	56.02		5
1'		88.79		
2'	a 2.95 (1H, <i>d</i> , J = 18.0)	40.6	2'b	1', 3', 4'
	b 3.79 (1H, <i>d</i> , J = 18.0)		2'a	1, 3'
3'		172.25		
4'		88.07		
5'	a 2.50 (1H, <i>d</i> , J = 16.0)	39.0	5'b	4', 6', 7'
	b 2.76 (1H, <i>d</i> , J = 16.0)		5'a	1', 4', 6'
6'-COOH		169.95		
7'	1.69 (3H, <i>s</i> )	21.86		1', 4', 5'
3-OH	10.97 (OH)			2, 3, 4

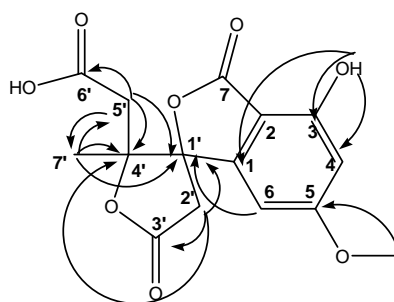


Figure 26 Key HMBC correlations (arrow) for altenuic acid

Chemical structure of the compound could not be assembled by analysis of NMR data, therefore a single crystal of the compound was prepared for X-ray crystallographic analysis. The compound crystallized in the Monoclinic space group  $C2/C$  unit cell dimensions:  $a = 27.606 (7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 6.2710 (14) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 18.701 (6) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 90.00$ ,  $\beta = 114.98 (2)$ ,  $\gamma = 90.00$ , volume =  $2934.6 (14) \text{ \AA}^3$ . The structure and the relative configuration were finally solved by X-ray crystallographic analysis, and molecular packing as shown in Figure 26. The compound was identified as  $1'R^*,4'S^*$ -altenuic acid [53]. Altenuic acids were previously obtained as a mixture of altenuic acids I, II, and III form (Rosett *et al.*, 1957), Altenuic acid II was later identified as  $1'S,4'S$ -altenuic acid (Williams & Thomas, 1973).

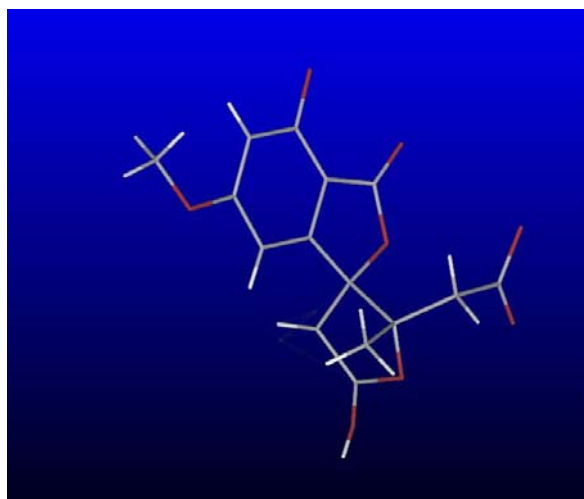
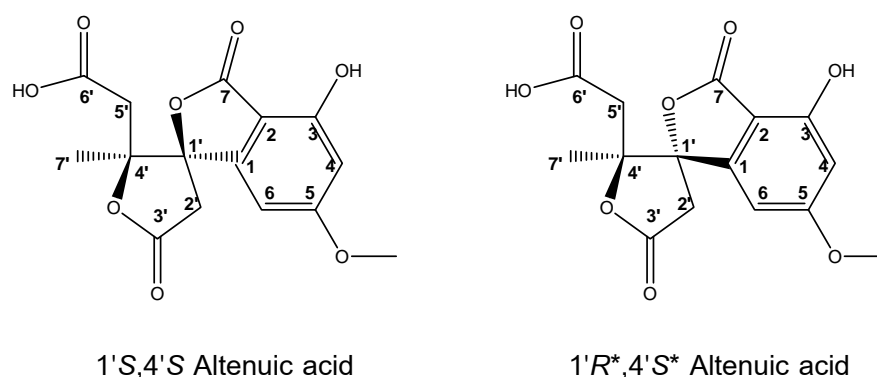


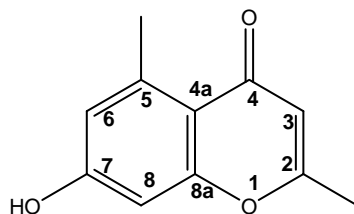
Figure 27 X-ray crystal structure of altenuic acid; Molecular packing



#### 4.4.4 Structure determination of 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone

The compound was obtained as colorless needles from fraction TS041 of the EtOAc extract (0.03% w/w yield) (Scheme 15). The low-resolution ESI-TOF MS (Figure 135) showed the pseudomolecular ion peak  $[M+H]^+$  at  $m/z$  191. The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum (Table 30 and Figures 136-138) displayed two meta-coupled aromatic  $\delta$  6.62 (1H, *dd*,  $J = 2.6, 1.0$  Hz, H-6), 6.64 (1H, *d*,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, H-8) indicating a tetra-substituted aromatic ring, two aromatic methyl protons were observed at  $\delta$  2.32 (3H, *d*,  $J = 0.7$  Hz, 2- $\text{CH}_3$ ) and 2.72 (3H, *s*, 5- $\text{CH}_3$ ), and the upfield chemical shift of the vinyl proton at  $\delta$  5.98 (1H, *d*,  $J = 0.7$  Hz, H-3), indicated it to reside at C-3. The  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectrum (Table 30 and Figure 139) displayed eleven carbon signals which were classified by DEPT 135 (Figure 140) as two methyl carbons at  $\delta$  19.80 (2- $\text{CH}_3$ ) and 23.07 (5- $\text{CH}_3$ ); three methine carbons at  $\delta$  101.67 (C-8), 111.41 (C-3), and 118.02 (C-6); four quaternary aromatic carbons at  $\delta$  115.62 (C-4a), 143.65 (C-5), 161.48 (C-8a), 163.13 (C-7), and two low-field quaternary carbons at  $\delta = 166.62$  (C-2), and 182.05 (C-4), can be assigned to the  $\beta$  and carbonyl ketone carbon atom of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl substructure. Therefore, the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_3$  was proposed based on these mass and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  data. The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  data of compound TS041 were completely assigned from the HMQC spectrum (Figure 141) and the HMBC spectrum (Figure 142-143) showing the long-range correlations between 5- $\text{CH}_3$  with C-4a ( $\delta$  115.62), C-5 ( $\delta$  143.68), and C-6 ( $\delta$  118.02); between H-8 with C-6 ( $\delta$  118.02) and C-7 ( $\delta$  163.13); between H-6 with C-4a ( $\delta$  115.62) and C-8 ( $\delta$  101.67) and between 2- $\text{CH}_3$  with C-2 ( $\delta$  166.62) and C-3 ( $\delta$  111.14), respectively. The long-range correlations from the HMBC spectrum of TS041 were

shown in Figure 28 and summarized in Table 30. Based on the spectral data, the compound was identified as 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxy-chromone [50] which was previously isolated from *Alternaria* sp. (Aly *et al.* 2008 a).



2,5-Dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone [50]

Table 30 NMR Spectral data of 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz)

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (ppm), $J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ (ppm)	HMBC correlation $^1\text{H}$ to $^{13}\text{C}$
2		166.62	
3	5.98 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 0.7$ )	111.41	2, 4a, 2-CH <sub>3</sub>
4		182.05	
4a		115.62	
5		143.65	
6	6.62 (1H, <i>dd</i> , $J = 2.6, 1.0$ )	118.02	4a, 8, 5-CH <sub>3</sub>
7		163.13	
8	6.64 (1H, <i>d</i> , $J = 2.6$ )	101.67	6, 7, 4a, 8a
8a		161.48	
2-CH <sub>3</sub>	2.32 (3H, <i>d</i> , $J = 0.7$ )	19.80	2, 3
5-CH <sub>3</sub>	2.72 (3H, <i>s</i> )	23.07	4a, 5, 6

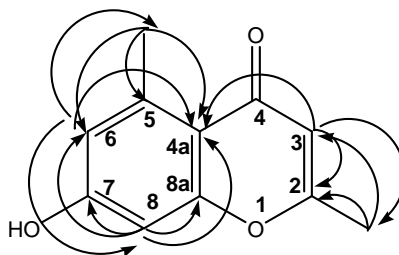




Figure 28 Key HMBC correlations (arrow) for 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone [50]

#### 4.5 Anti-*C. albicans* activity of 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene and 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone

By disk diffusion assay 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene [63] and 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone [20] at the amount of 256  $\mu\text{g}/\text{disk}$  exhibited activity against *C. albicans* with inhibition zone diameter of  $14.99\pm 0.38$  and  $25.68\pm 0.02$  mm, respectively. In the presence of a subinhibitory concentration of ketoconazole at 0.125  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ , 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene and 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone produced clear inhibition zone diameter of  $29.50\pm 0.07$  and  $36.55\pm 0.03$  mm, respectively, as shown in Fig. 29 while the other isolated metabolites [18,62] at the same concentration were completely inactive. This suggested that 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene; 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone and azole drug combination might be synergistic against *C. albicans*. Therefore, the checkerboard technique was used to analyze the interaction of 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene; 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone and representative azole drugs, including fluconazole. As shown in Table 31, 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene; 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone and showed strong synergistic activity with fluconazole against *C. albicans* with the FIC index ranging from 0.25-0.375. MICs of fluconazole and 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene were  $>64$  and 256  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  when used alone and were dramatically reduced to 8 and 32  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  when used in combination, respectively. MICs of fluconazole and 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone were  $>64$  and 128  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  when used alone and were dramatically reduced to 8 and 3  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  when used in combination, respectively.

**Table 31** MICs ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) of AC019 (1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone [20]), ACC015 (1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene [63]) and fluconazole (FCZ) by chequerboard assay indicating synergistic activity against *C. albicans*

Compound code	<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 90028				
	Without FCZ	With FCZ	FCZ alone	FCZ in combination	FIC Index**
AC019	128	3	>64	8	0.375
ACC015	256	32	>64	8	0.25

\* MIC producing optically clear inhibition

\*\* FIC index is Fractional Inhibitory Concentration index defined as the sum of the MIC of each drug when used in combination divided by the MIC of the drug when used alone. Synergism, indifference and antagonism were defined as FIC indices of  $\leq 0.5$ ,  $>0.5 - 4$  and  $>4$ , respectively (Odds, 2003).



**Figure 29** Disk diffusion assay determining synergistic activity with ketoconazole against *C. albicans* of the isolated secondary metabolites (256  $\mu\text{g}$  per disk, each) from *Nodulisporium* sp. Aann-134: the left SDA plate without ketoconazole, the right SDA plate with a subinhibitory concentration of ketoconazole (0.125  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), A = 1,8-dimethoxy naphthalene [18], B = 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene [63], C = 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone [20], D = nulisporin G [62] and E = dimethylsulfoxide (control).

#### 4.6 Anti-*C. albicans* activity of altenusin [43]

By disk diffusion assay altenusin [43] at the amount of 256 µg/disk exhibited activity against *C. albicans* with unclear inhibition zone diameter of  $8.34 \pm 0.03$  mm. In the presence of a subinhibitory concentration of ketoconazole at 0.125 µg/ml, altenusin produced clear inhibition zone diameter of  $19.18 \pm 1.23$  mm, as shown in Fig. 30 while the other isolated metabolites [50, 53 and 54] at the same concentration were completely inactive. This suggested that altenusin and azole drug combination might be synergistic against *C. albicans*. Therefore, the checkerboard technique was used to analyze the interaction of altenusin and three representative azole drugs, including ketoconazole, fluconazole and itraconazole. As shown in Table 32, altenusin showed strong synergistic activity with all three selected azole drugs against *C. albicans* with the FIC index ranging from 0.078-0.188. Among three azole drugs, combination of altenusin with ketoconazole showed the highest synergistic activity with FIC index 0.078. MIC-0s of ketoconazole and altenusin were 16 and 256 µg/ml when used alone and were dramatically reduced to 0.25 and 16 µg/ml when used in combination, respectively. The synergistic activity determined by the checkerboard technique confirmed the result of the preliminary disk diffusion assay. The correspondence of results obtained from the two methods found in this study was in agreement with the previous study of Curvularide B (Chomcheon *et al*, 2010). These results demonstrated that the simple disk diffusion assay using culture medium containing subinhibitory concentration of drug could be used as a preliminary method to screen on a large number of test compounds for synergistic activity against *C. albicans*.

**Table 32** MICs ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) of altenusin and selected azole drugs by chequerboard assay indicating synergistic activity against *C. albicans*

Azole drugs	Azole drug alone		MIC-0 of each compound in combination		FIC index
	MIC-2 <sup>a</sup>	MIC-0 <sup>b</sup>	Azole drugs	Altenusin [43] <sup>c*</sup>	
Ketoconazole	0.25	16	0.25	16	0.078
Fluconazole	2	>64	1	32	0.141
Itraconazole	2	>64	4	32	0.188

<sup>a</sup>MIC-2 is defined as the minimum inhibitory concentration that causes a prominent decrease in turbidity as compared with the growth control.

<sup>b</sup>MIC-0 is defined as the minimum inhibitory concentration that gives rise to no visible growth.

<sup>c</sup>MIC-0 of altenusin alone was 256  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ .



**Figure 30** Disk diffusion assay determining synergistic activity with ketoconazole against *C. albicans* of the isolated secondary metabolites (256  $\mu\text{g}$  per disk, each) from *A. alternata* Tche-153: the left SDA plate without ketoconazole, the right SDA plate with a subinhibitory concentration of ketoconazole (0.125  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), A = altenuic acid [53], B = 2,5 dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone [50], C = altenusin [43], and D = dimethylsulfoxide (control).

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION

The endophytic fungus, *Nodulisporium* sp., isolated from leaf of *Artemisia annua* L. The extract was further purified by bioassay-guided fractionation using a chromatographic combination of silica gel columns and Sephadex LH-20 to afford one new compound, nodulisporin G [62] (13 mg), and six known compounds, 1'-(2,6-dihydroxy phenyl)butanone [20] (9 mg), 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)-3'-hydroxybutanone [19] (3.7 mg), 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone [60] (4.6 mg), phenylacetic acid [61] (4.3 mg), 1,8-dimethoxy naphthalene [18] (6.6 mg), and 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene [63], (5.3 mg). Their structures were elucidated by spectroscopic methods and comparison with literature data of naphthalene and resorcinol derivatives. Resorcinol derivative 1'-(2,6-dihydroxyphenyl)butanone [20] and naphthalene derivative 1,8-dihydroxy naphthalene [63] can be exhibiting synergistic activity with fluconazole against *Candida albicans* with MICs 8 µg/ml and fractional inhibitory concentration indices 0.375 and 0.250, respectively while the related resorcinol derivatives [62, 19 and 60], naphthalene derivative [18], and phenylacetic acid [61] were completely inactive.

The endophytic fungus, *Alternaria alternata* isolated from leaf of *Terminalia chebula* Retz. The extract was further purified by bioassay-guided fractionation using a chromatographic combination of silica gel columns and Sephadex LH-20 to afford four known compounds, altenusin [43] (10 mg), isochracinic acid [54] (6.5 mg), and altenuic acid [53] (33 mg), together with a chromone, 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone [50] (3.1 mg). Their structures were elucidated by spectroscopic methods and comparison with literature data of salicylic acid and chromone derivatives. The fractionation of the culture broth from the tropical endophytic fungus *A. alternata* provided altenusin [43] showing significant synergistic activity with fluconazole against *C. albicans* in low concentrations with the fractional inhibitory concentration indices 0.141 while the related salicylic derivatives [53 and 54] were completely inactive. The biphenyl basic skeleton of altenusin [43] containing a salicylic moiety and a catechol moiety might be speculated as an important part for its bioactivity. As this is the first discovery that

(13 mg), a biphenyl salicylic acid derivative exhibited significant synergistic activity with azole drugs against *C. albicans*, altenusin [43] may serve as a potential lead candidate of the drug discovery program for more potent azole-synergistic drugs to effectively combat the widespread Candidiasis.

This discovery of endophytic fungal metabolites with potent azole-synergistic activity is of significance for the development of analogs with different simple chemical skeletons that could serve as new effective azole-synergists to treat the invasive candidiasis.

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## APPENDICES

## APPENDIX A

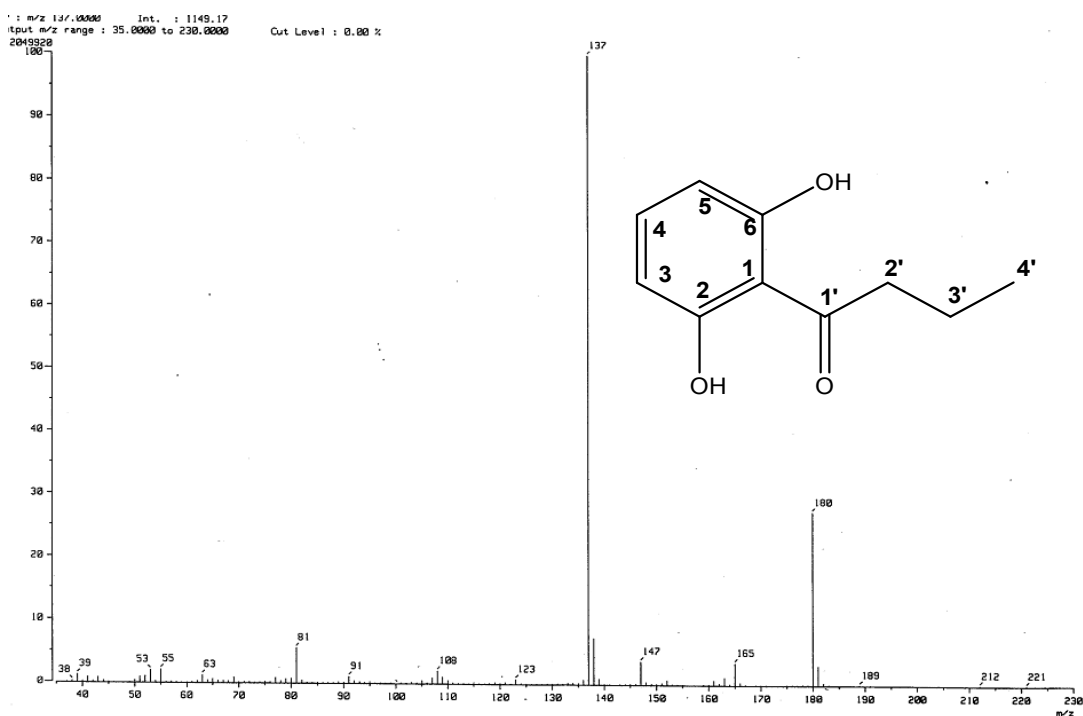
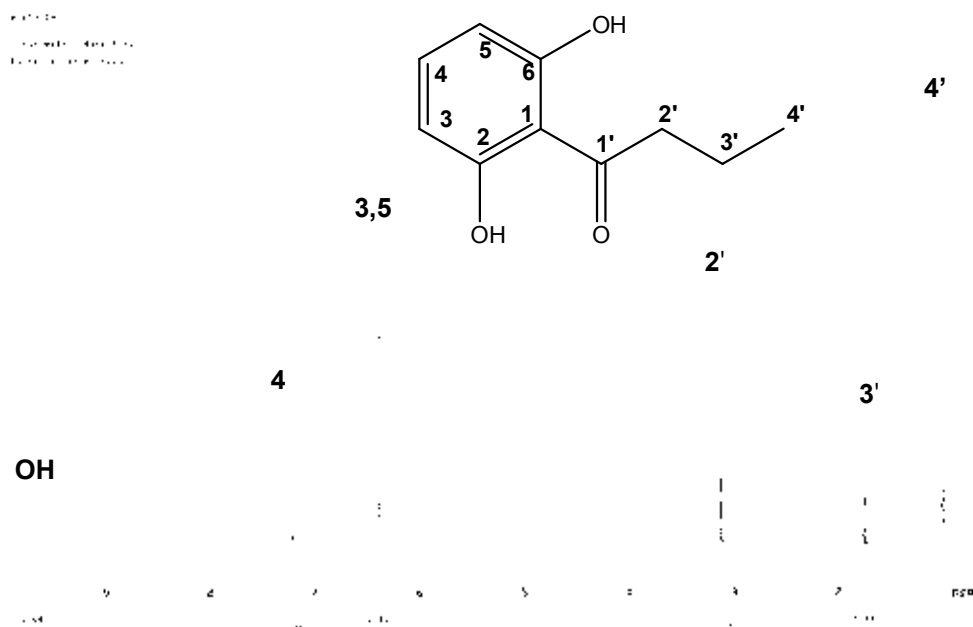


Figure 31 EIMS spectrum of 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)butanone

Figure 32  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)butanone (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )



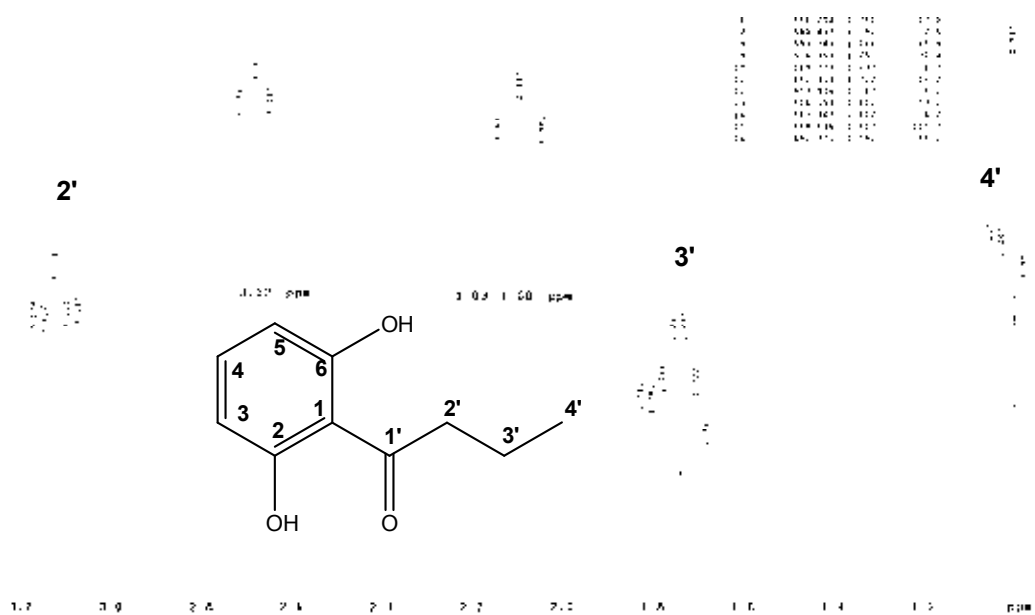


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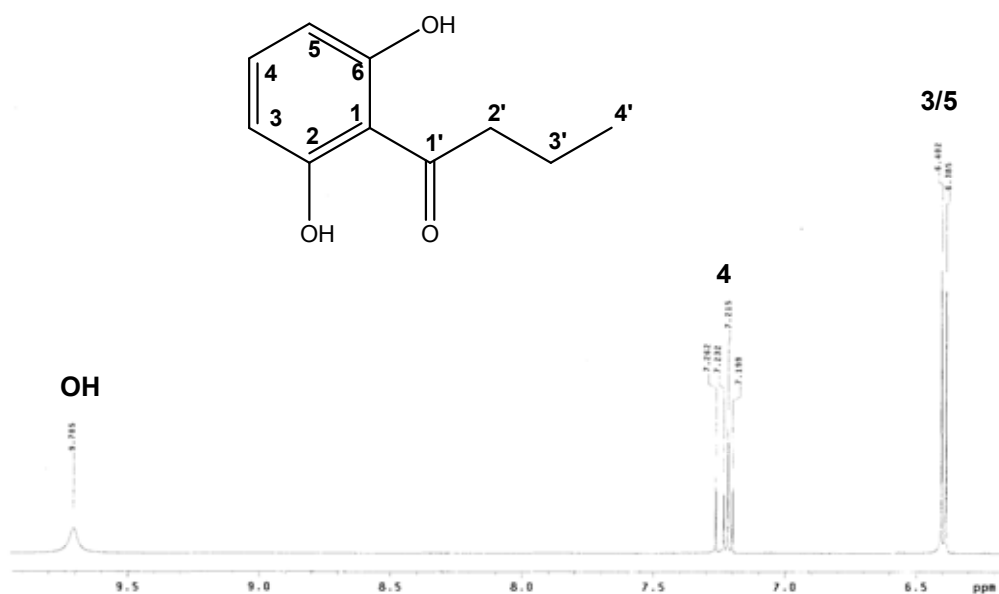


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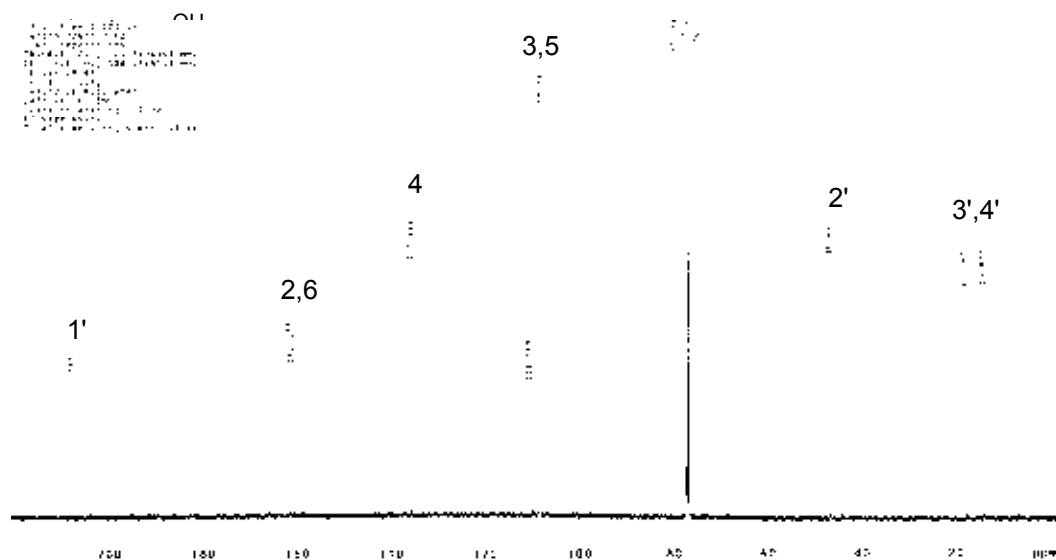


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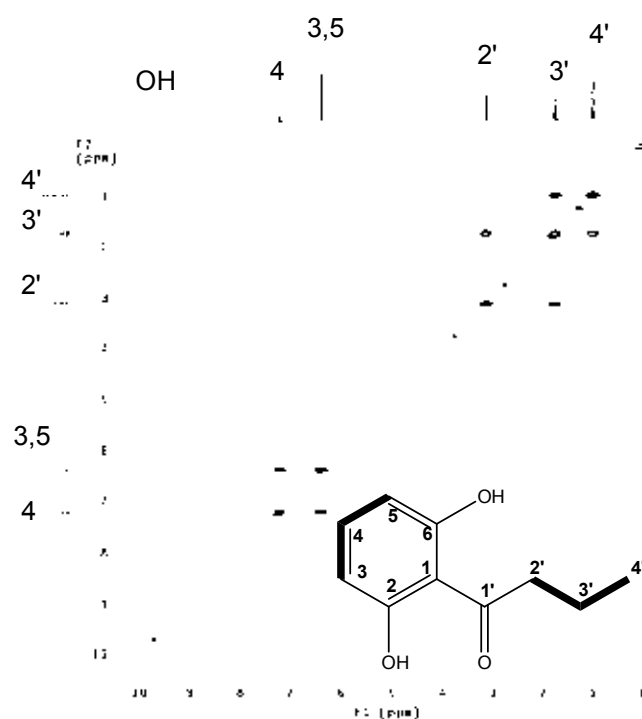


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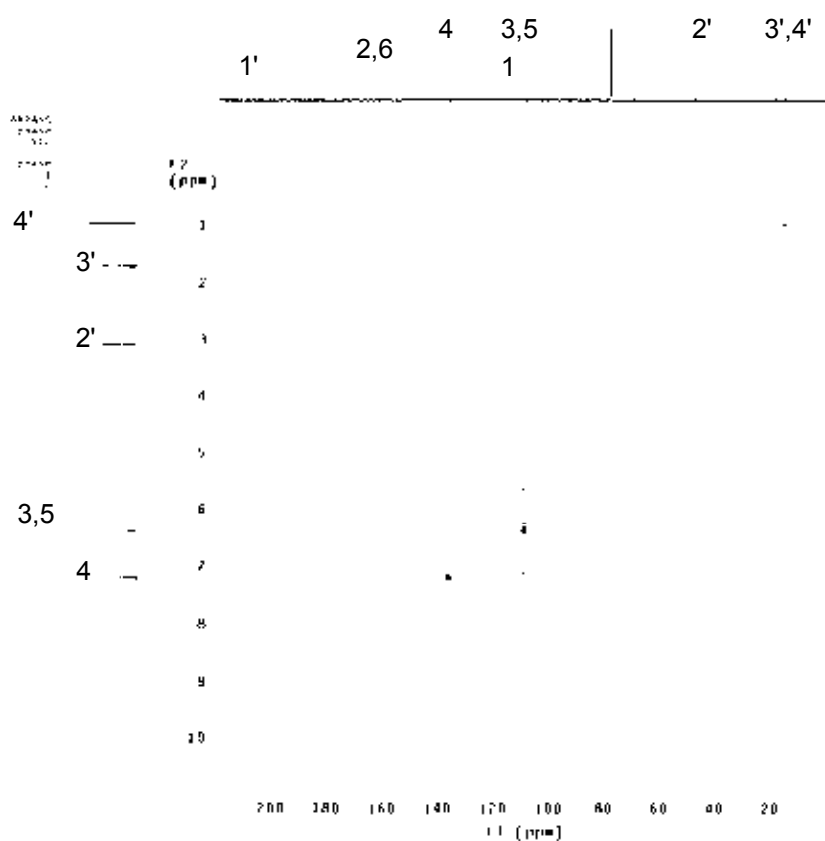


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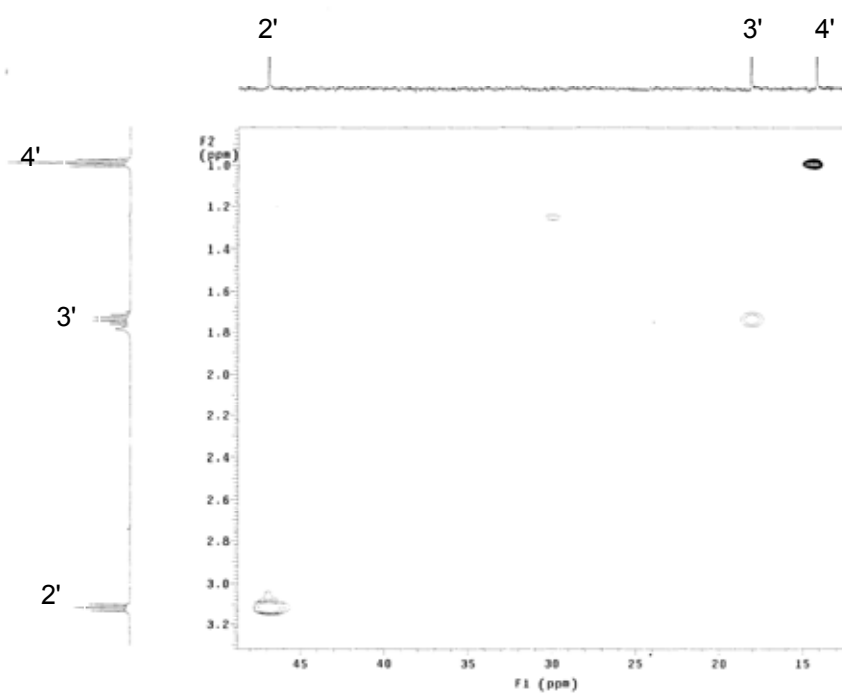


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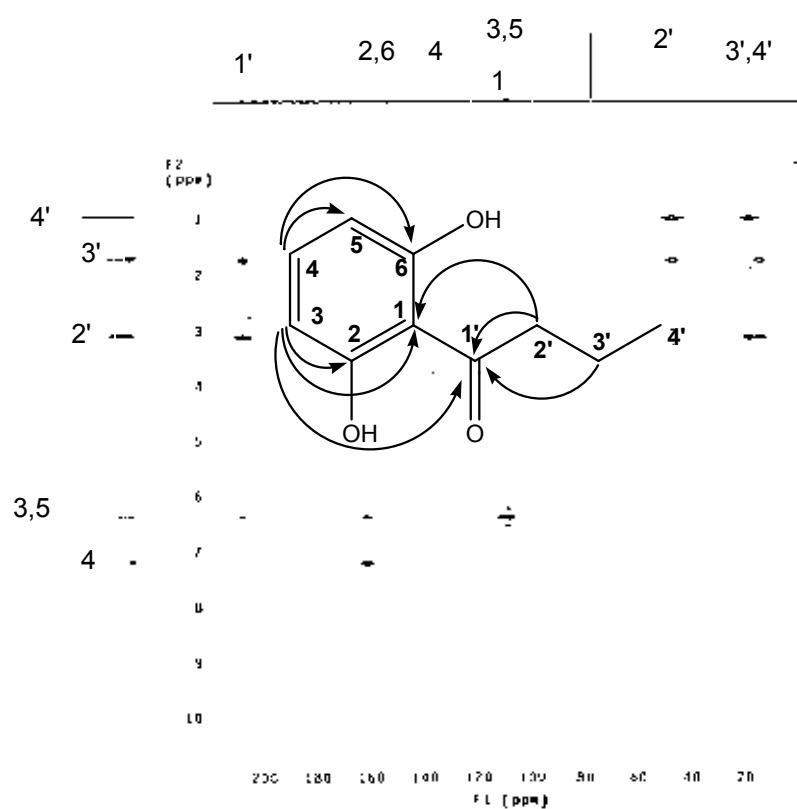


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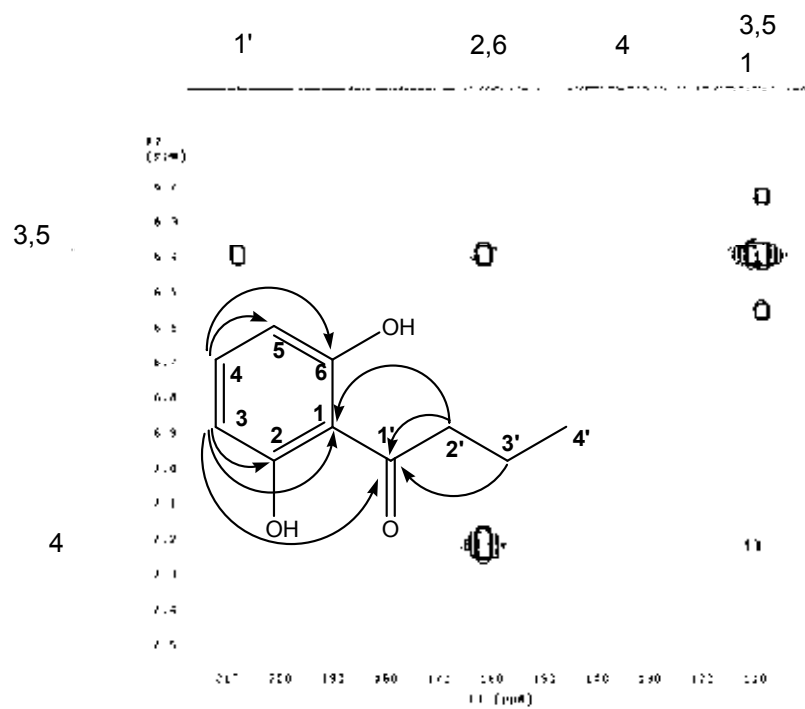


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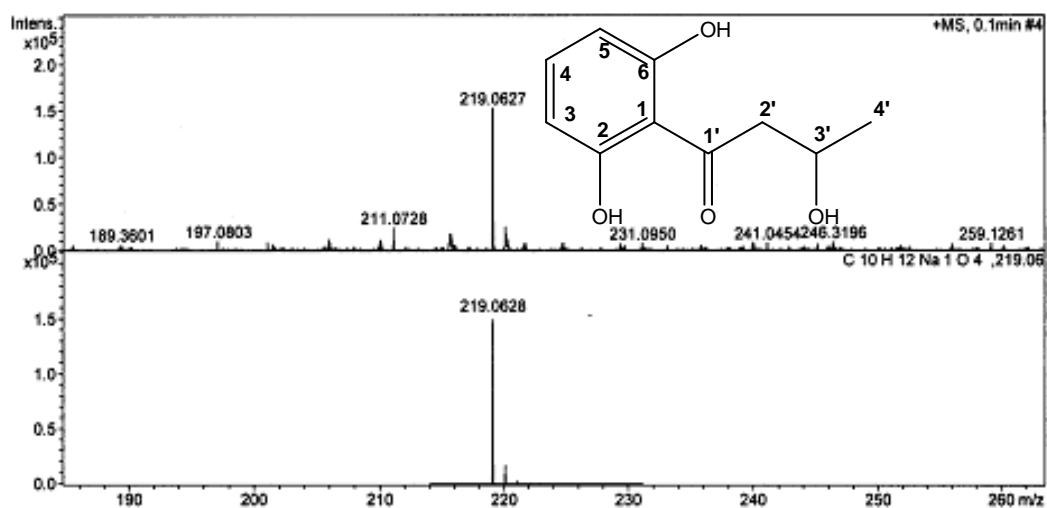


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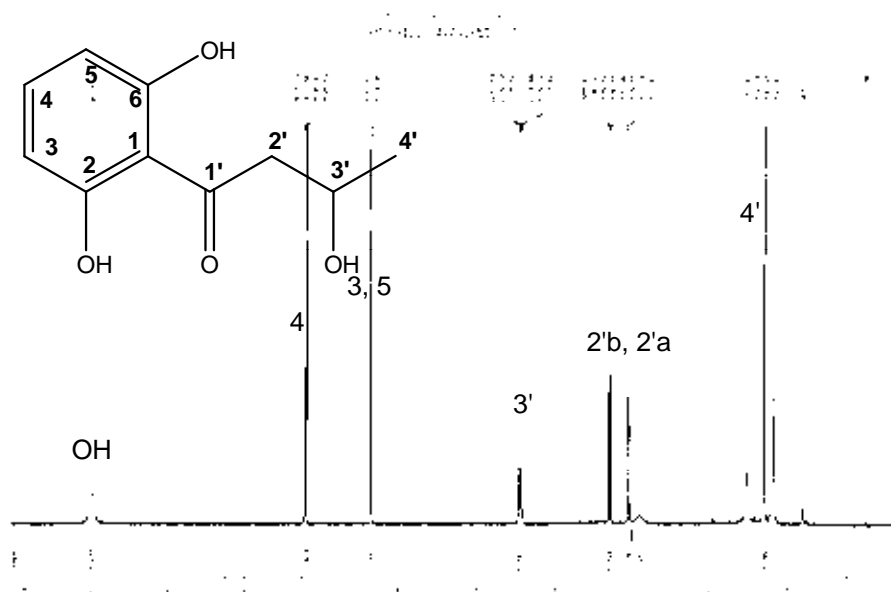


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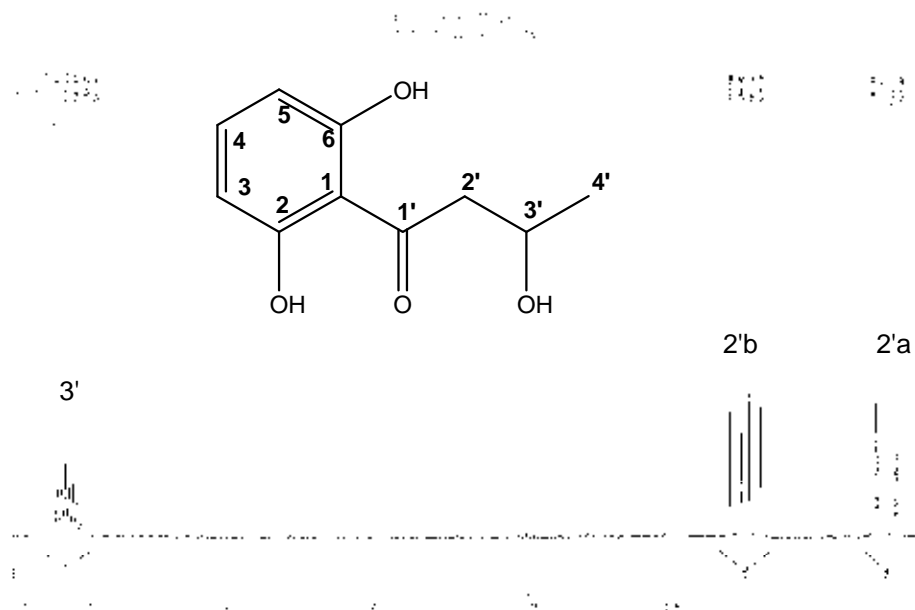


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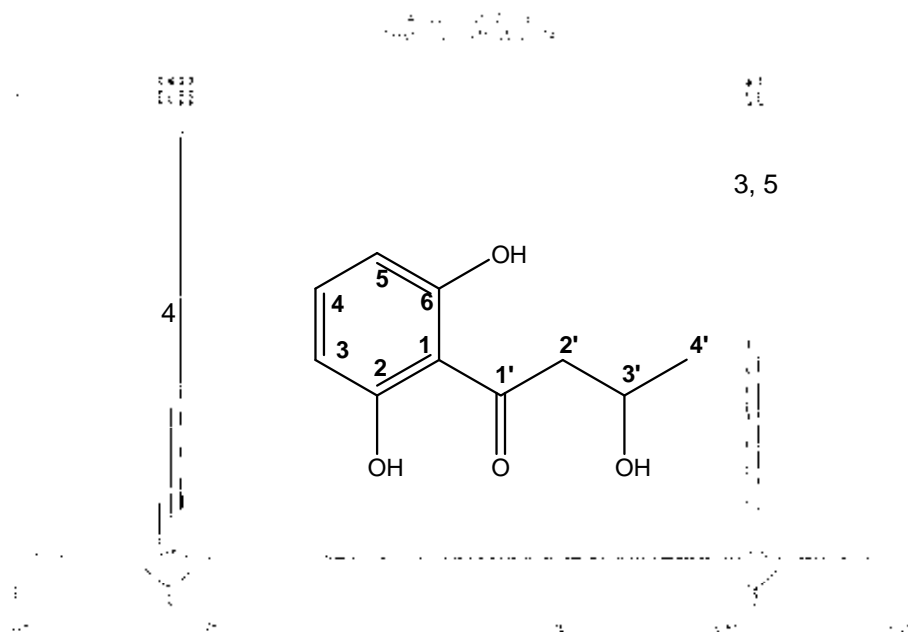


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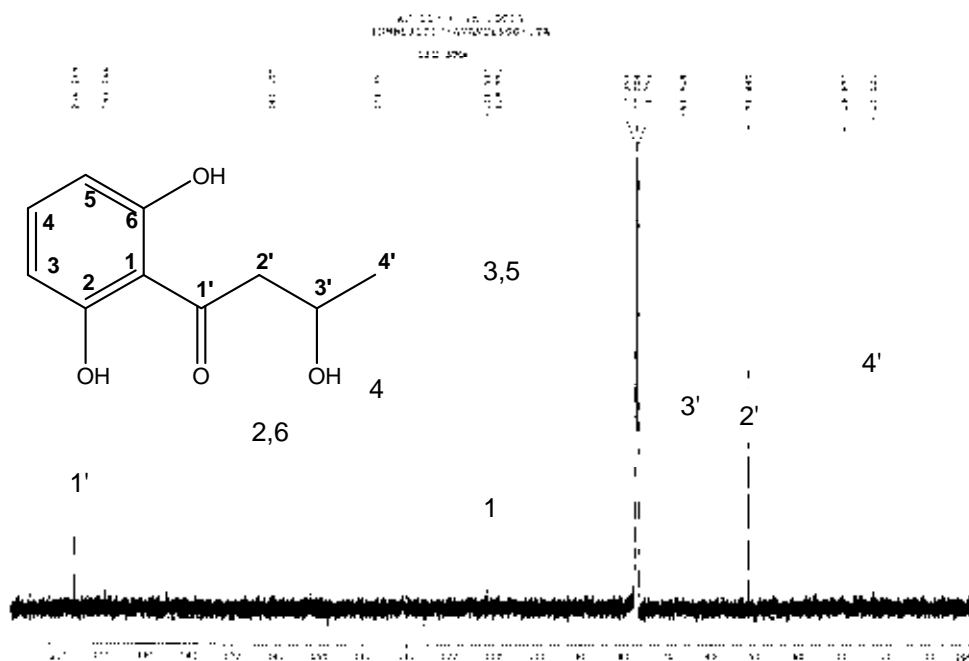


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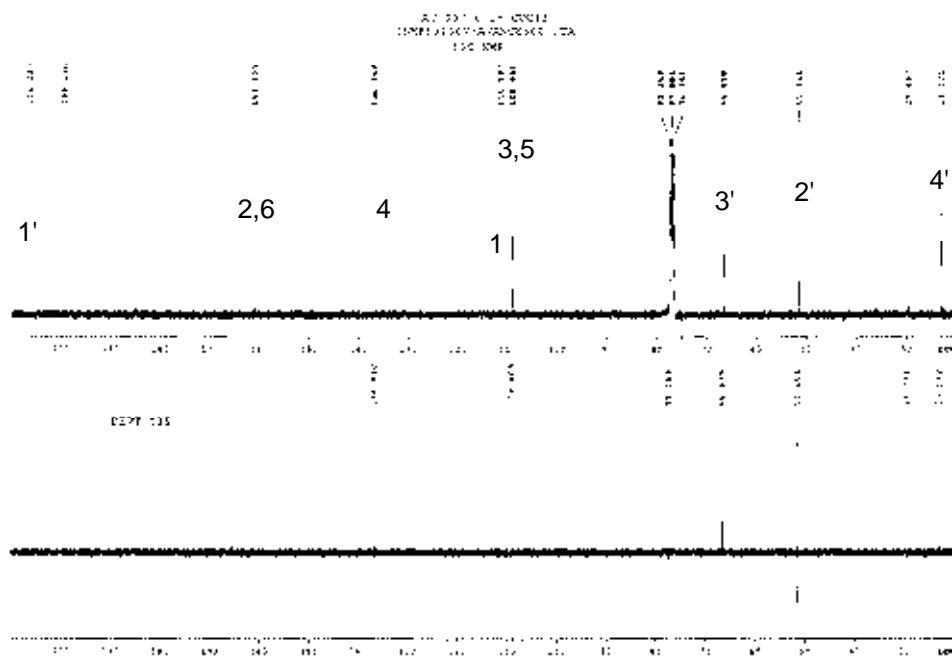


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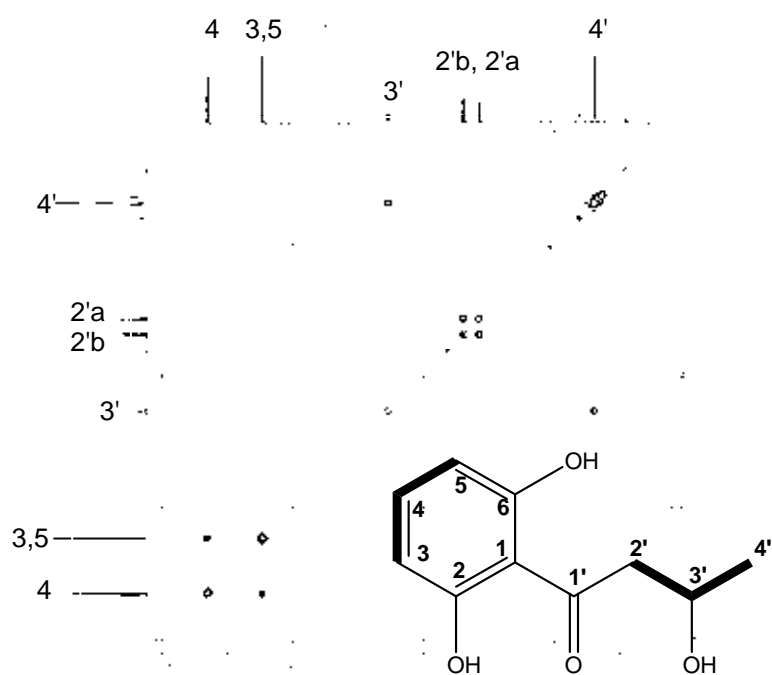


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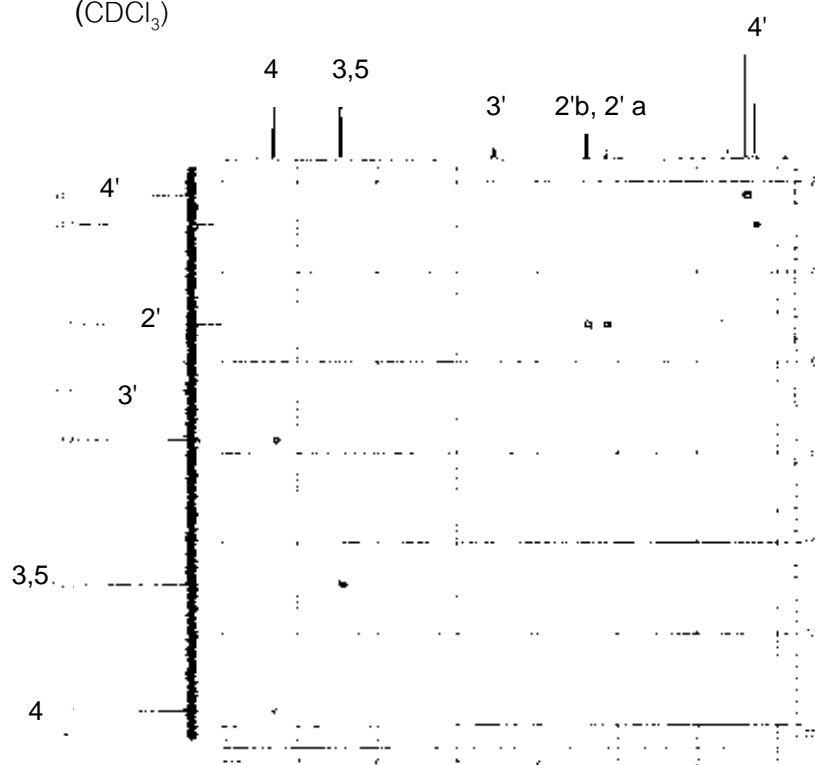


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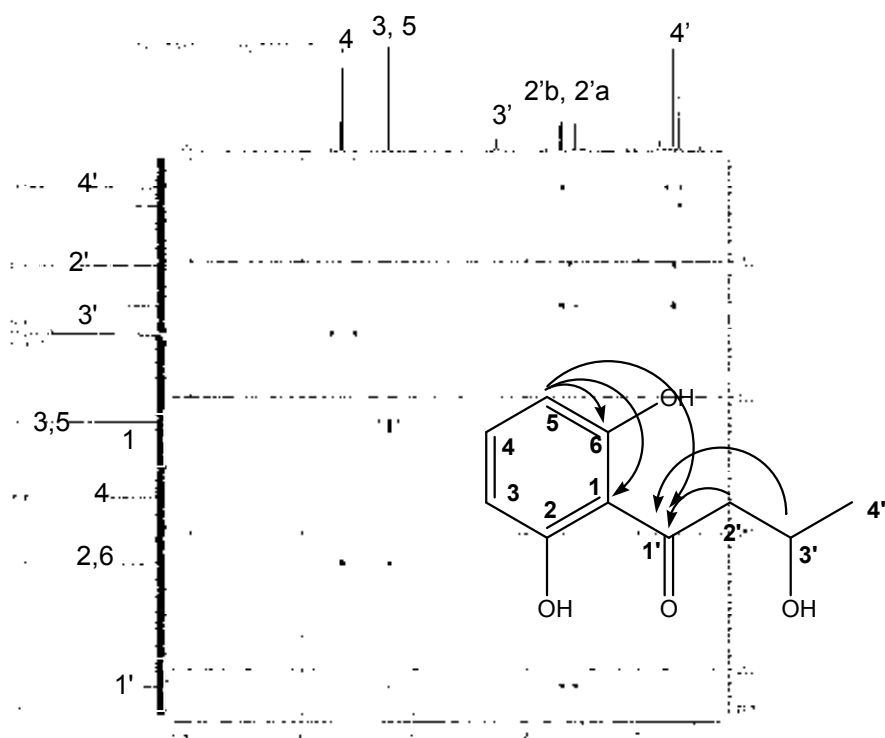


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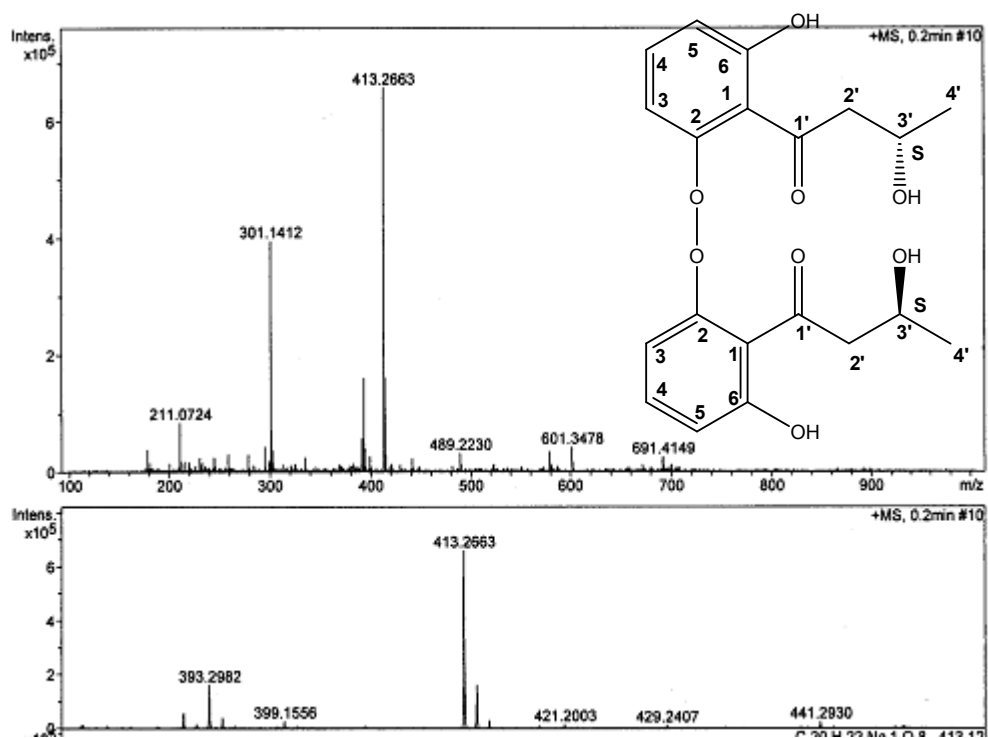


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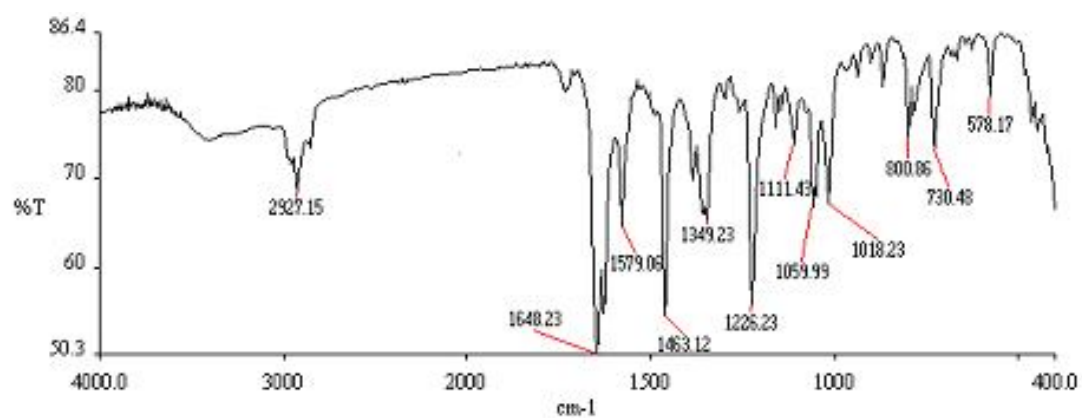


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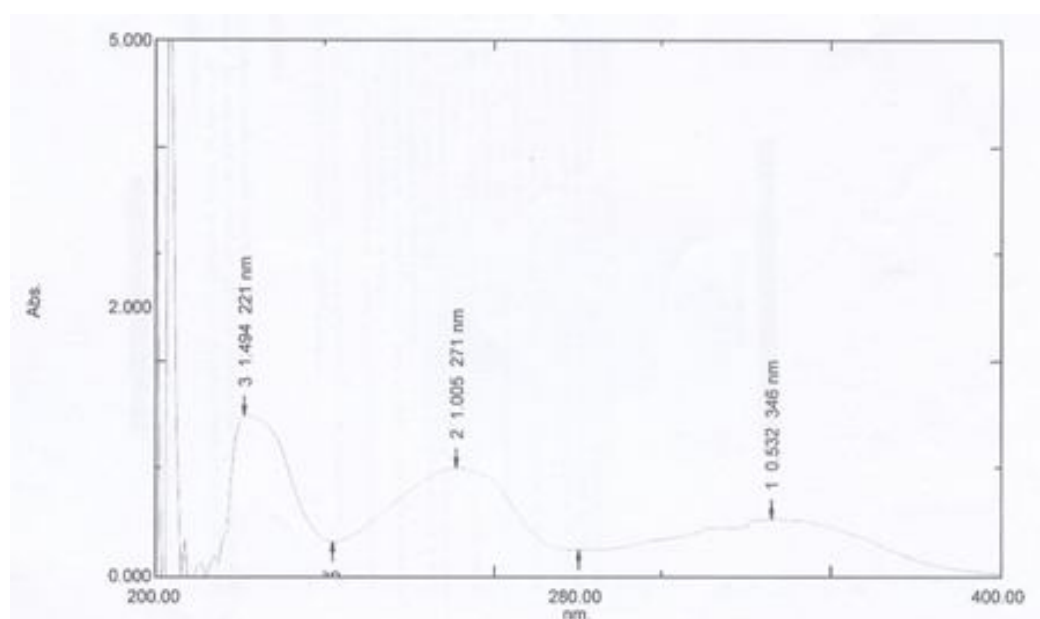


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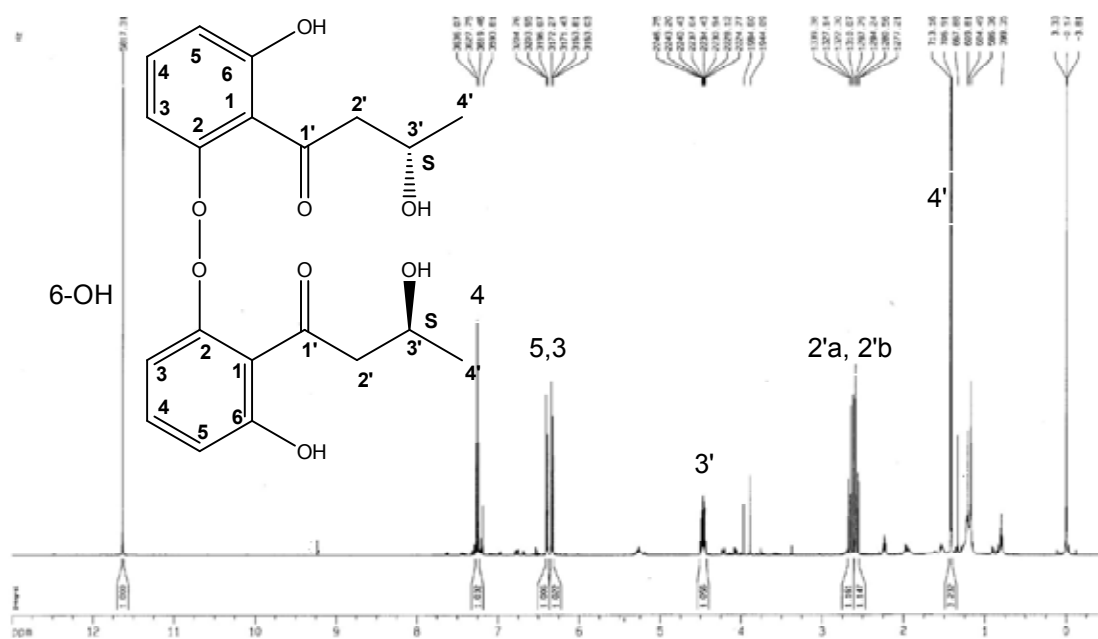


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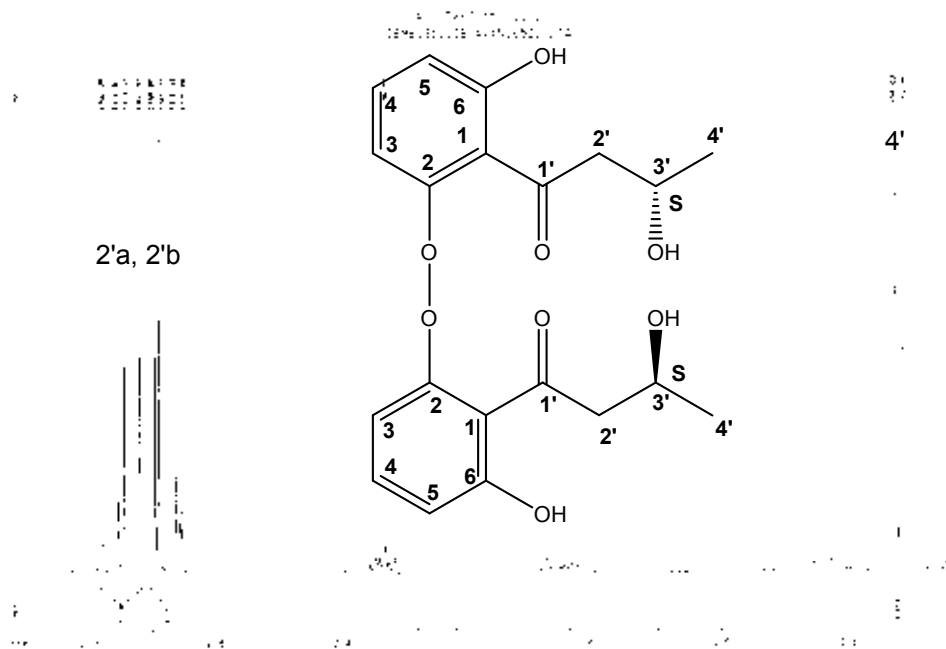


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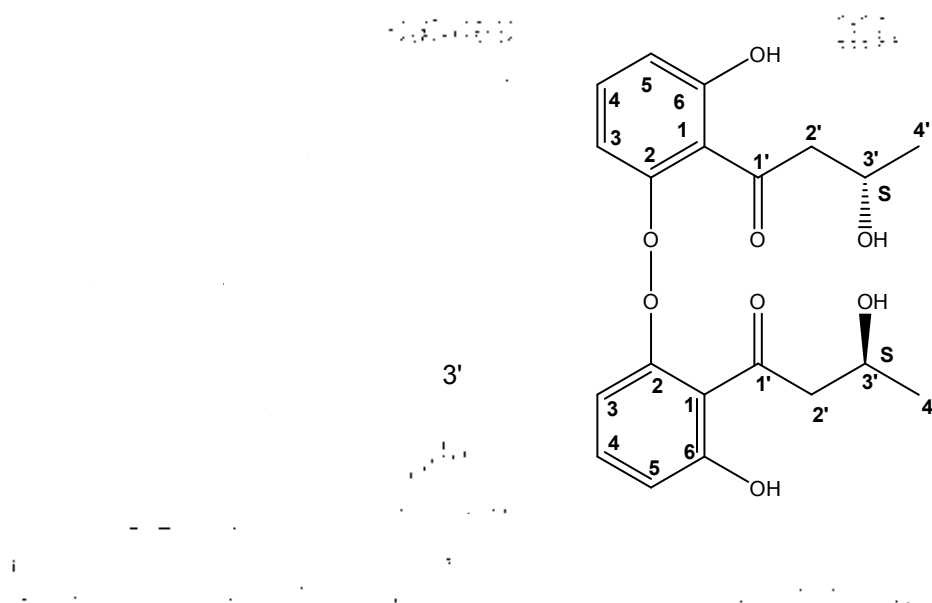


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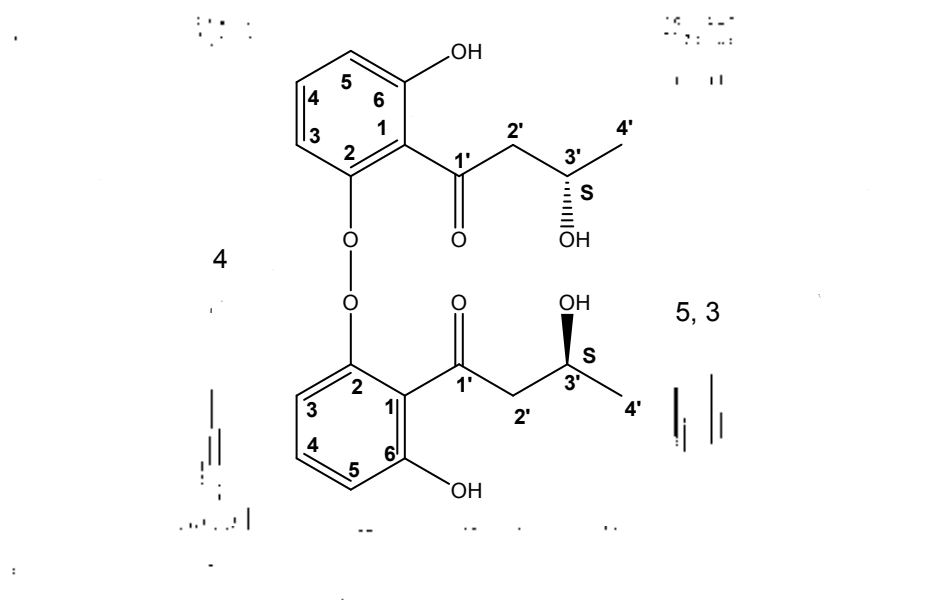


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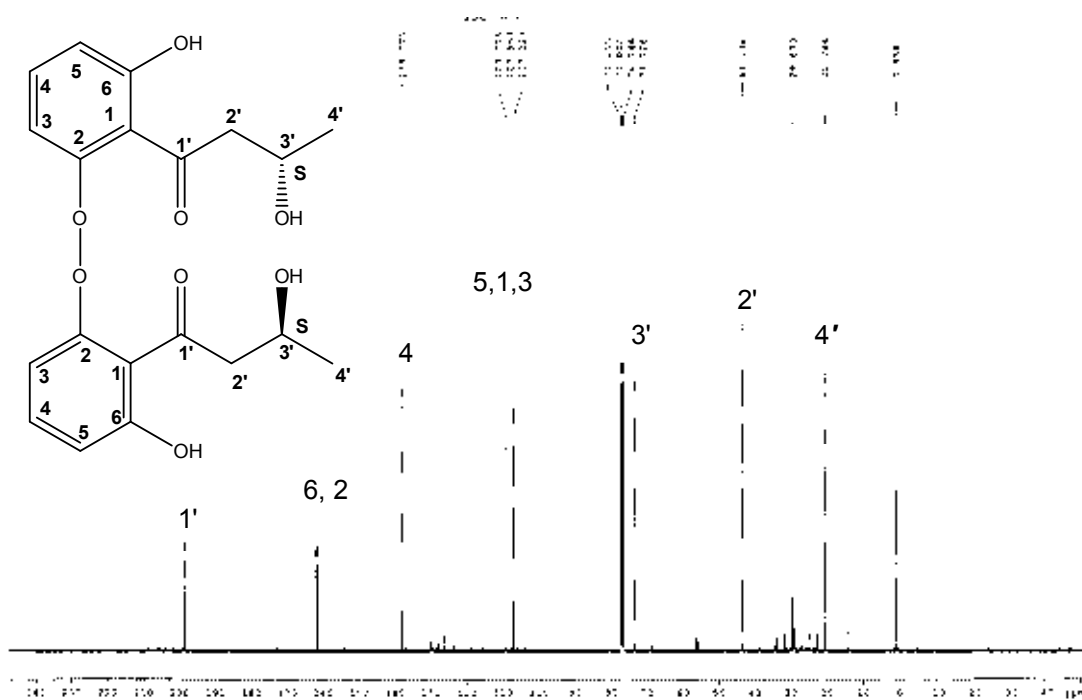


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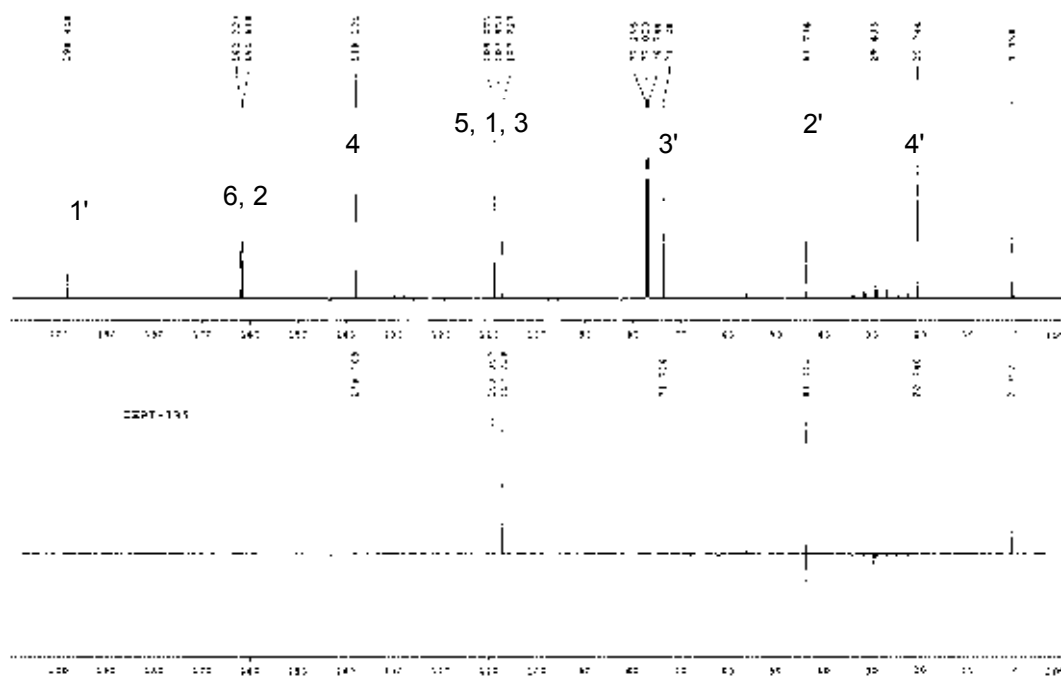


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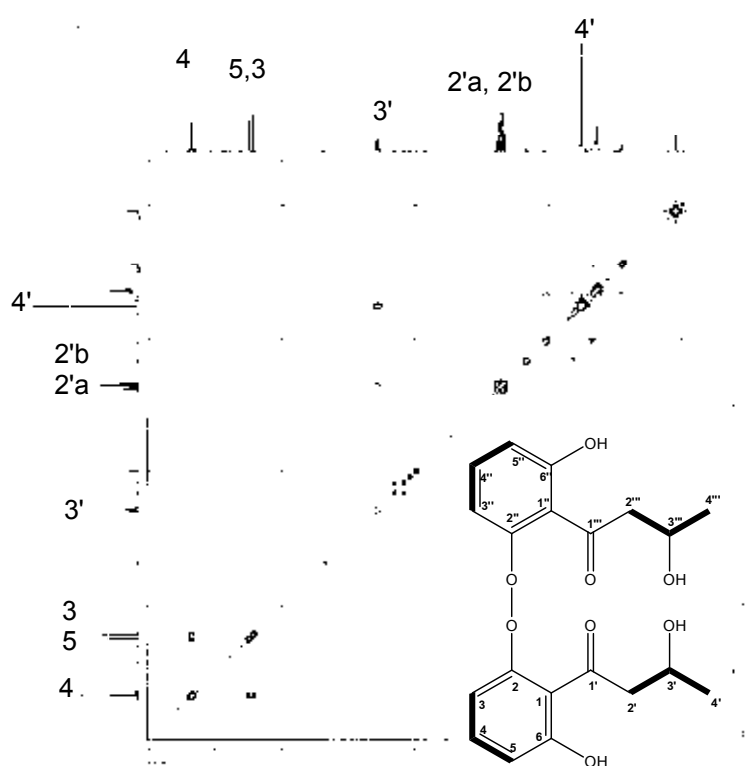


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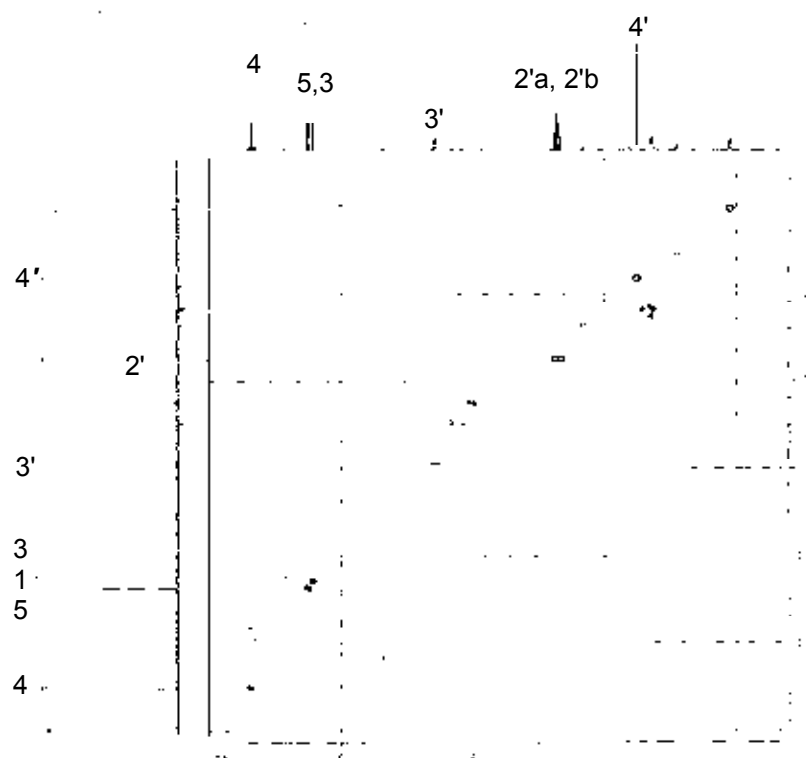
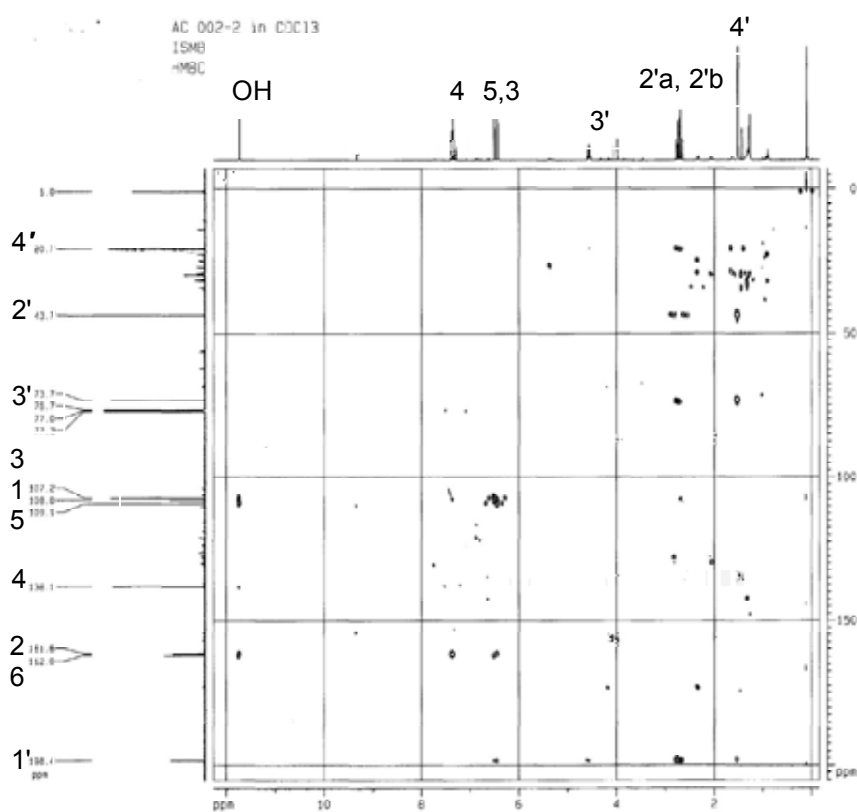
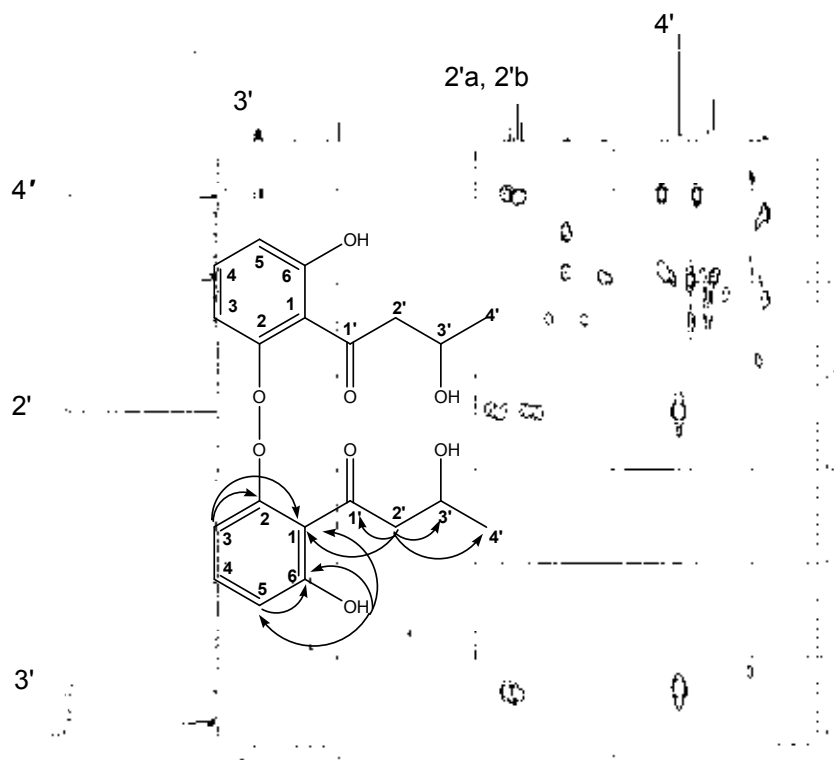


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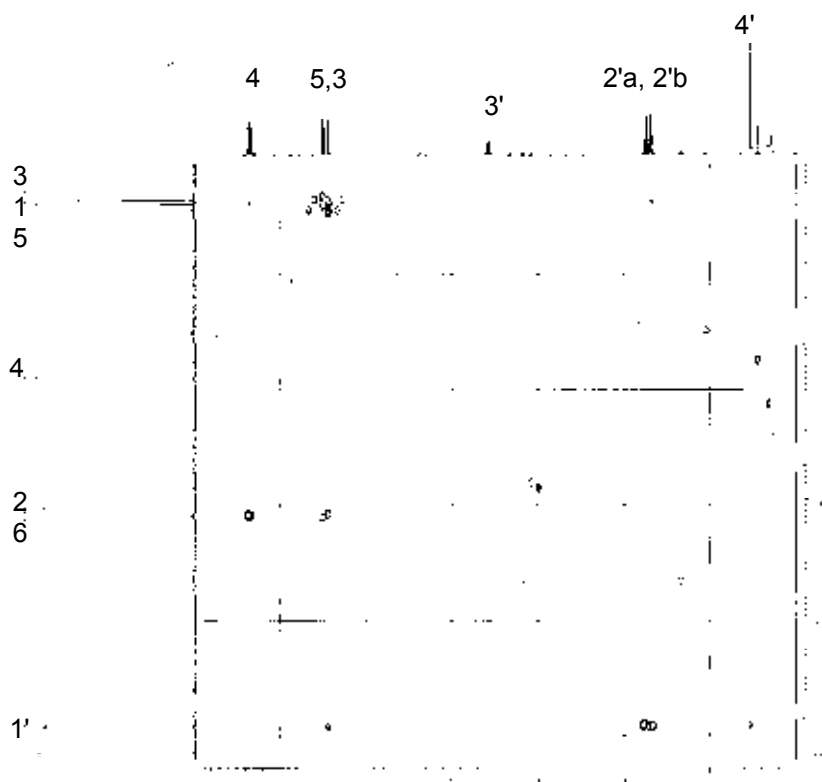


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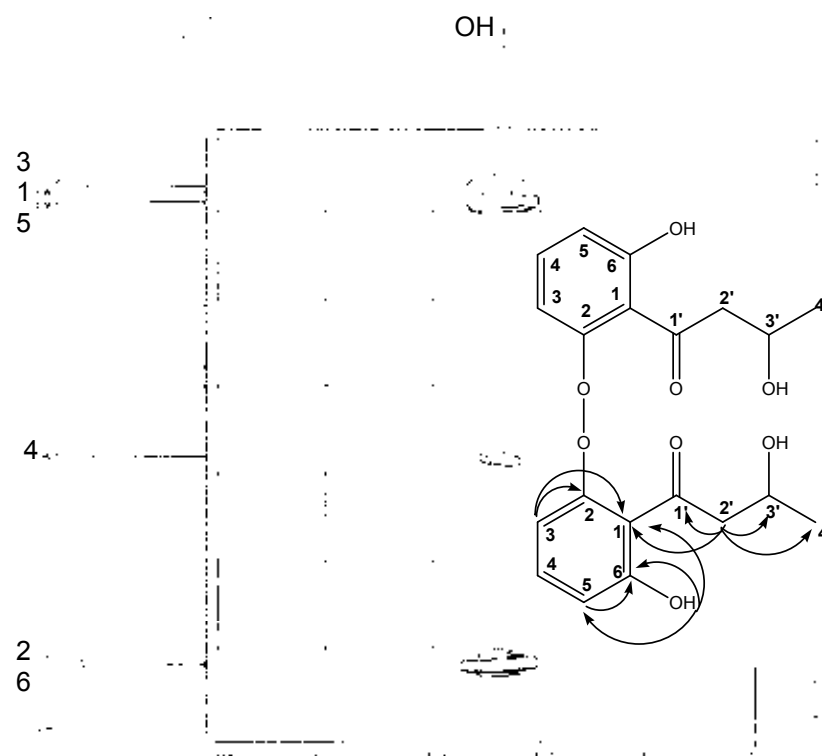


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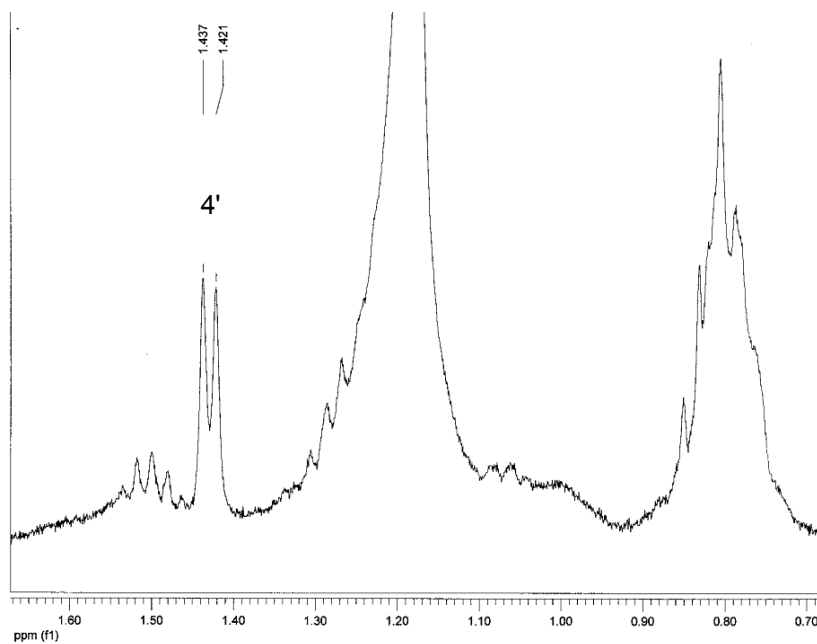


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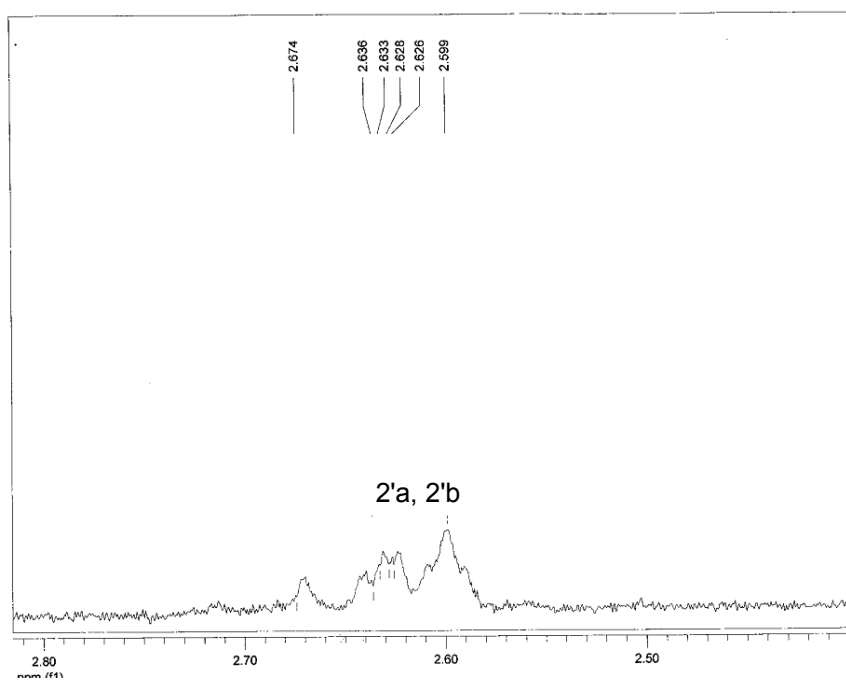


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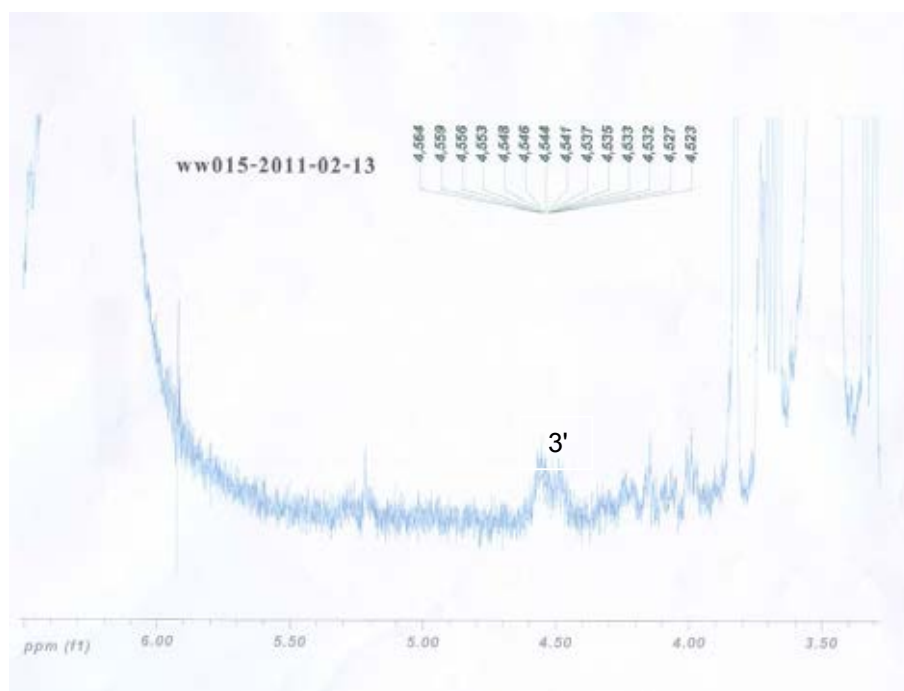


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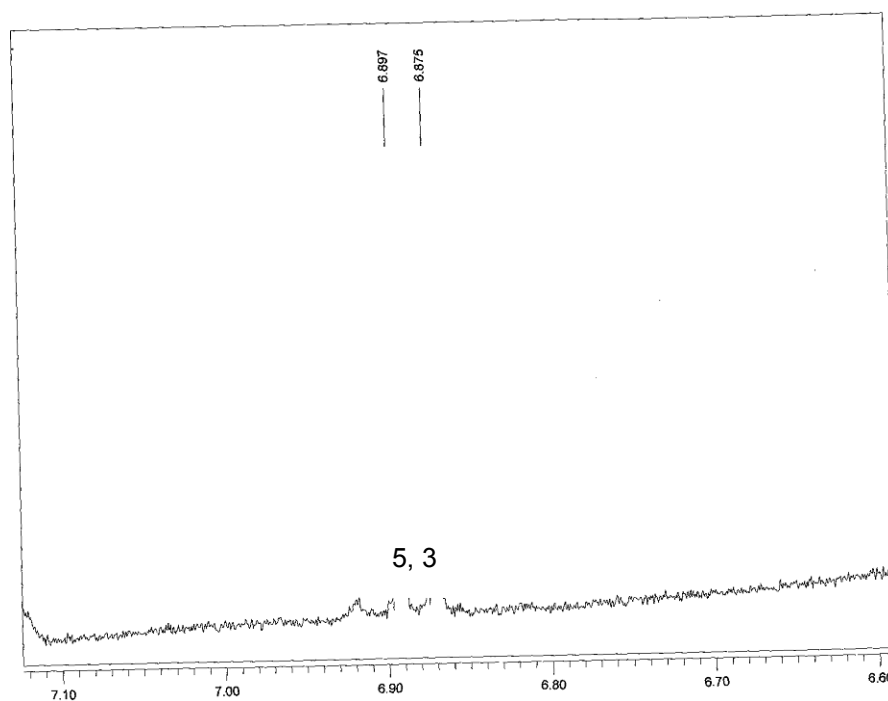


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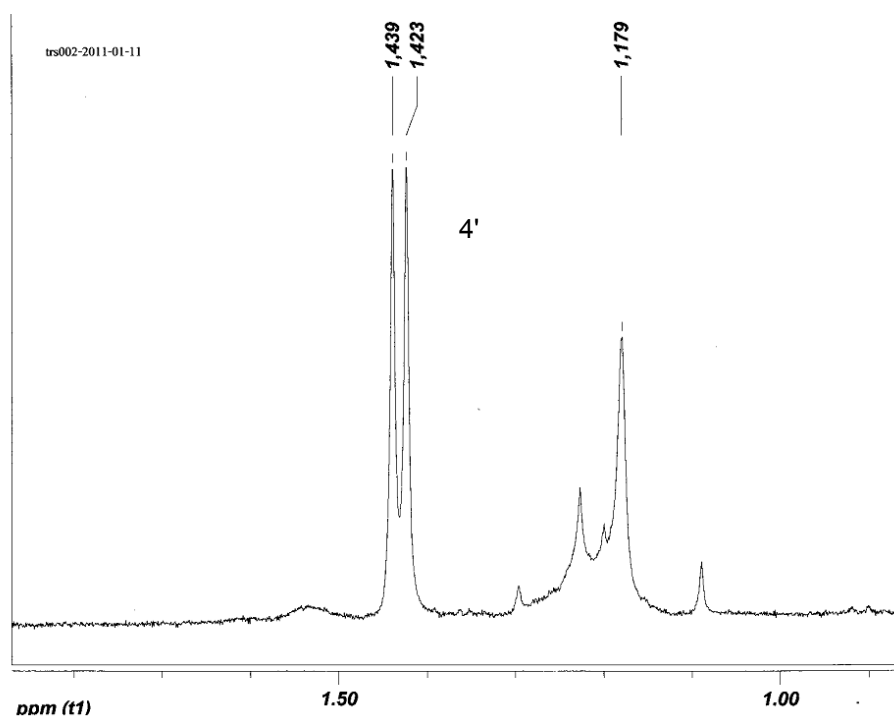


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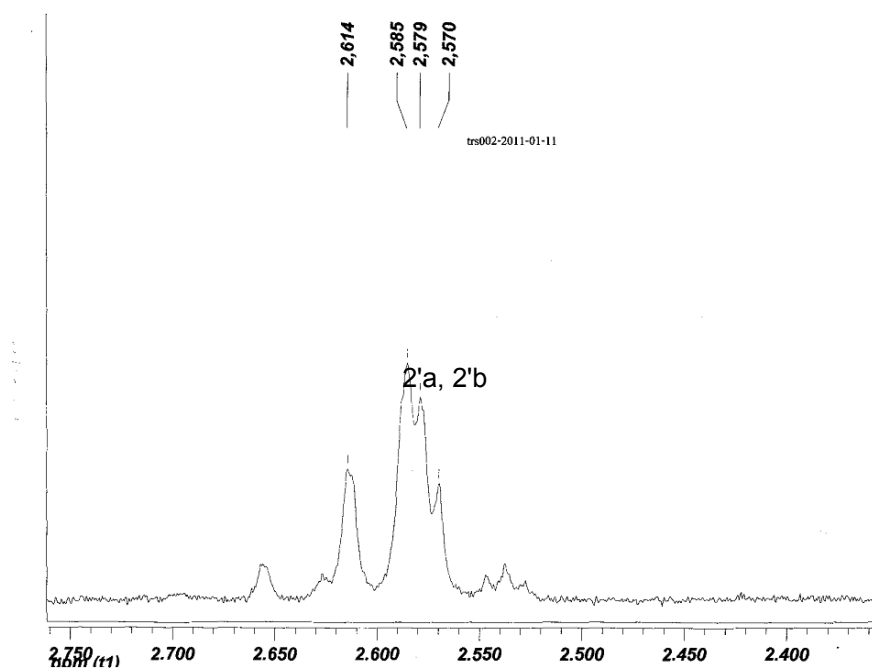


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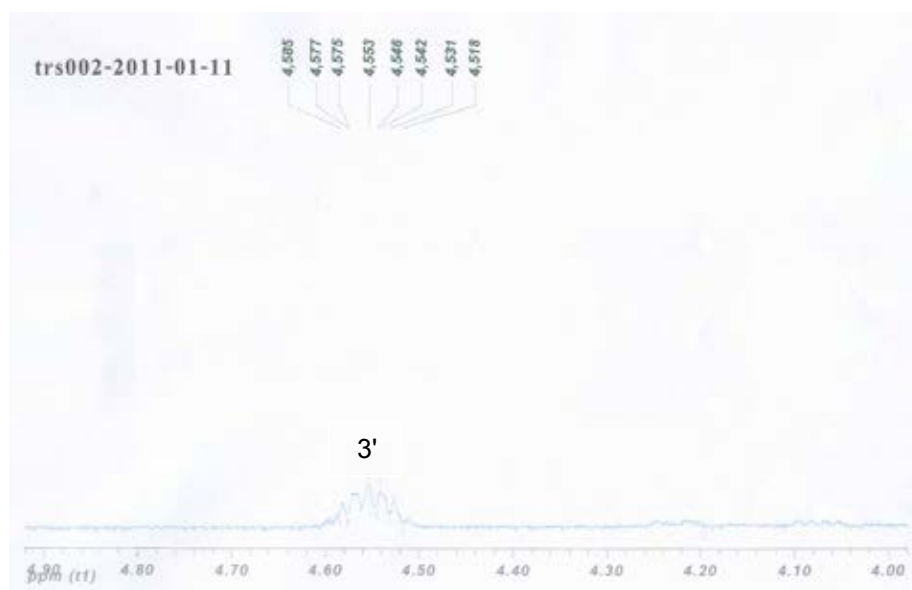


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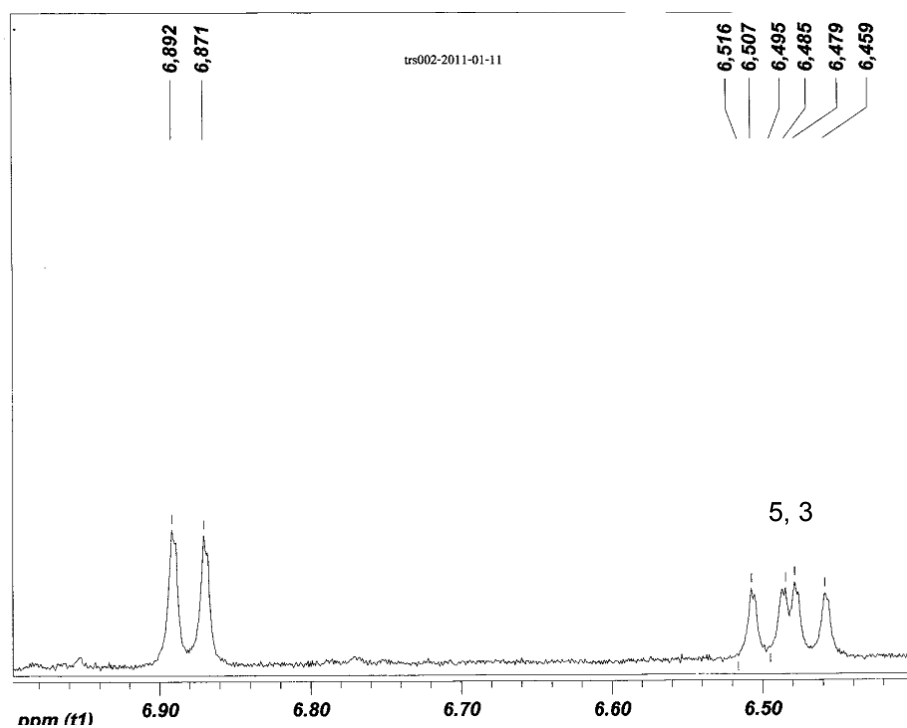


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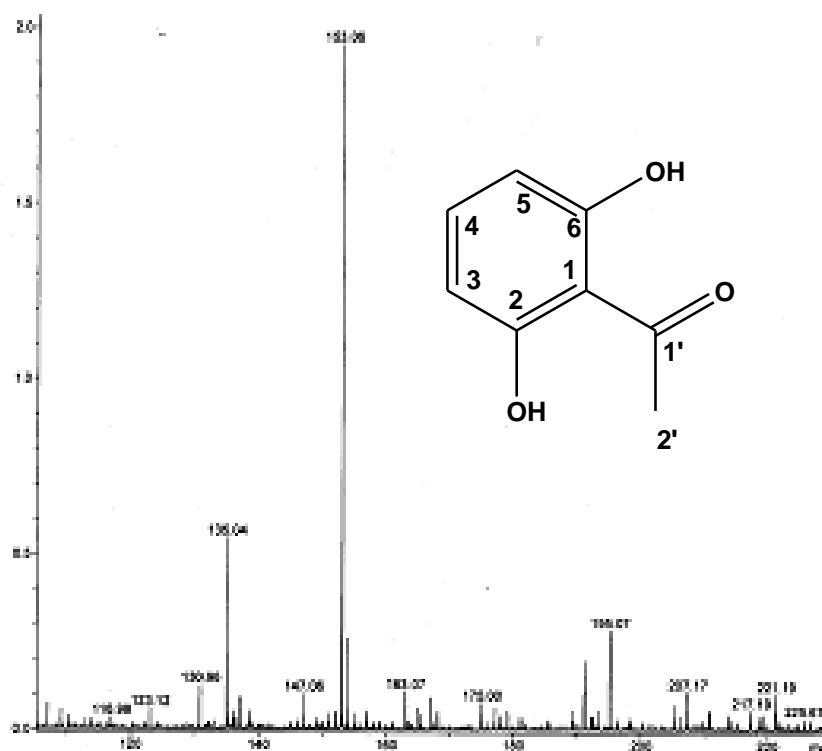


Figure 73 EIMS spectrum of 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone

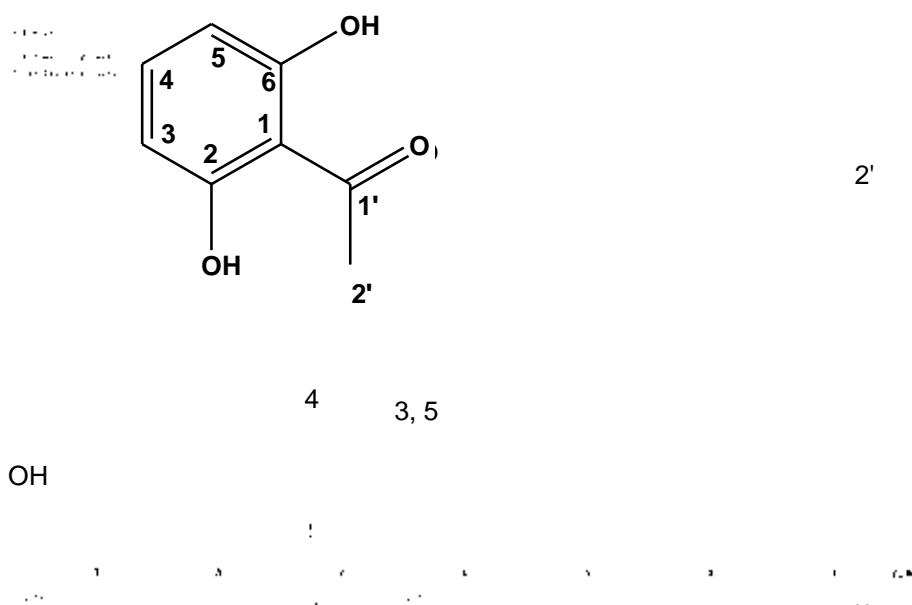


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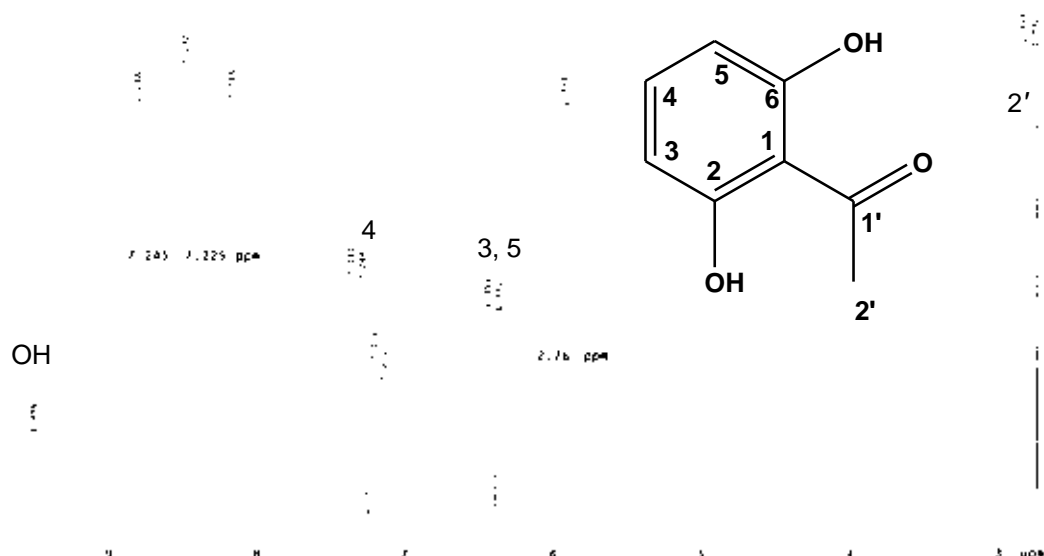


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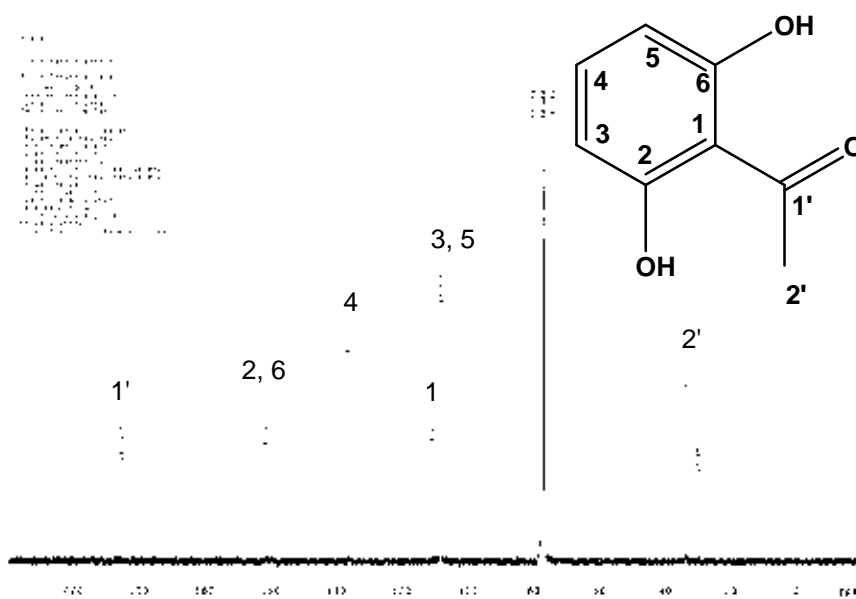
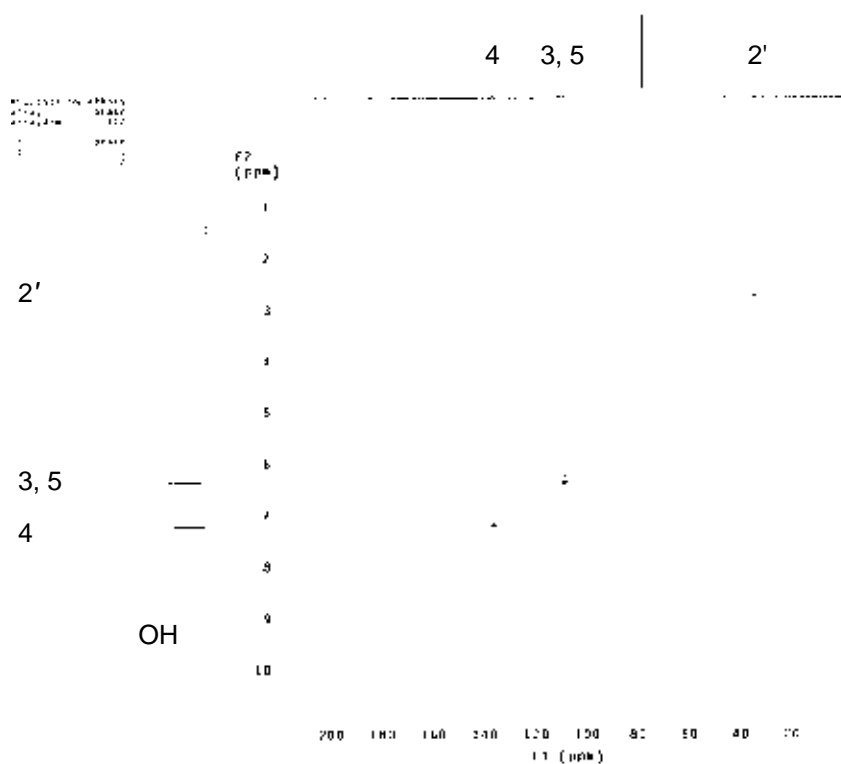
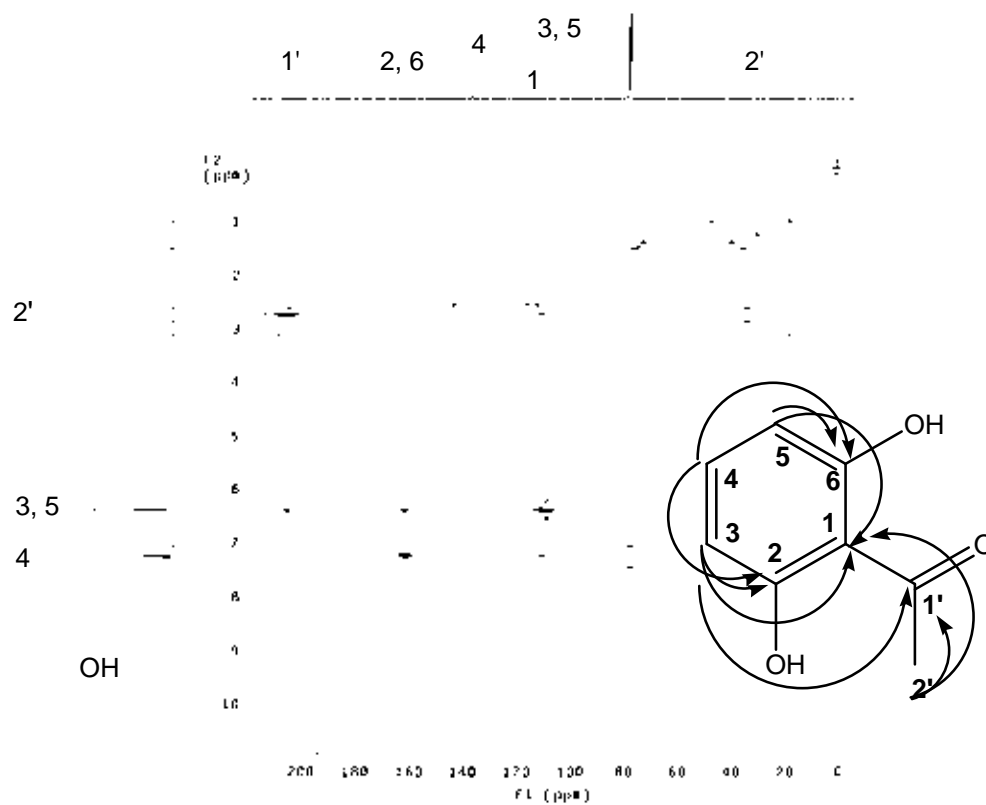
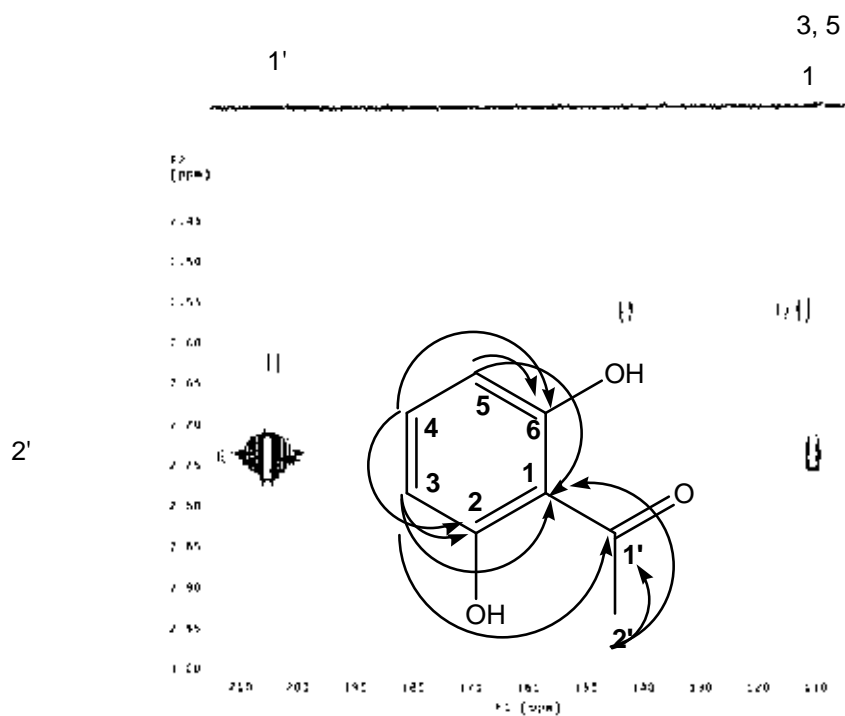
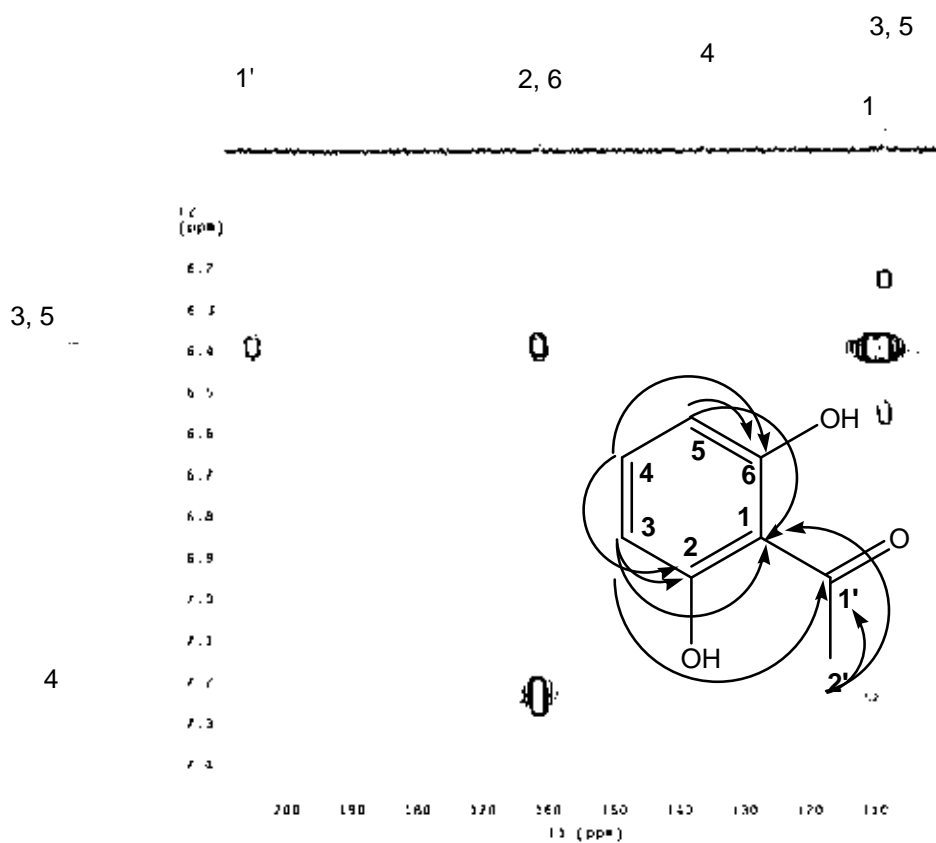


Figure 76  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectrum of 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

Figure 77 HSQC spectrum of 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )Figure 78 HMBC spectrum of 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

Figure 79 Expanded HMBC spectrum of 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)Figure 80 Expanded HMBC spectrum of 1'-(2,6-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



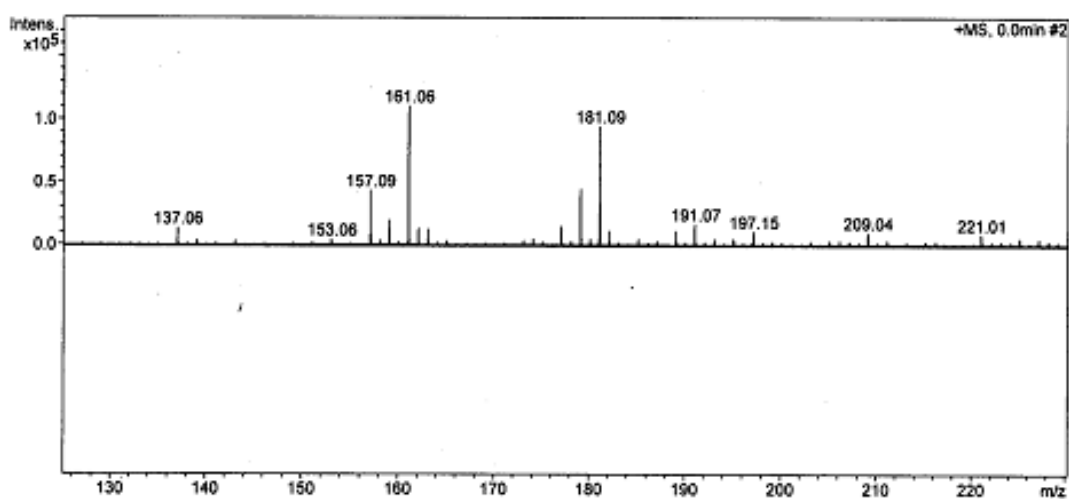
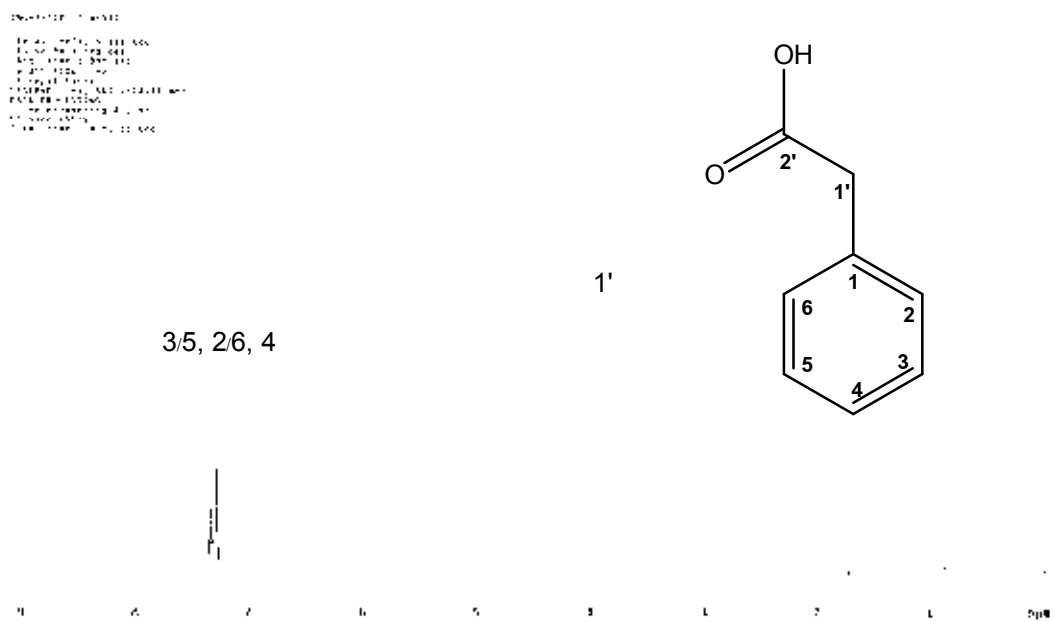


Figure 81 EIMS spectrum of phenylacetic acid

Figure 82 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of phenylacetic acid (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

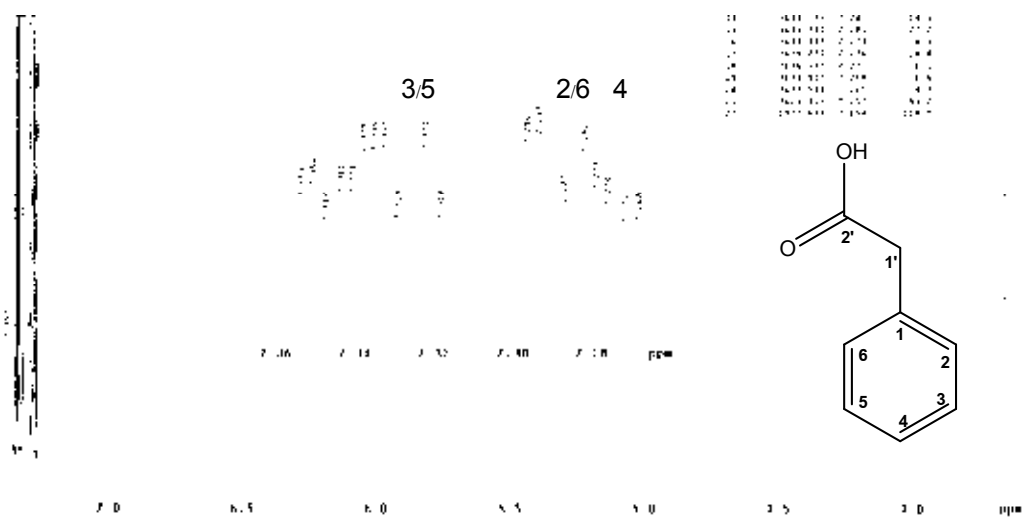


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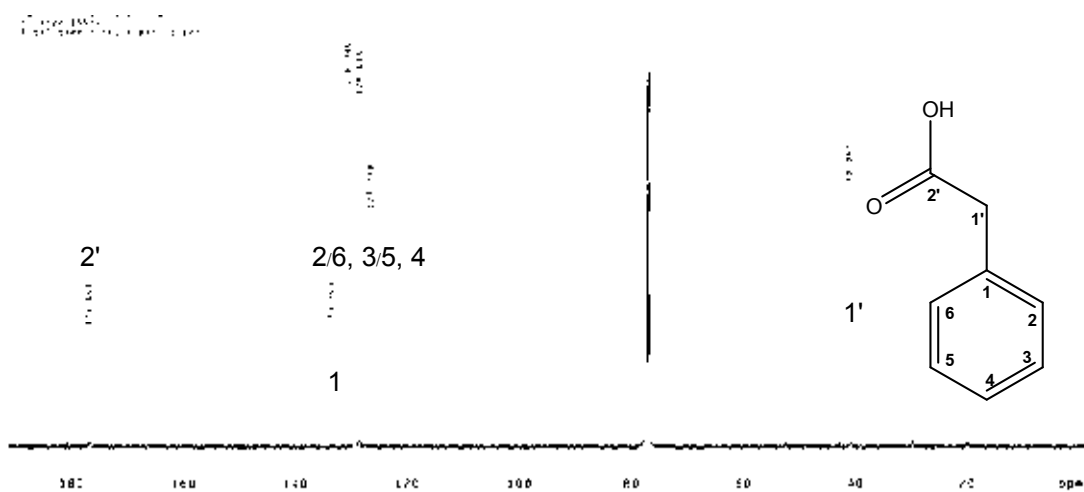
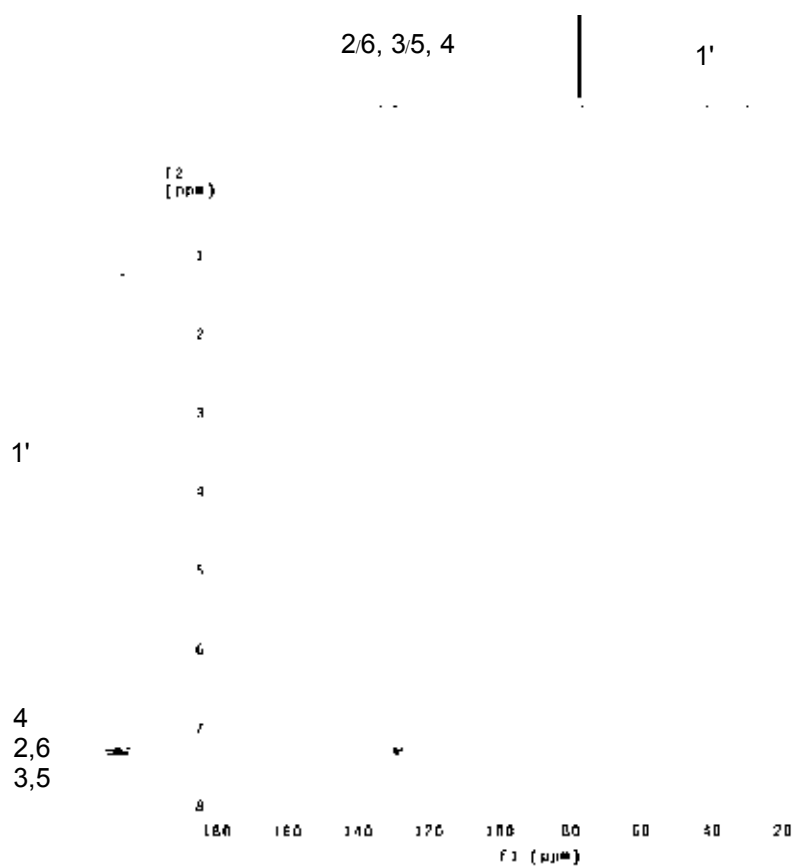
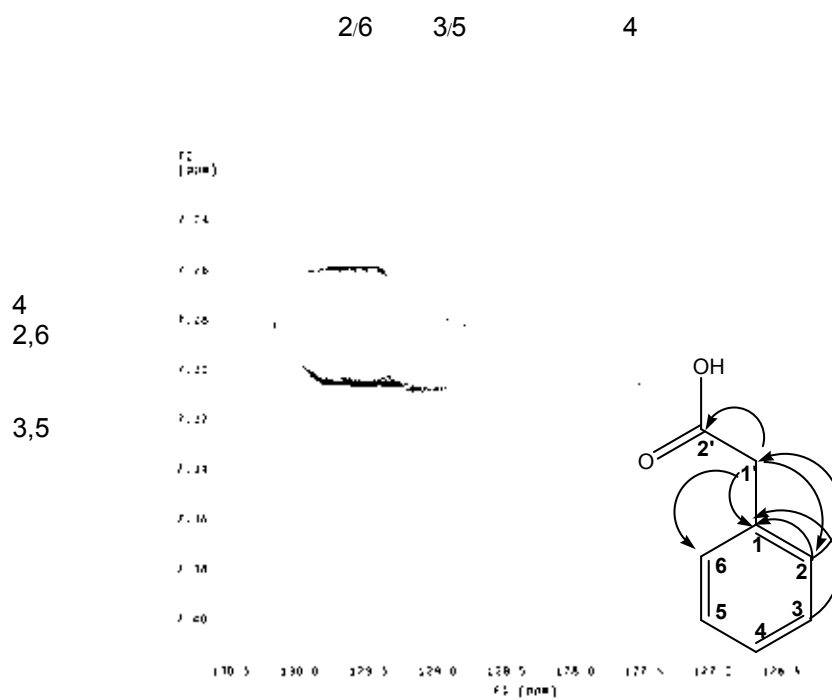
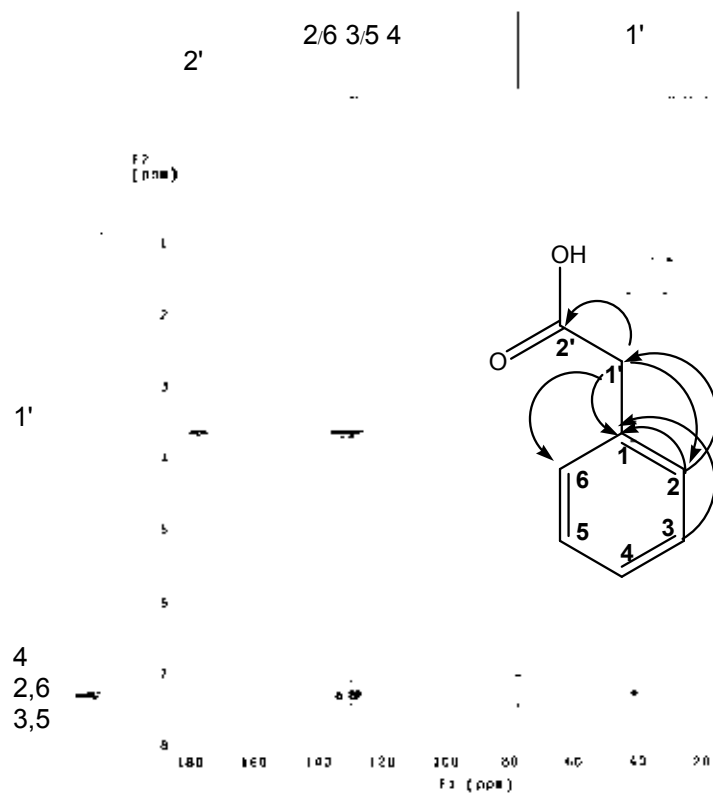
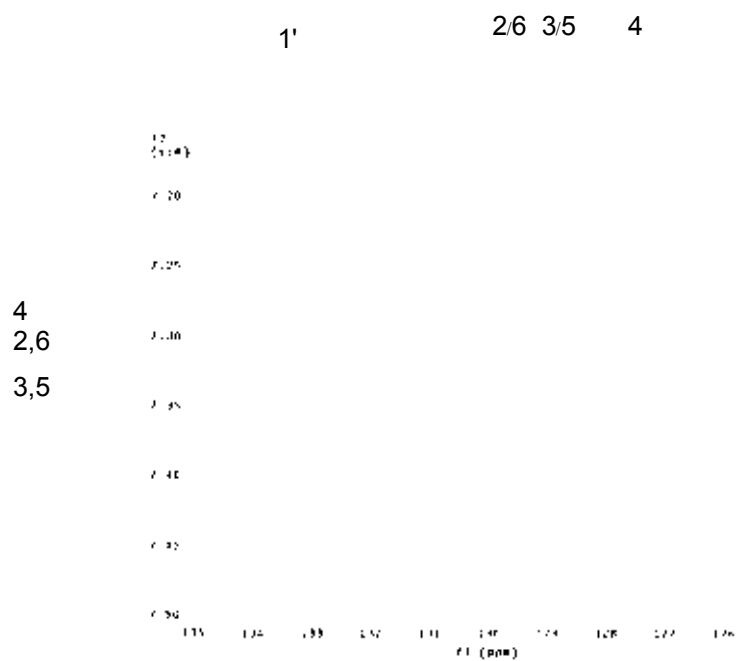


Figure 84  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectrum of phenylacetic acid (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

Figure 85 HSQC spectrum of phenylacetic acid ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )Figure 86 Expanded HSQC spectrum of phenylacetic acid ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

Figure 87 HMBC spectrum of phenylacetic acid (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)Figure 88 Expanded HMBC spectrum of phenylacetic acid (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

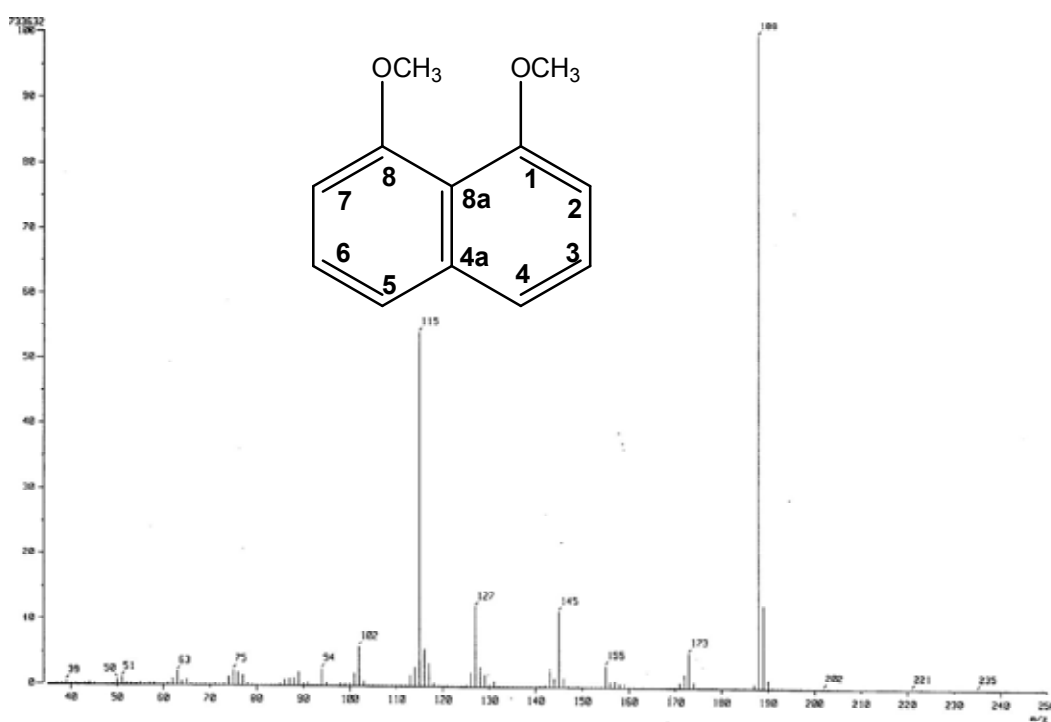
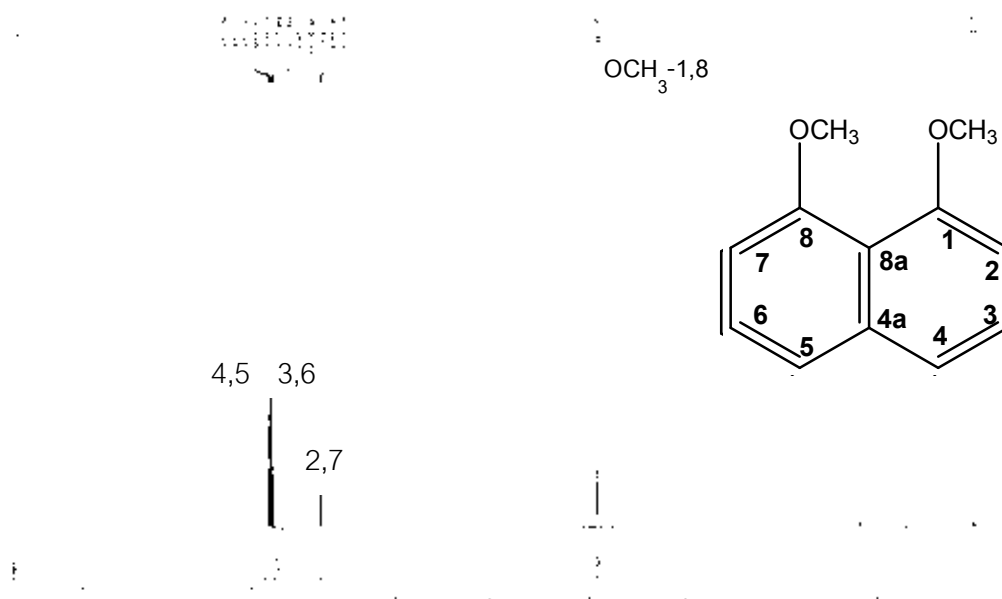


Figure 89 EIMS spectrum of 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene

Figure 90 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

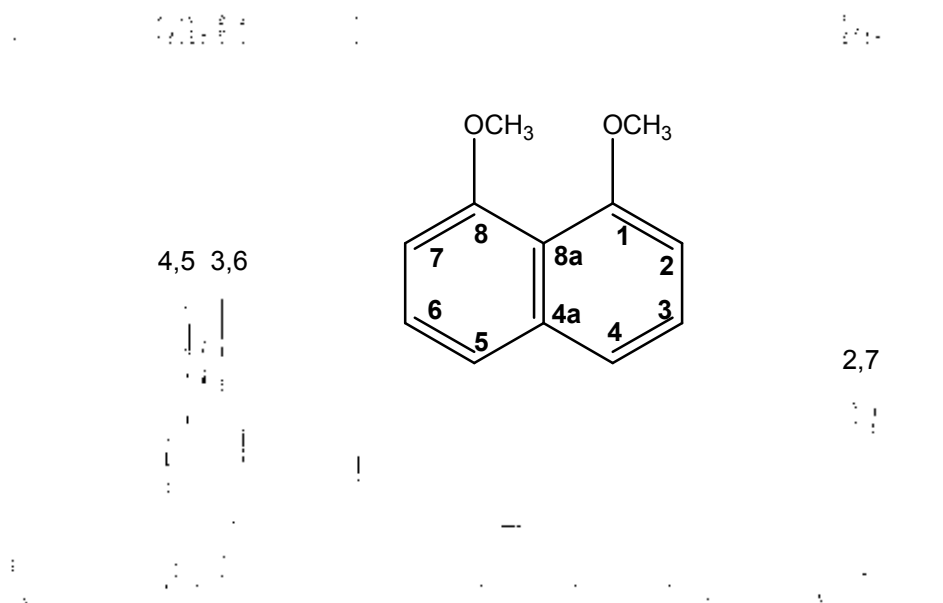


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(500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

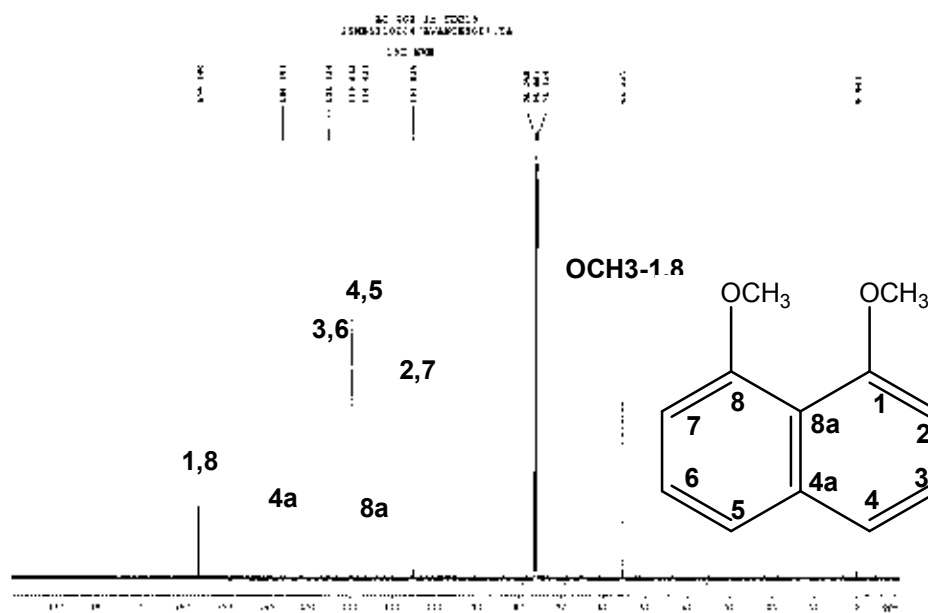


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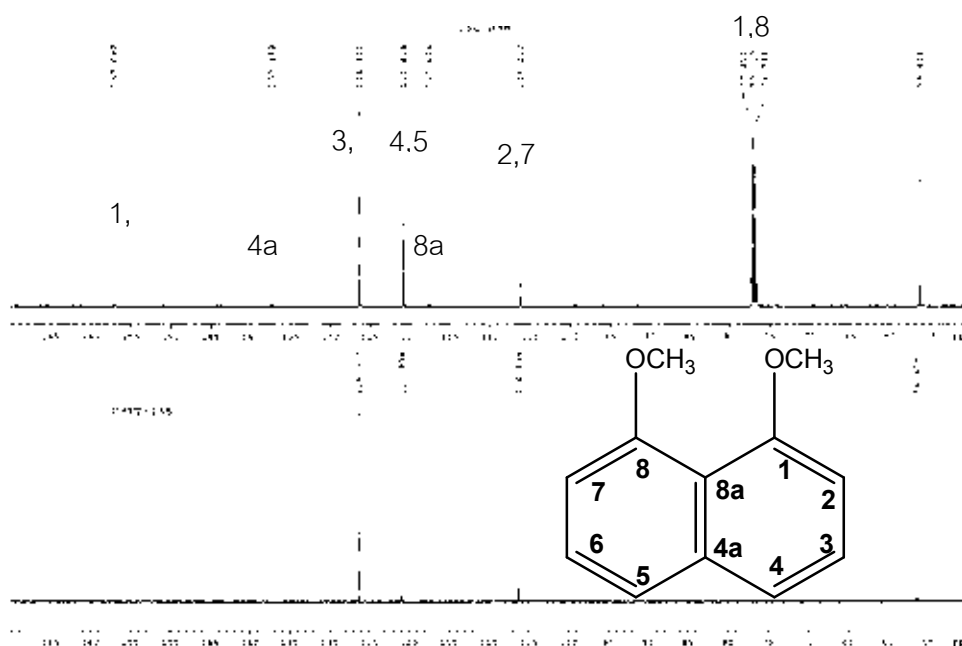


Figure 93 DEPT 135 spectrum of 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

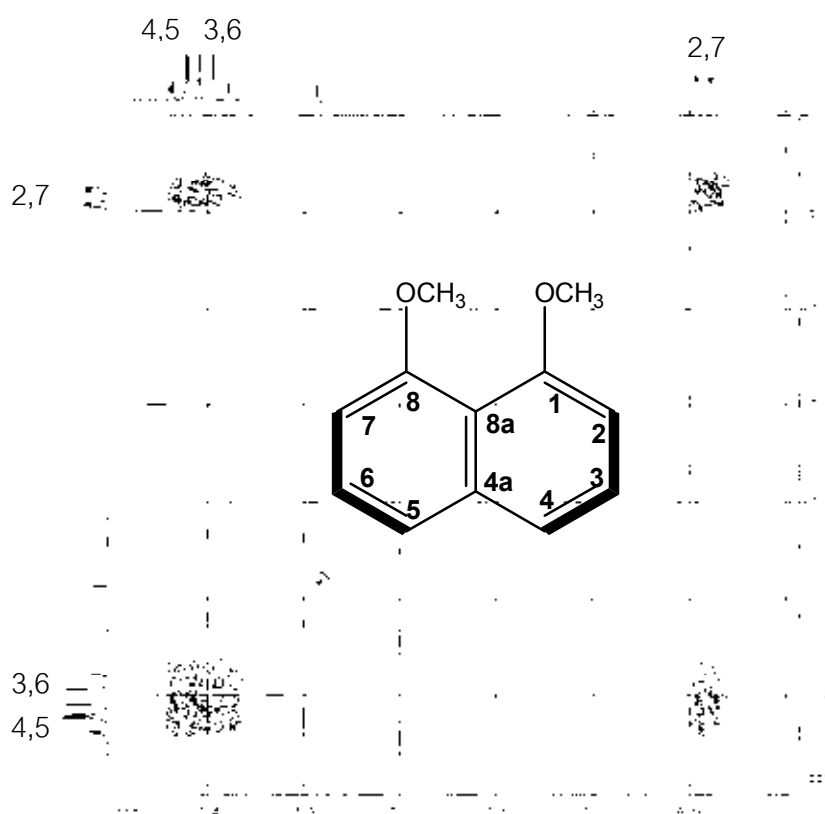


Figure 94 <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

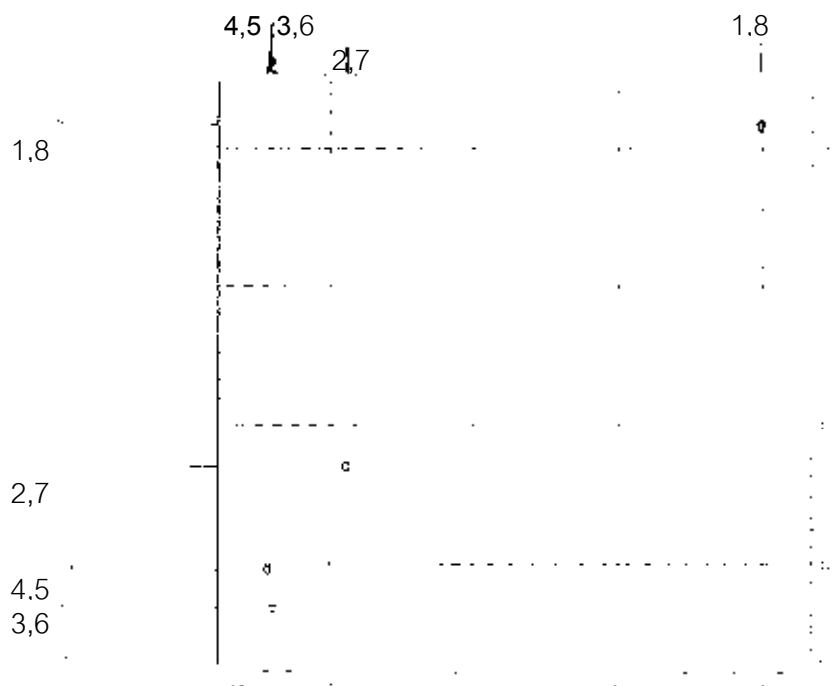


Figure 95 HMQC spectrum of 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

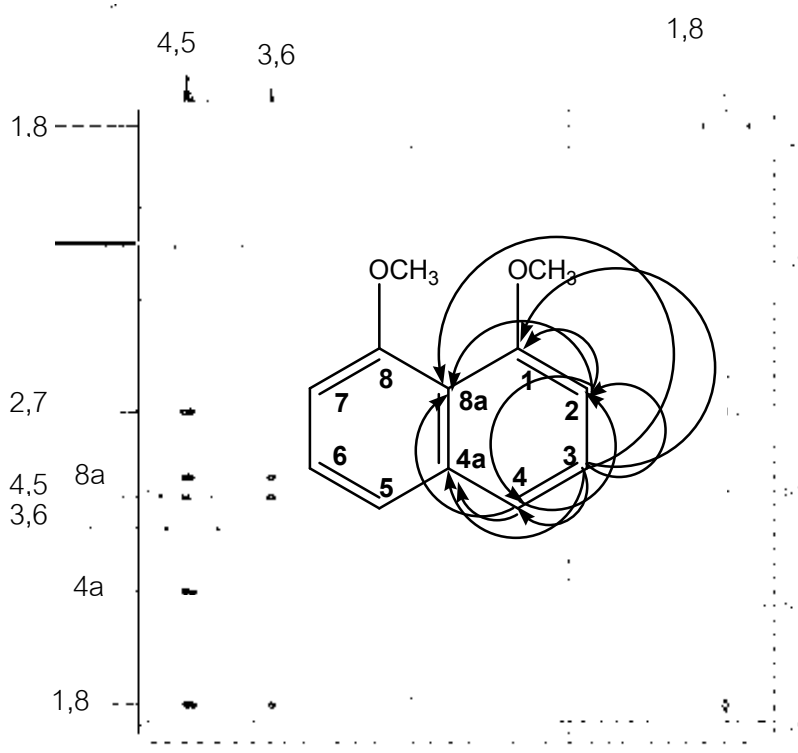


Figure 96 HMBC spectrum of 1,8-dimethoxynaphthalene ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )



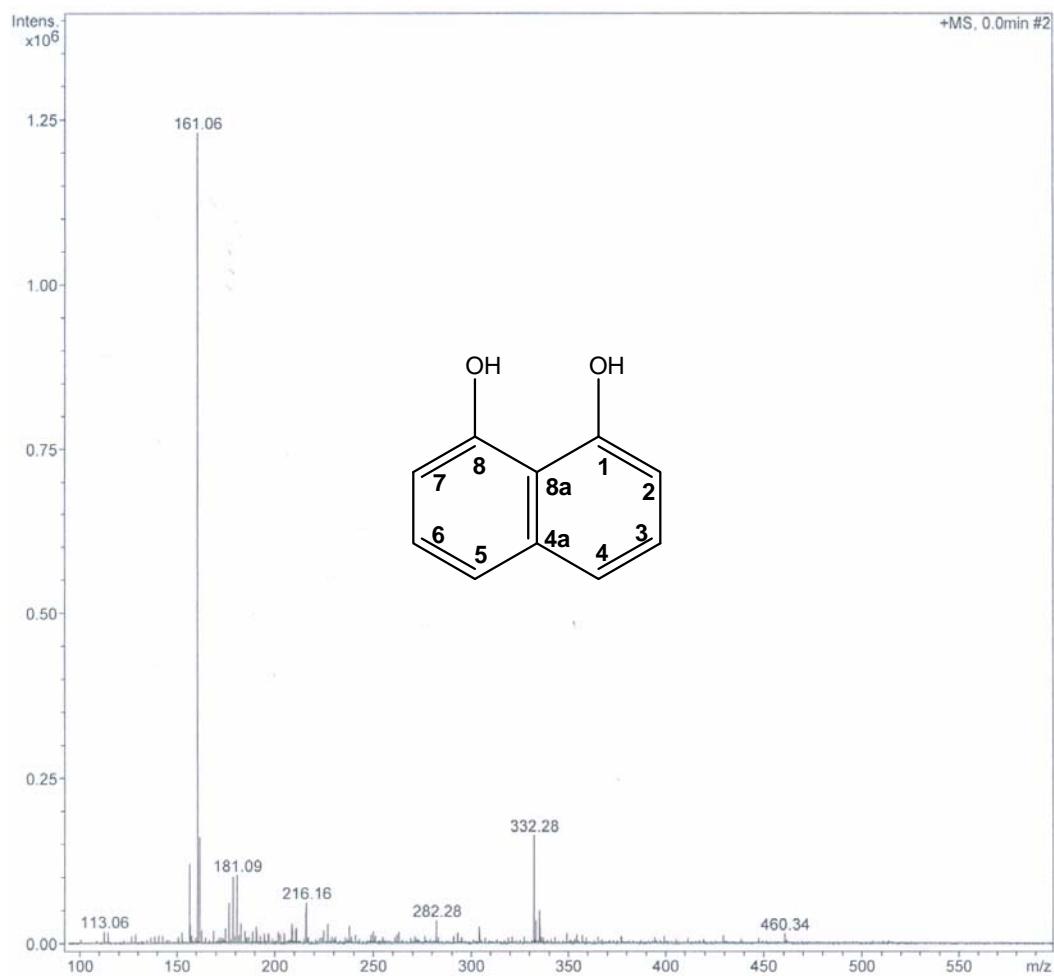


Figure 97 ESI-TOF MS spectrum of 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene

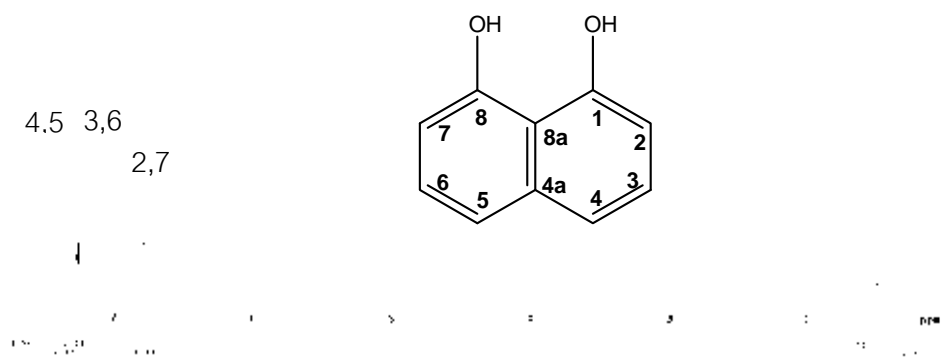


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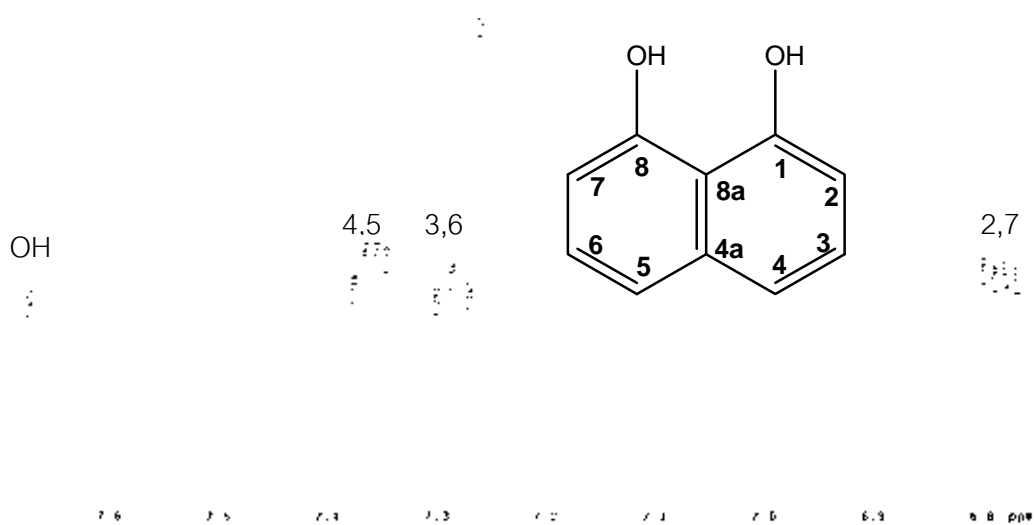


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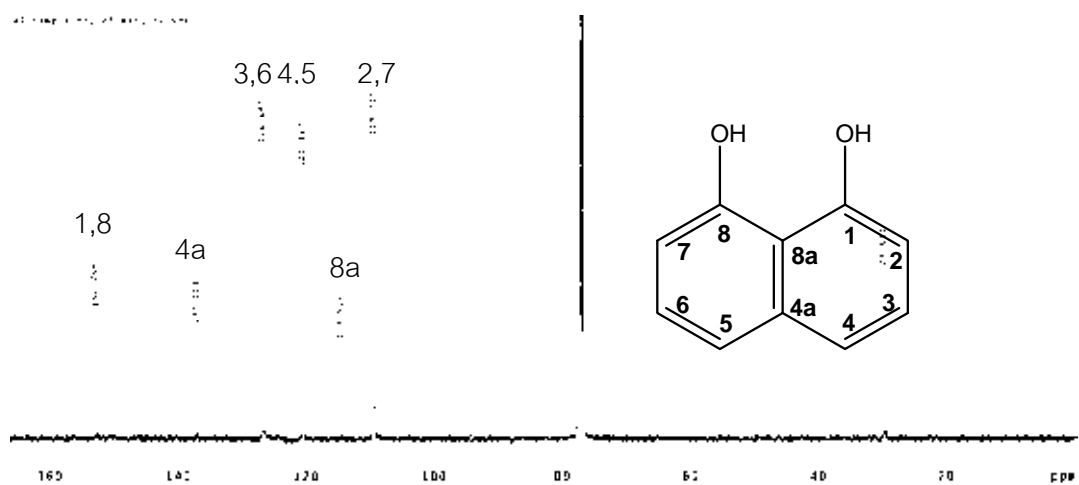


Figure 100  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

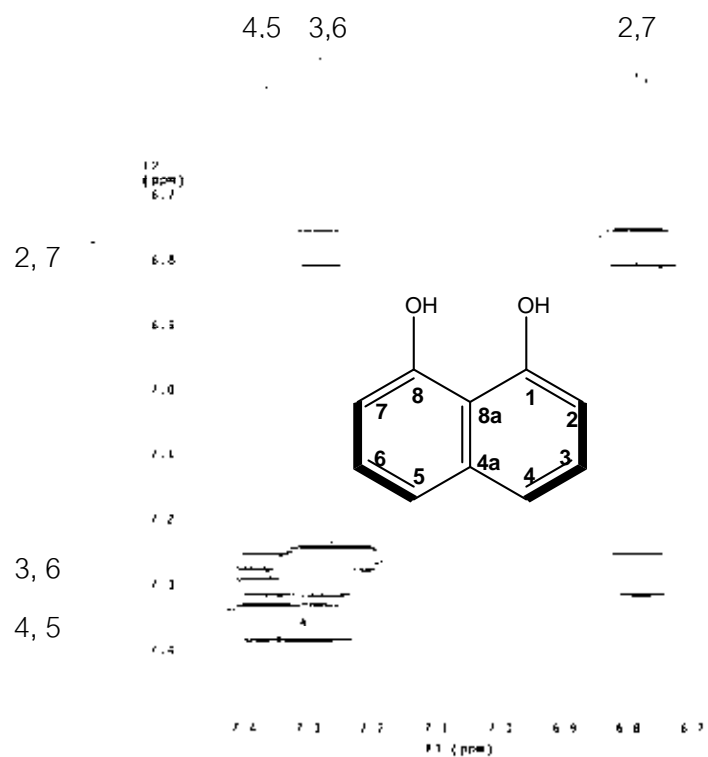


Figure 101 Expanded  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

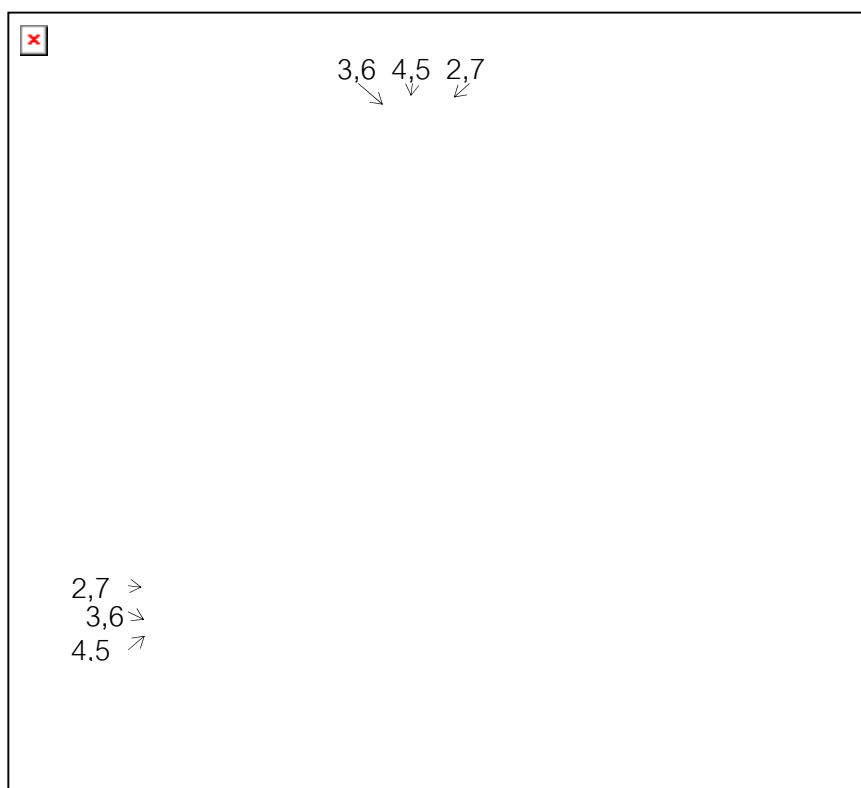


Figure 102 HMQC spectrum of 1,8-dihydroxynaphthalene ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

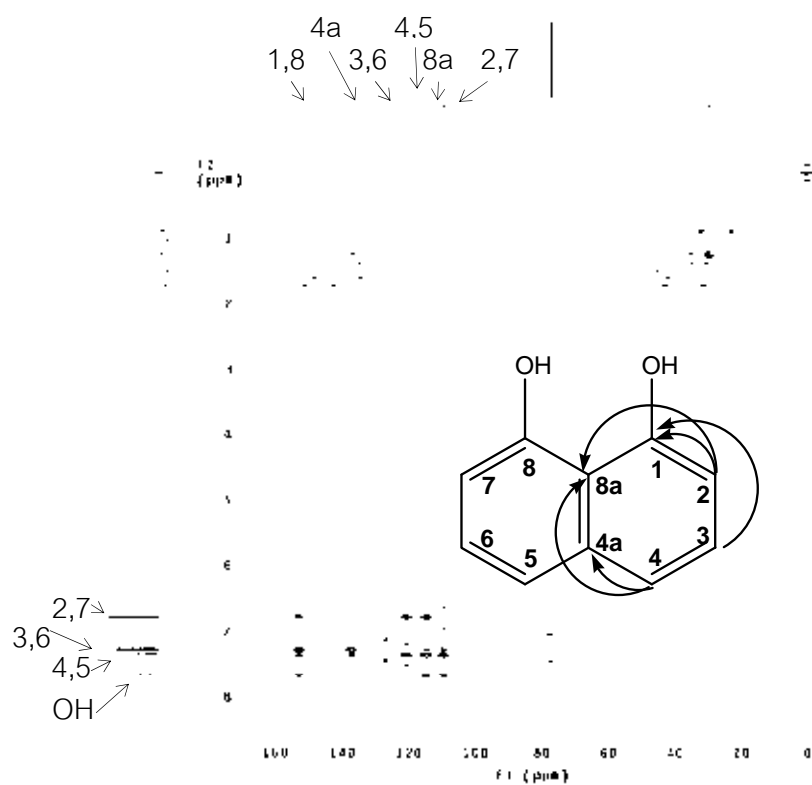


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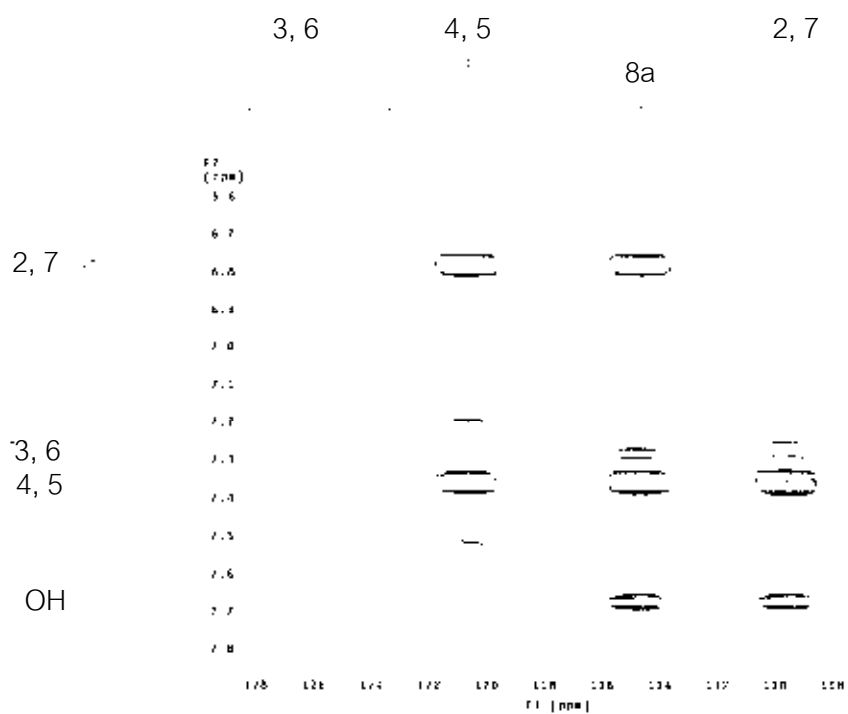


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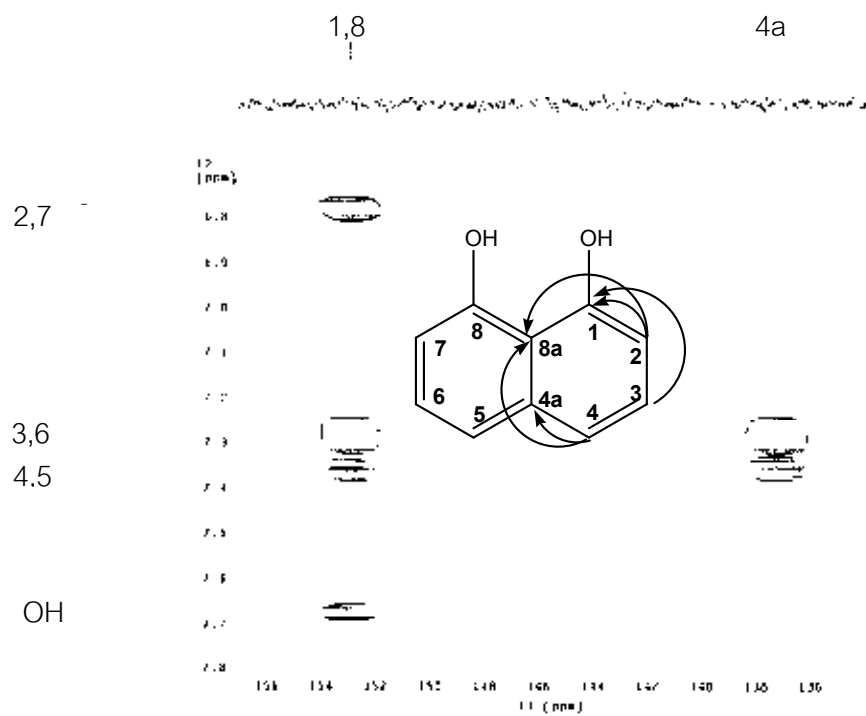


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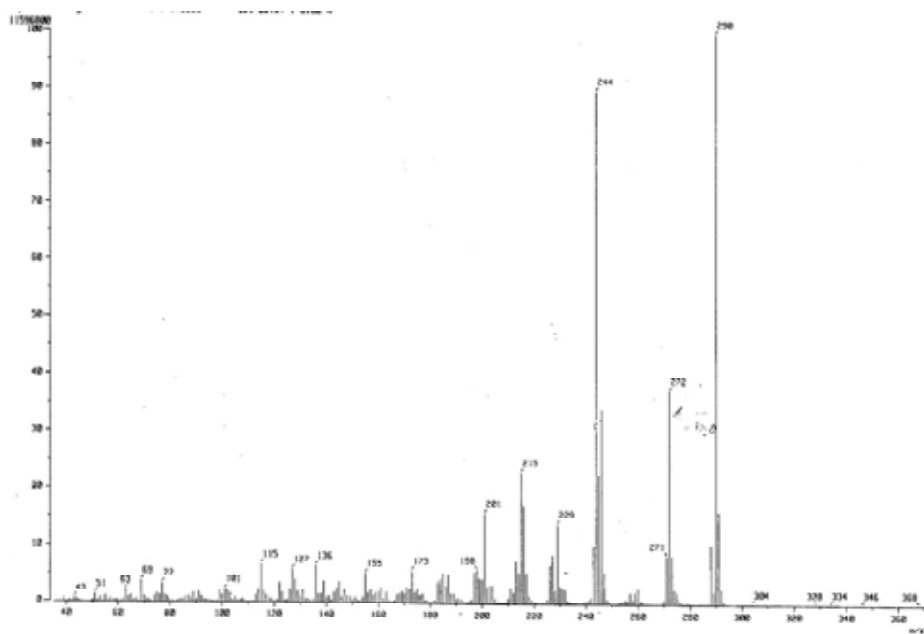


Figure 106 EIMS spectrum of altenusin

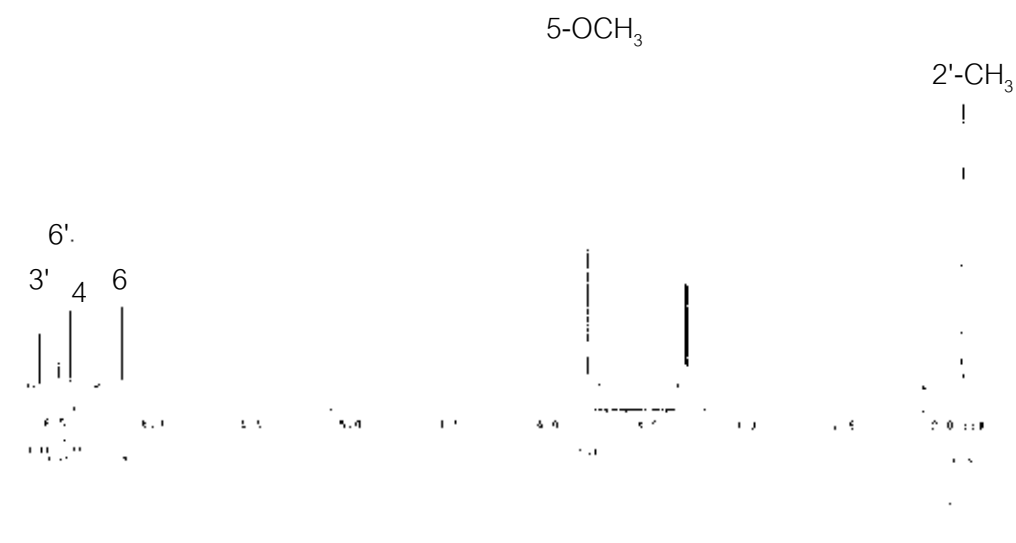


Figure107  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of altenusin (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

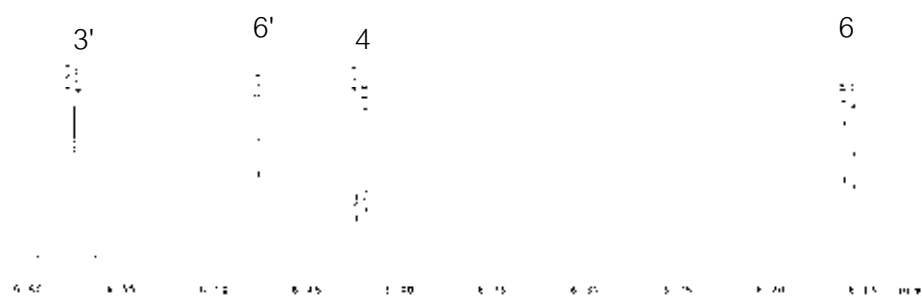


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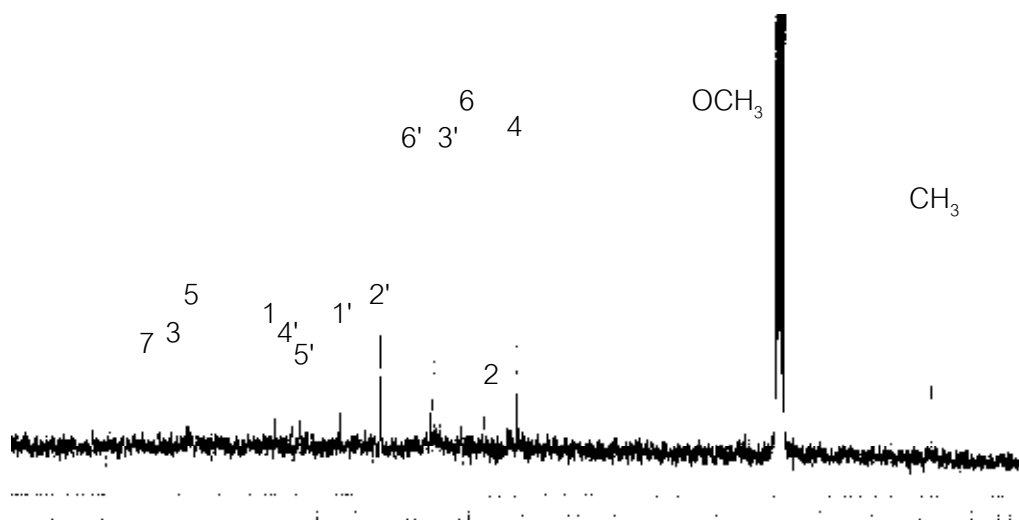


Figure 109  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of altenusin (75 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )

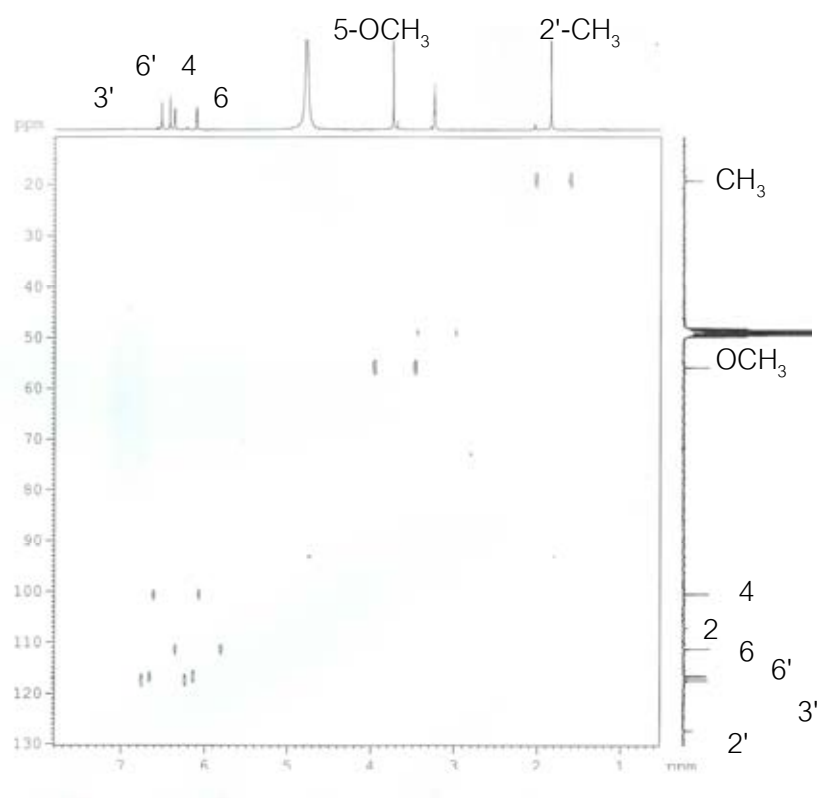


Figure 110 HMQC spectrum of altenusin ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )

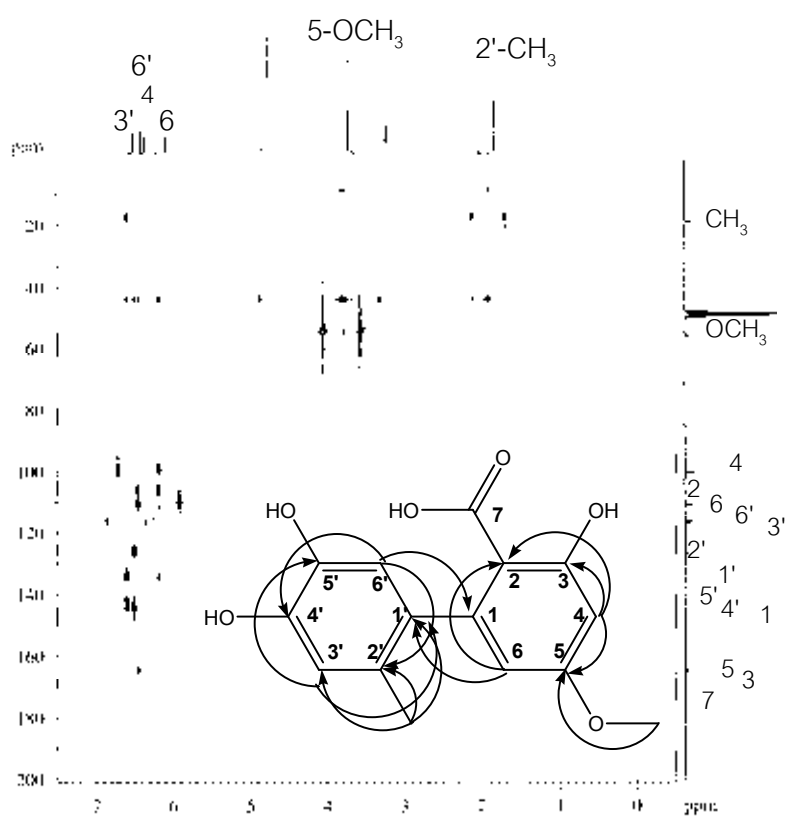


Figure 111 HMBC spectrum of altenusin (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  
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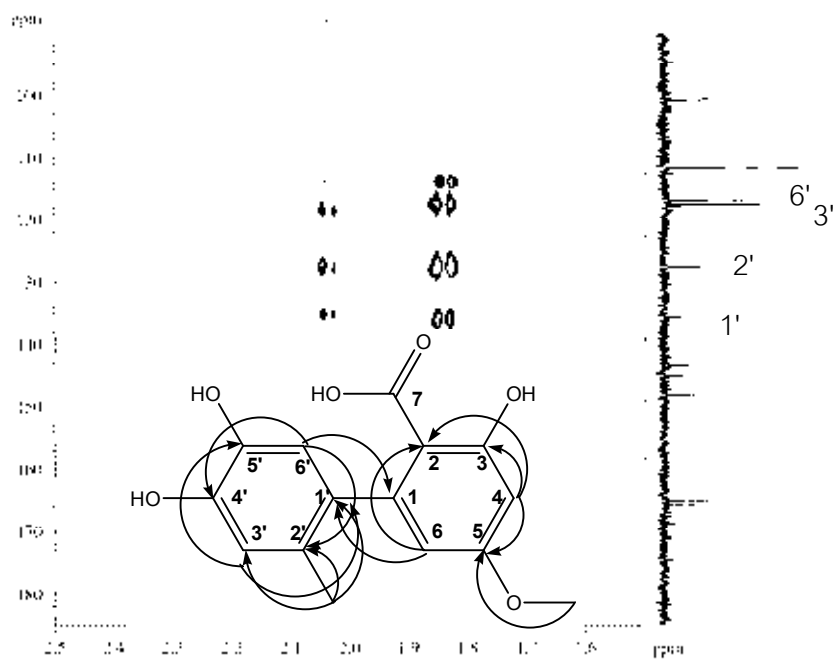


Figure 112 Expanded HMBC spectrum of altenusin (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)



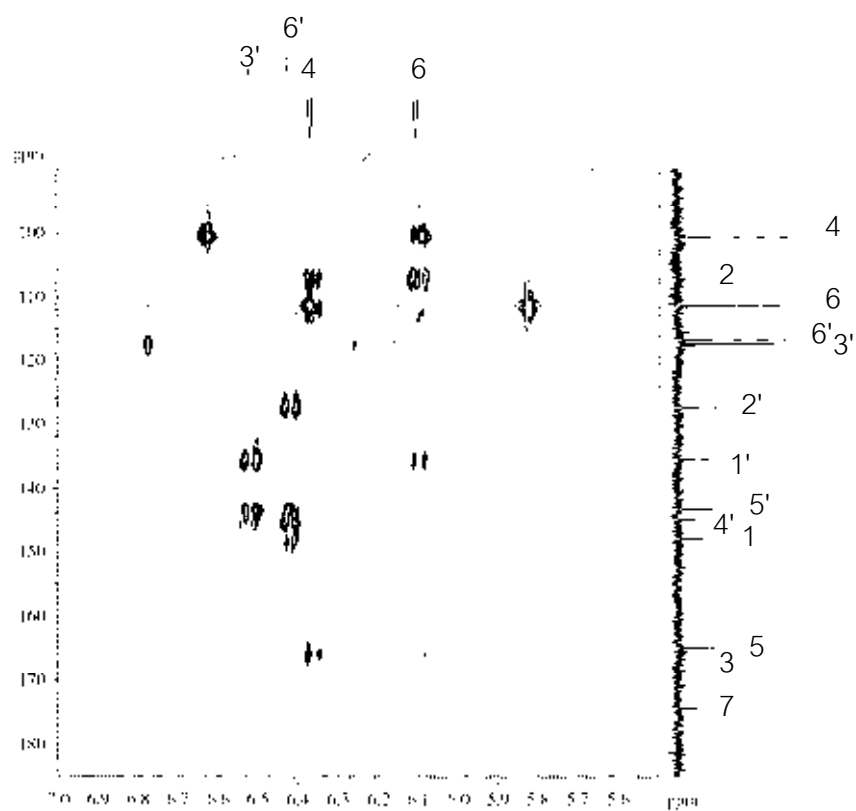


Figure 113 Expanded HMBC spectrum of altenusin ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  
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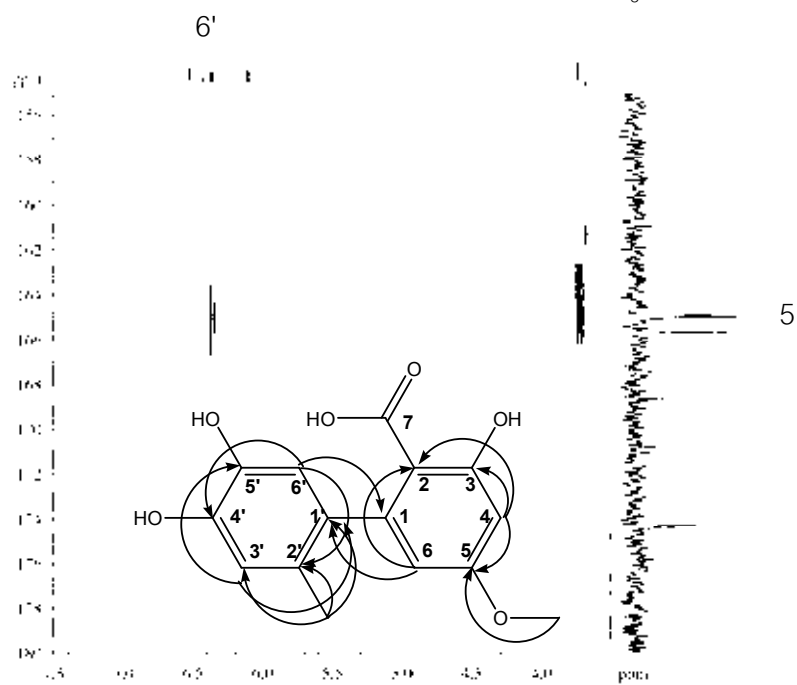


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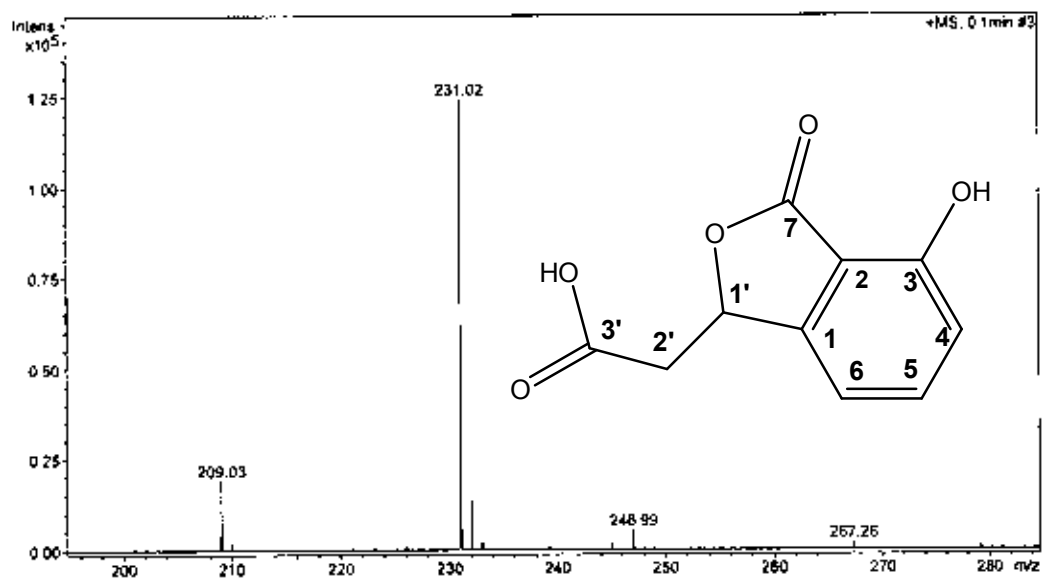
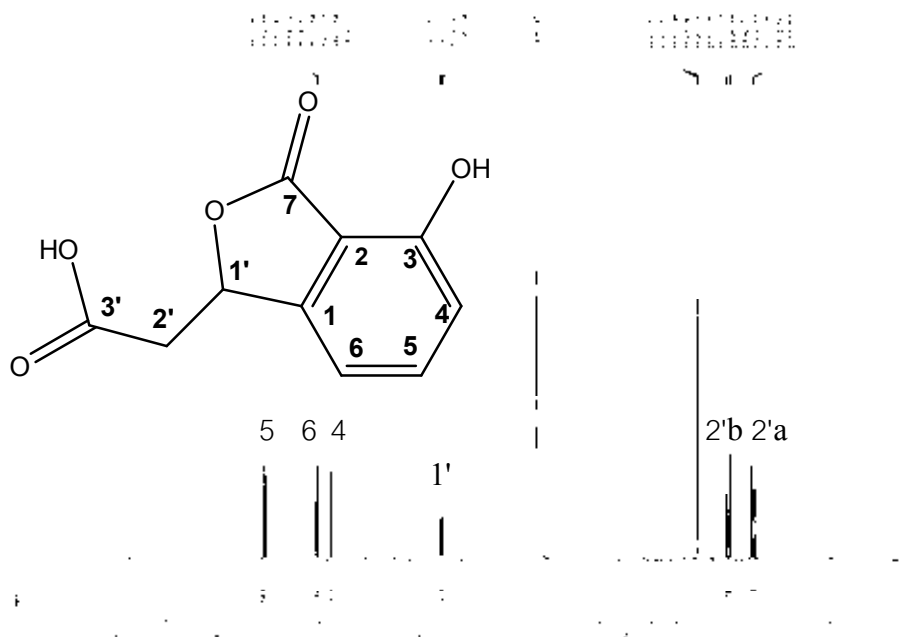


Figure 115 ESI-TOF MS spectrum of Isochracinic acid

Figure 116 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of Isochracinic acid (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)

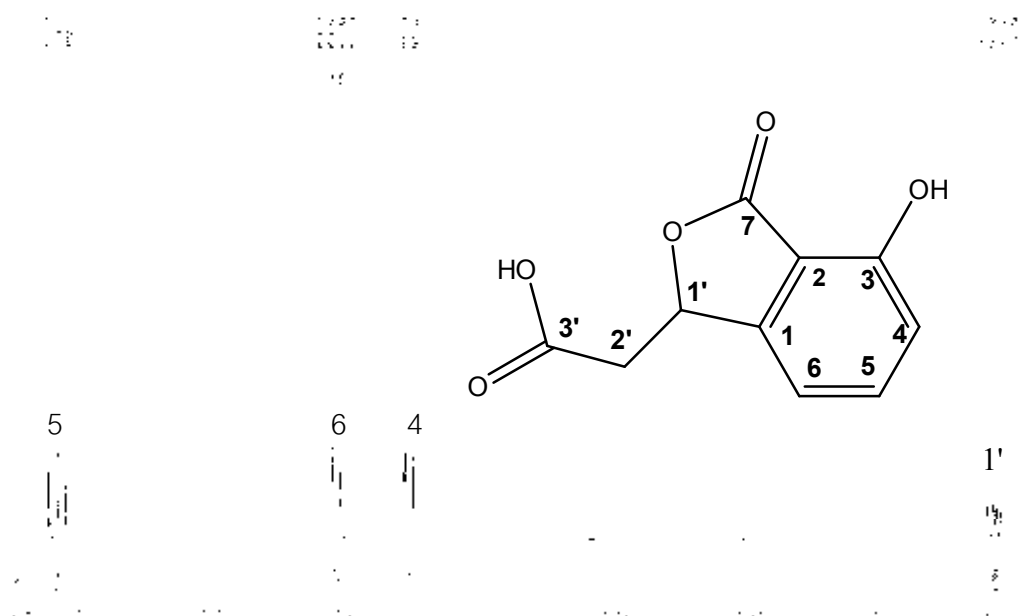


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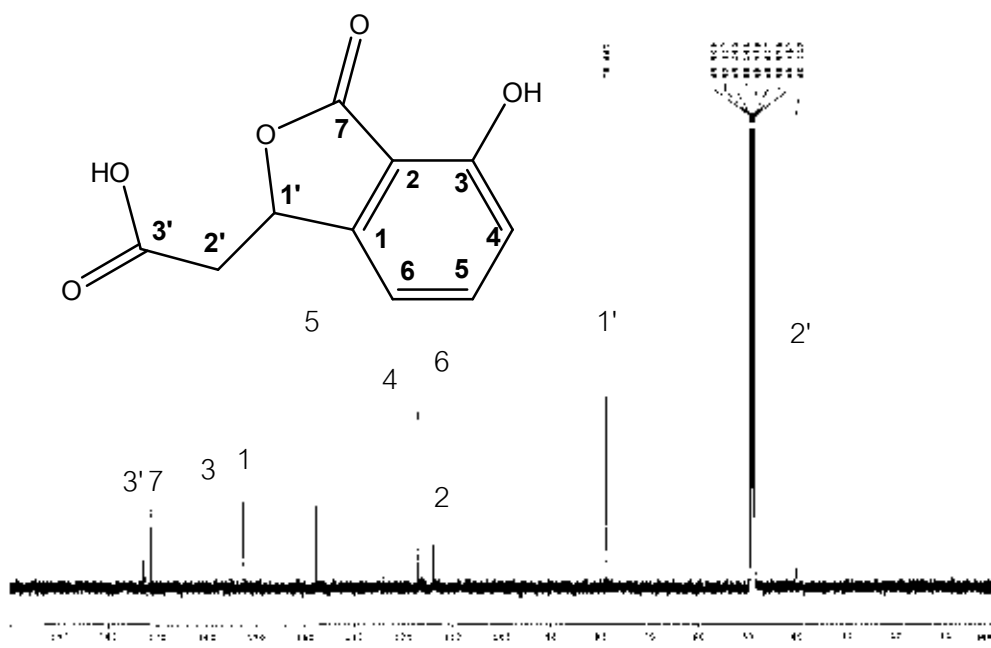


Figure 118 <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of Isochracinic acid (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)

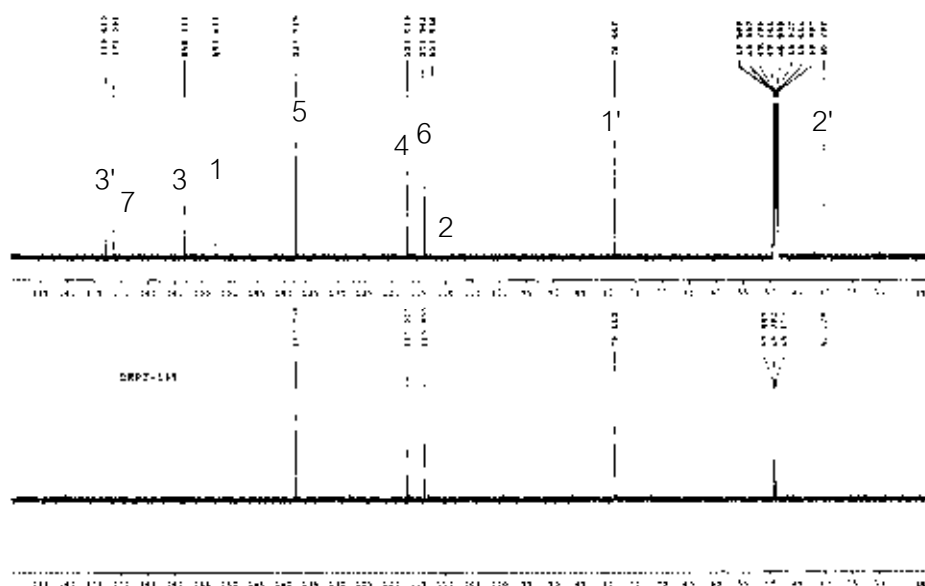


Figure 119 DEPT 135 spectrum of Isochracinic acid (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)

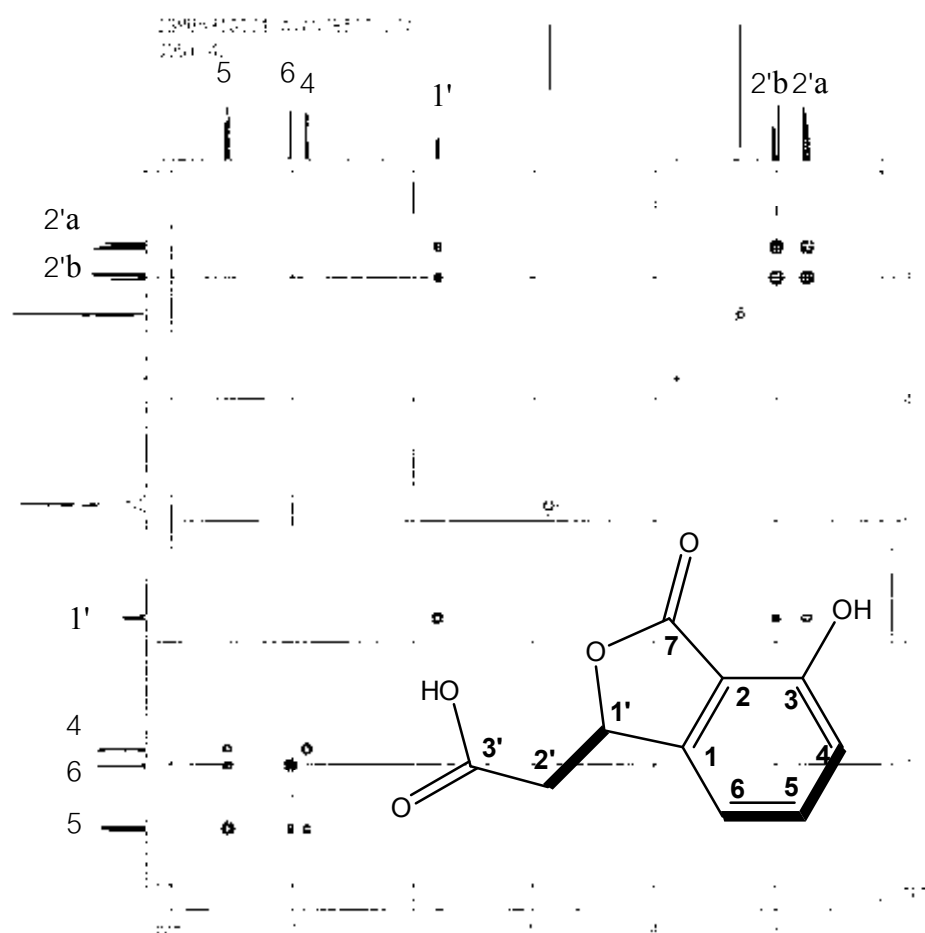
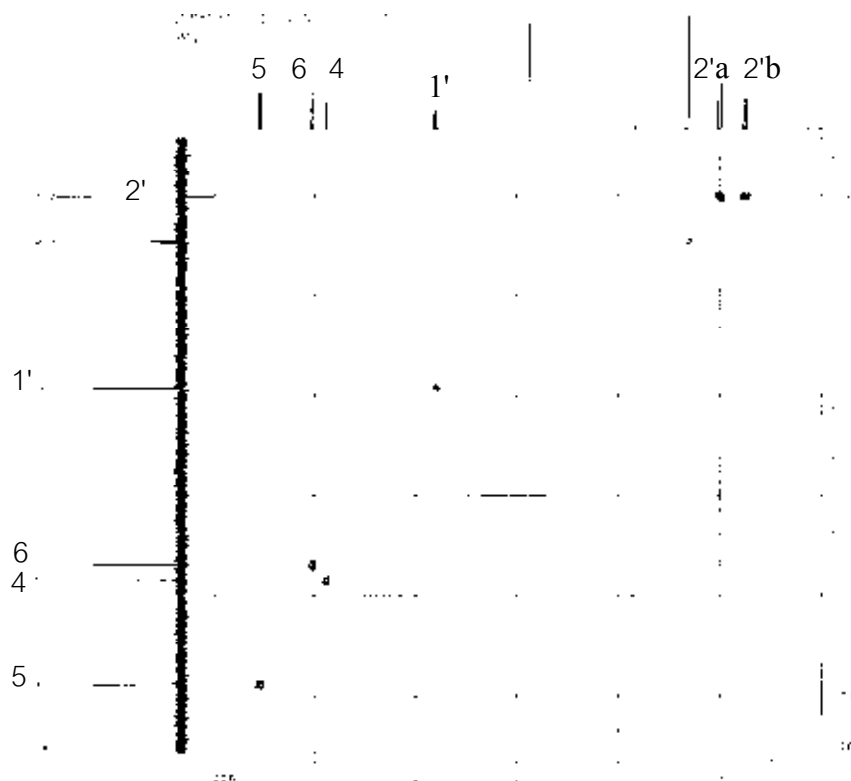
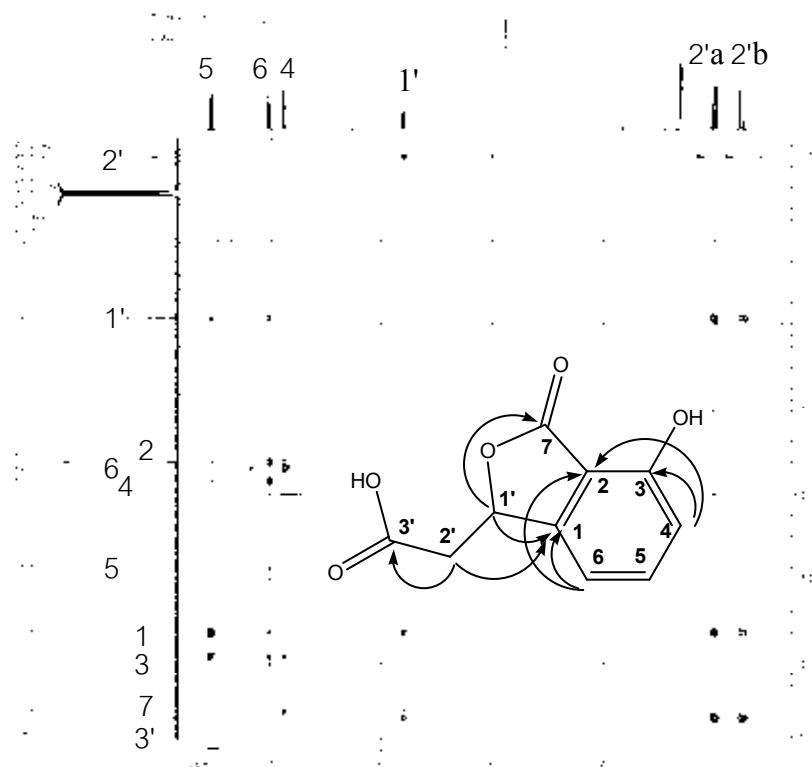


Figure 120 <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum Isochracinic acid (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)

Figure 121 HMBC spectrum Isochracinic acid ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )Figure 122 HMBC spectrum Isochracinic acid ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )

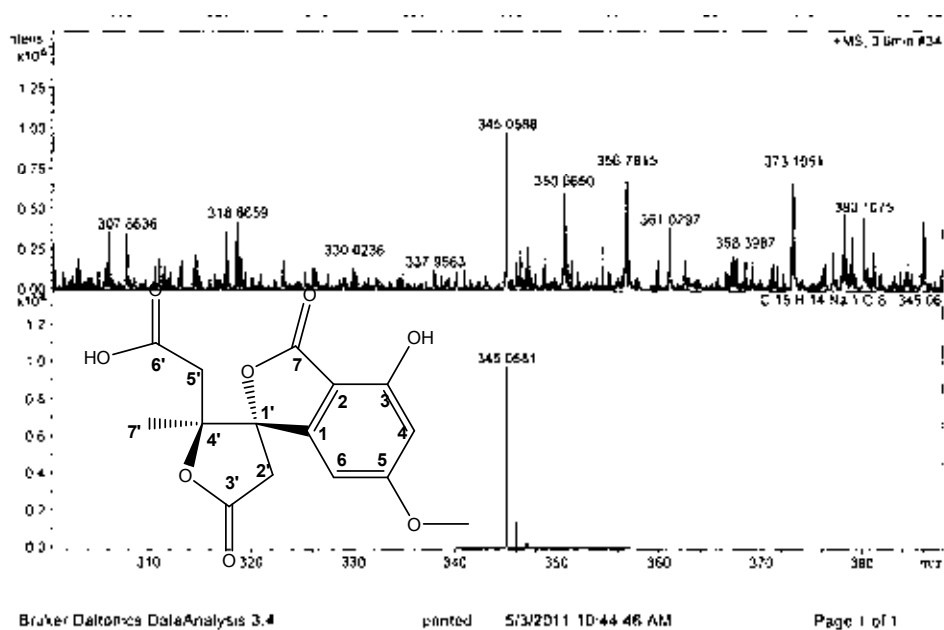


Figure 123 ESI-TOF MS spectrum of altenuic acid

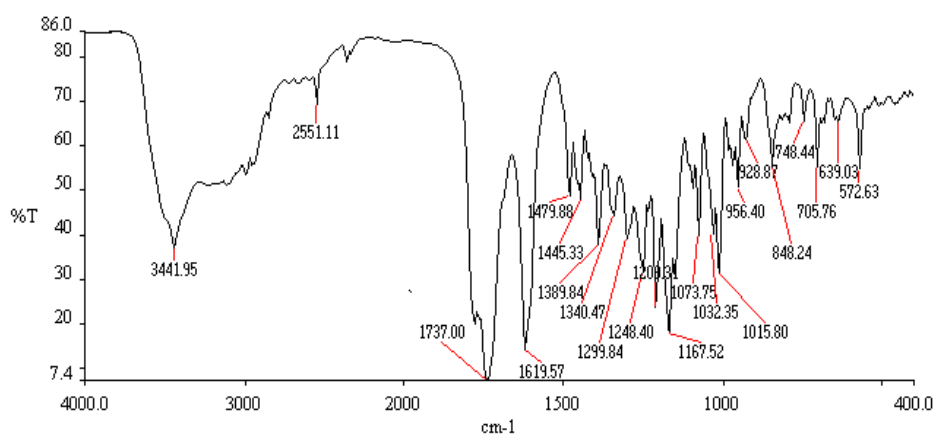


Figure 124 The IR spectrum of altenuic acid

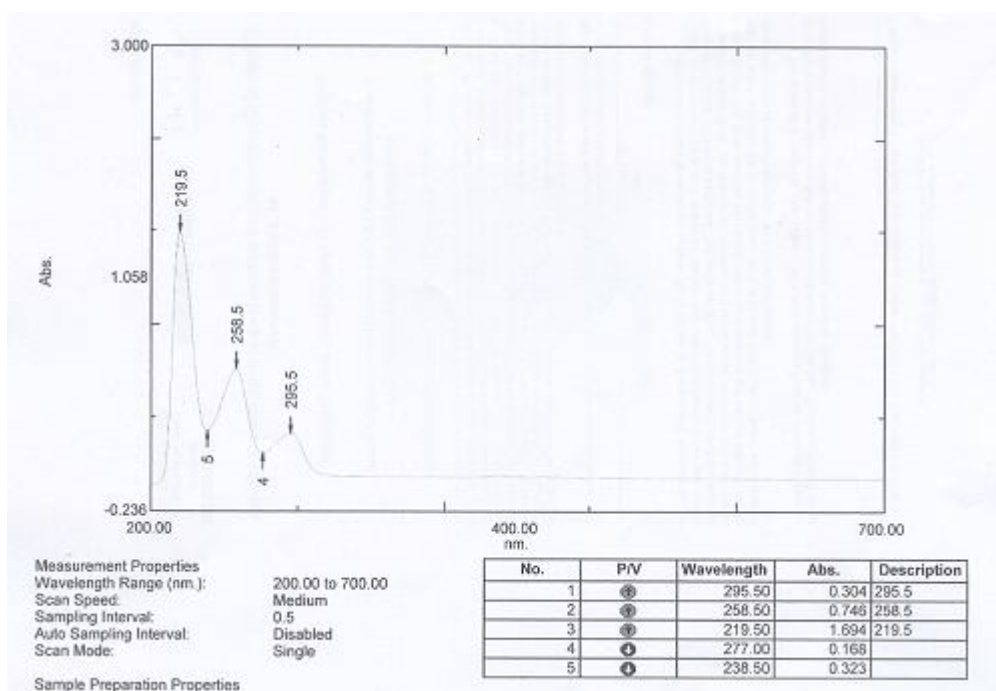
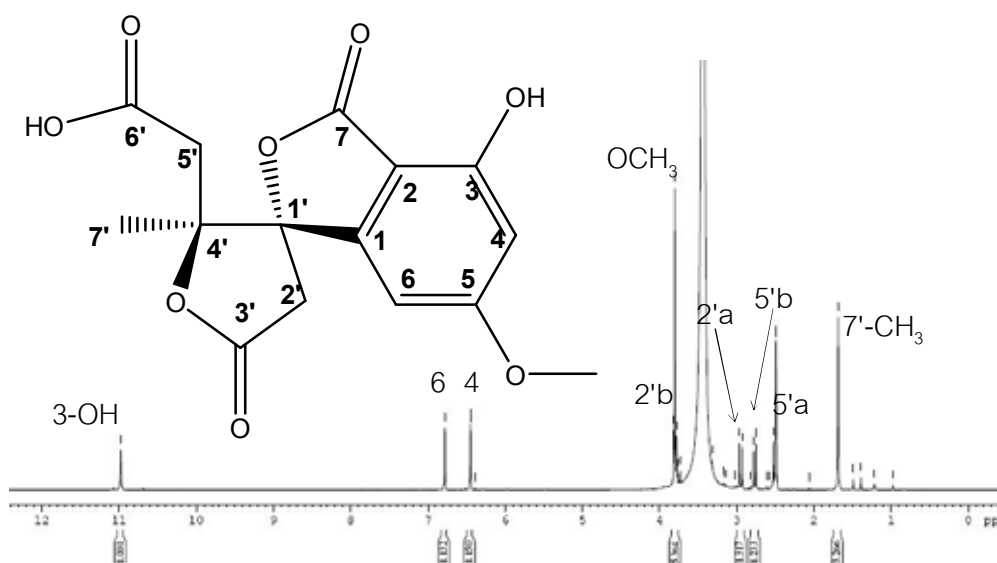


Figure 125 The UV spectrum of altenuic acid

Figure 126  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of altenuic acid (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )

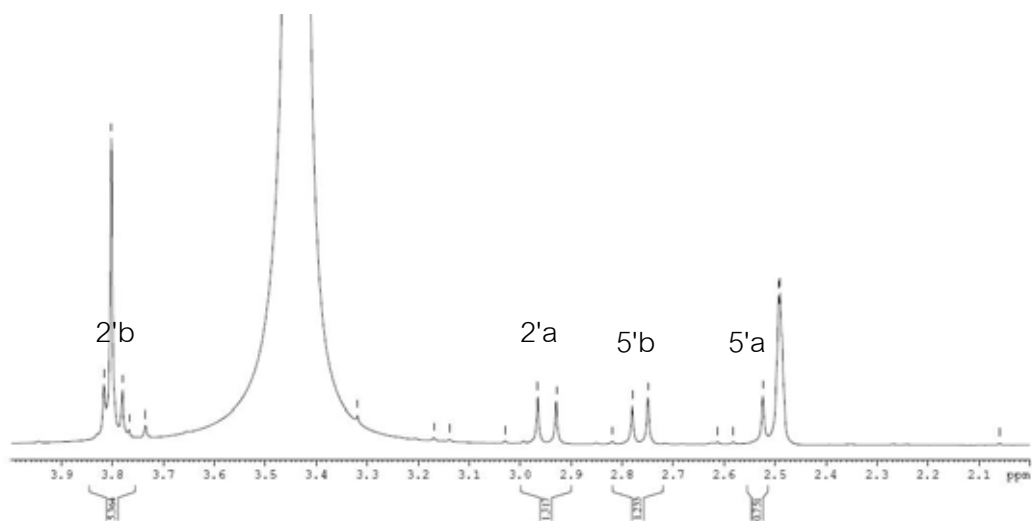


Figure 127 Expanded  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of altenuic acid (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )

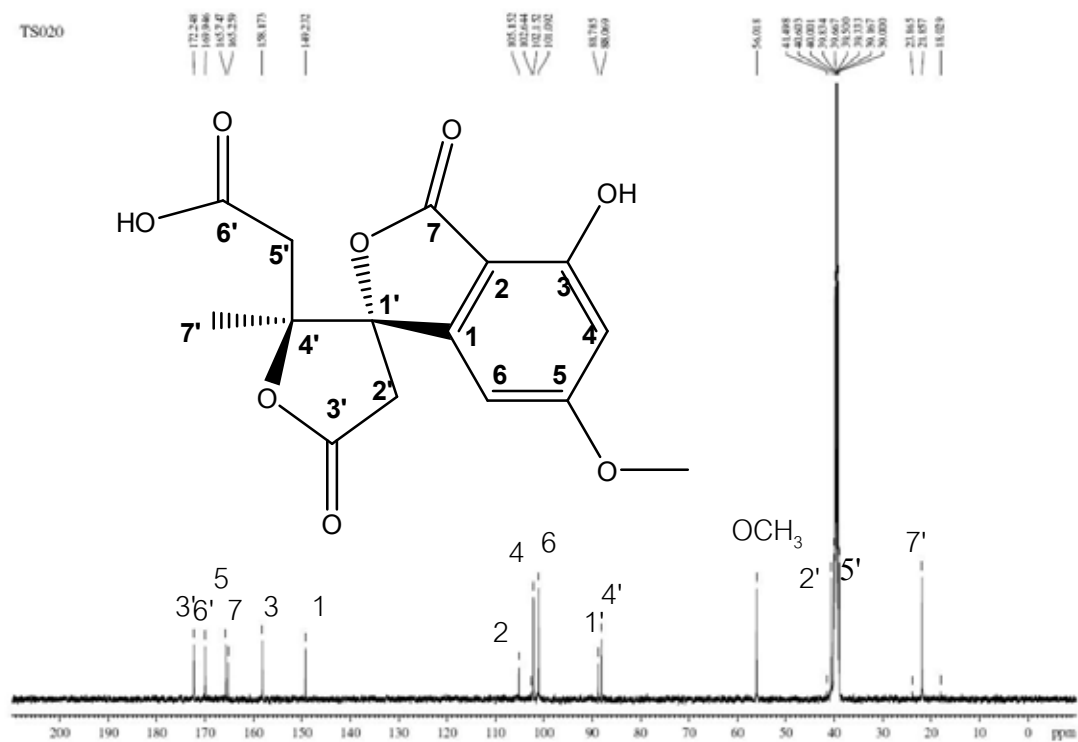


Figure 128  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectrum of altenuic acid (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )



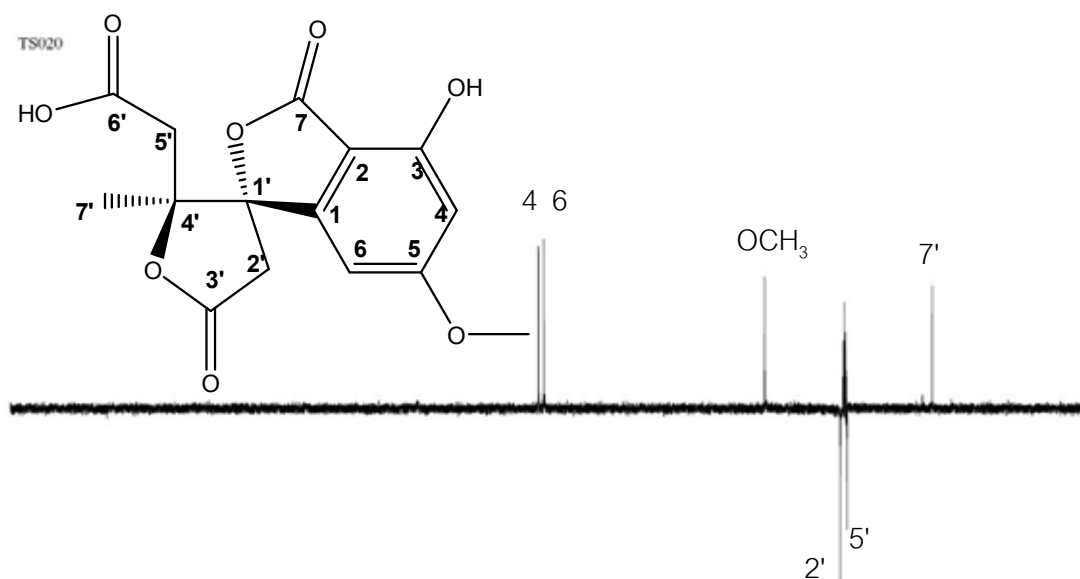


Figure 129 DEPT 135 spectrum of altenuic acid (125 MHz, DMSO<sub>d</sub><sub>6</sub>)

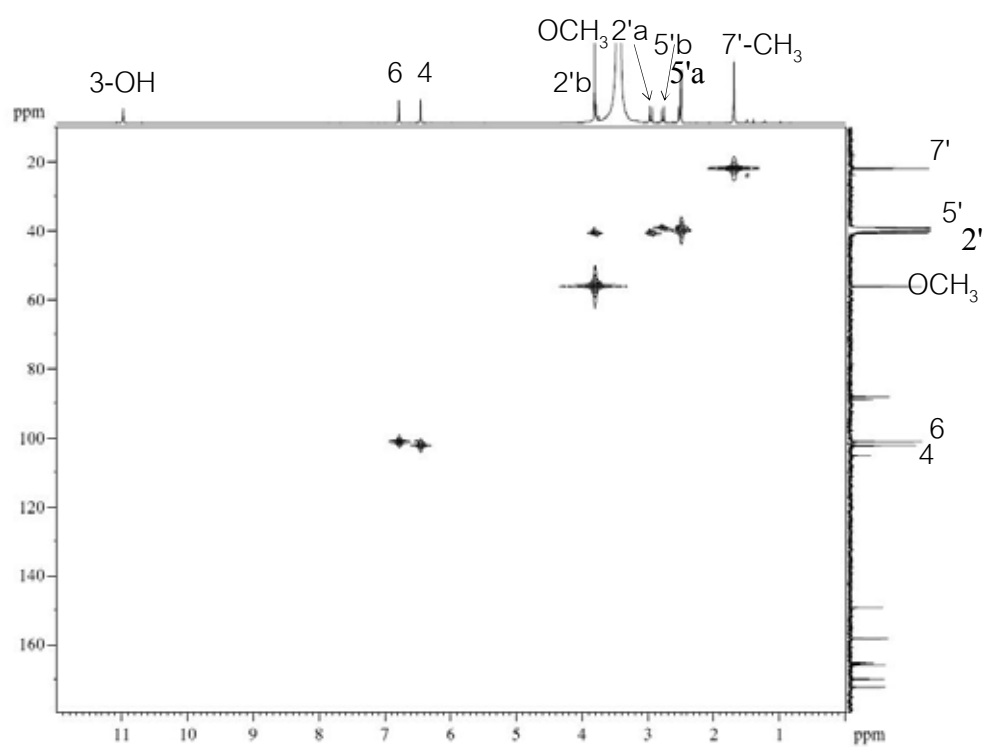


Figure 130 HMQC spectrum of altenuic acid (DMSO<sub>d</sub><sub>6</sub>)

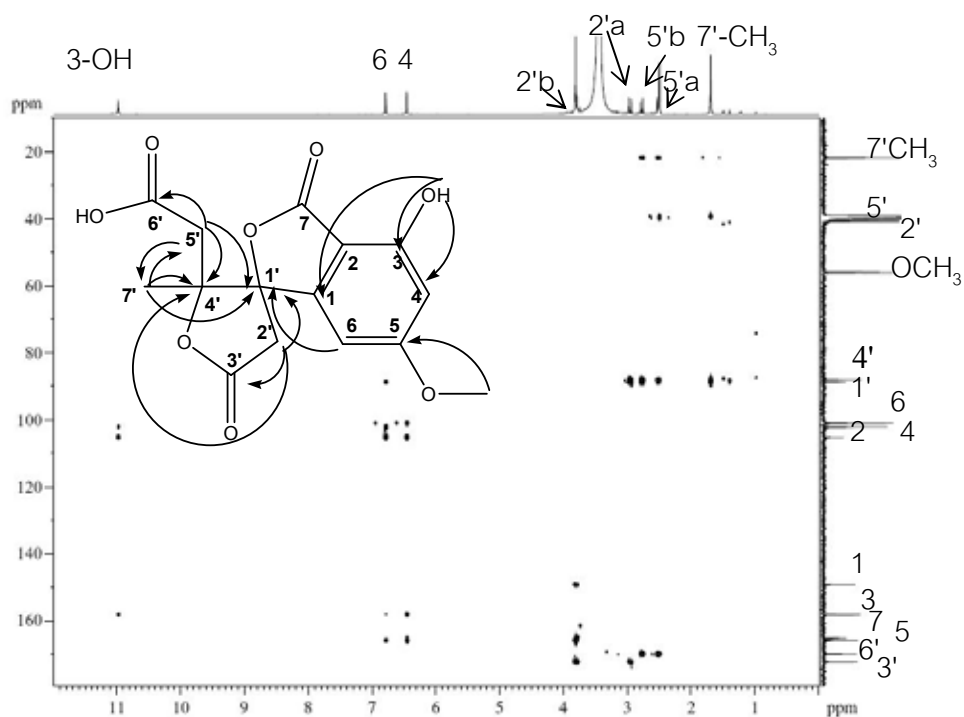


Figure 131 HMBC spectrum of altenuic acid ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )

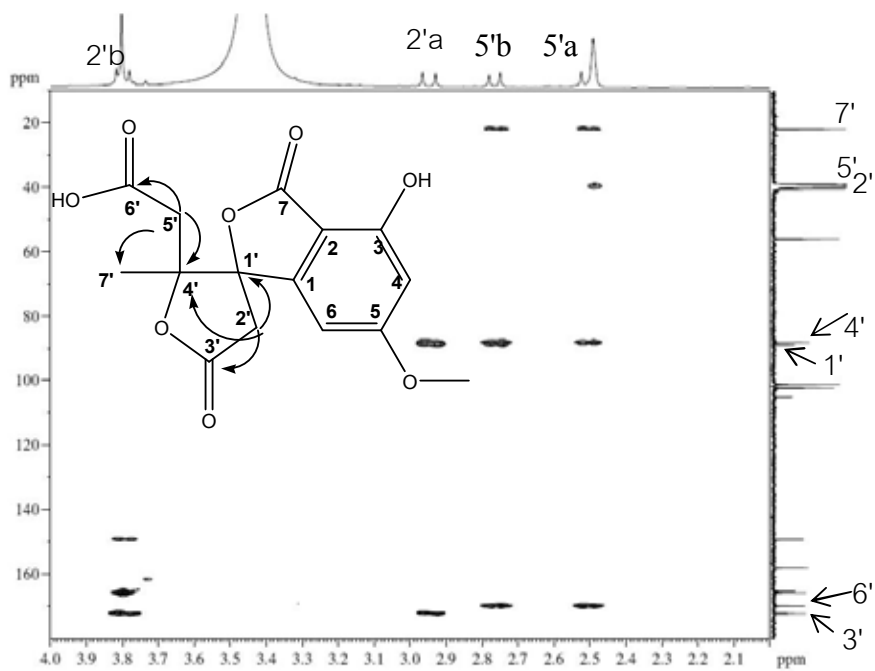
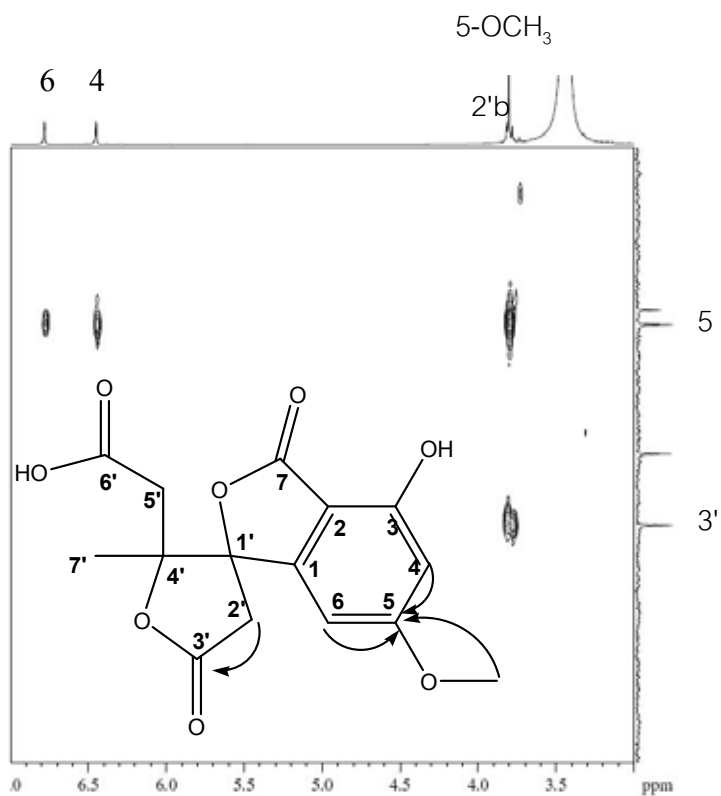
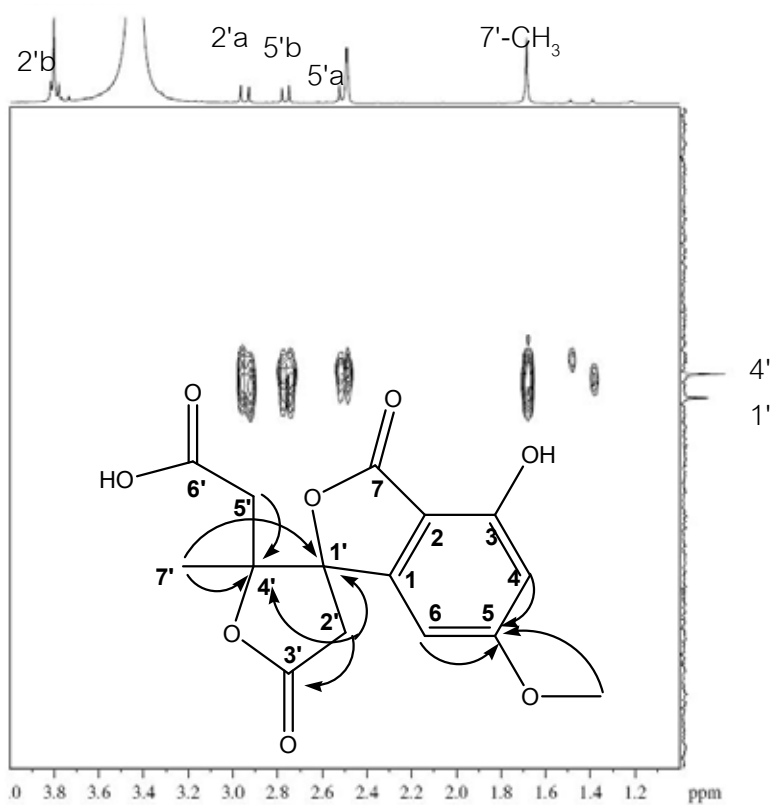


Figure 132 Expanded HMBC spectrum of altenuic acid ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )

Figure 133 Expanded HMBC spectrum of altenuic acid ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )Figure 134 Expanded HMBC spectrum of altenuic acid ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )

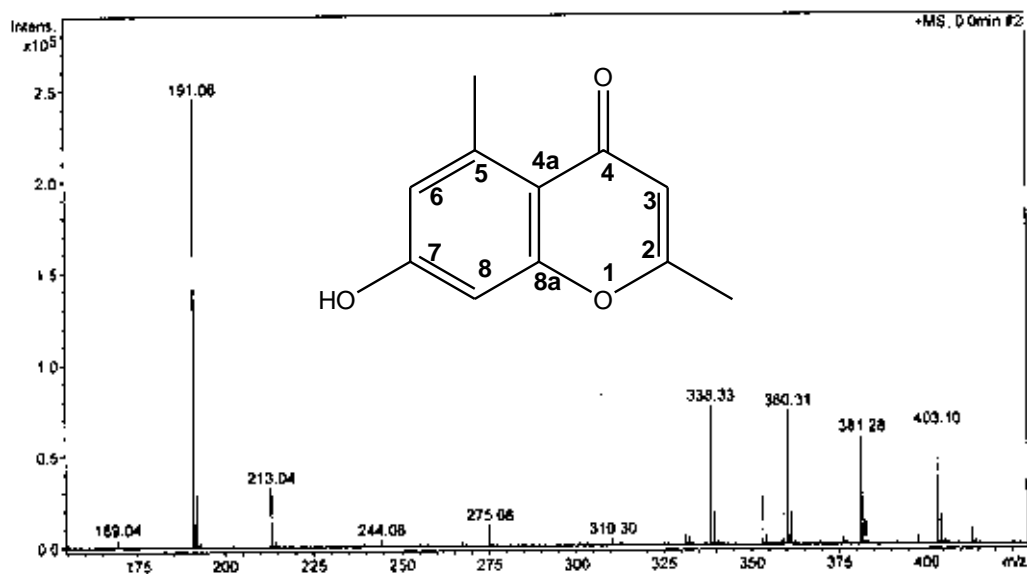


Figure 135 ESI-TOF MS spectrum of 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone



Figure 136  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )

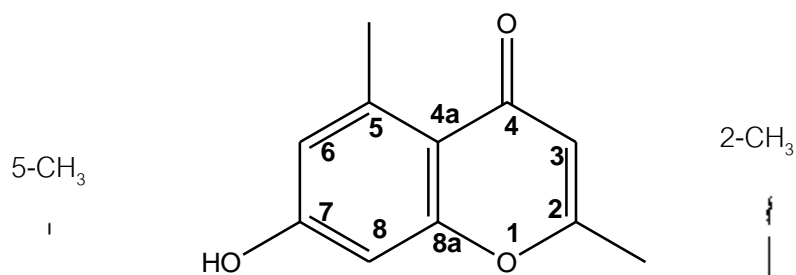


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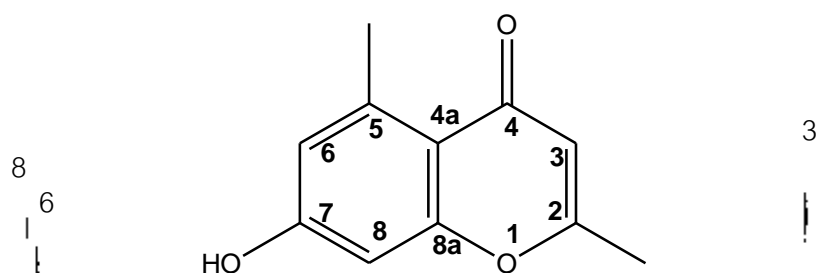


Figure 138 Expanded <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 2,5-Dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)

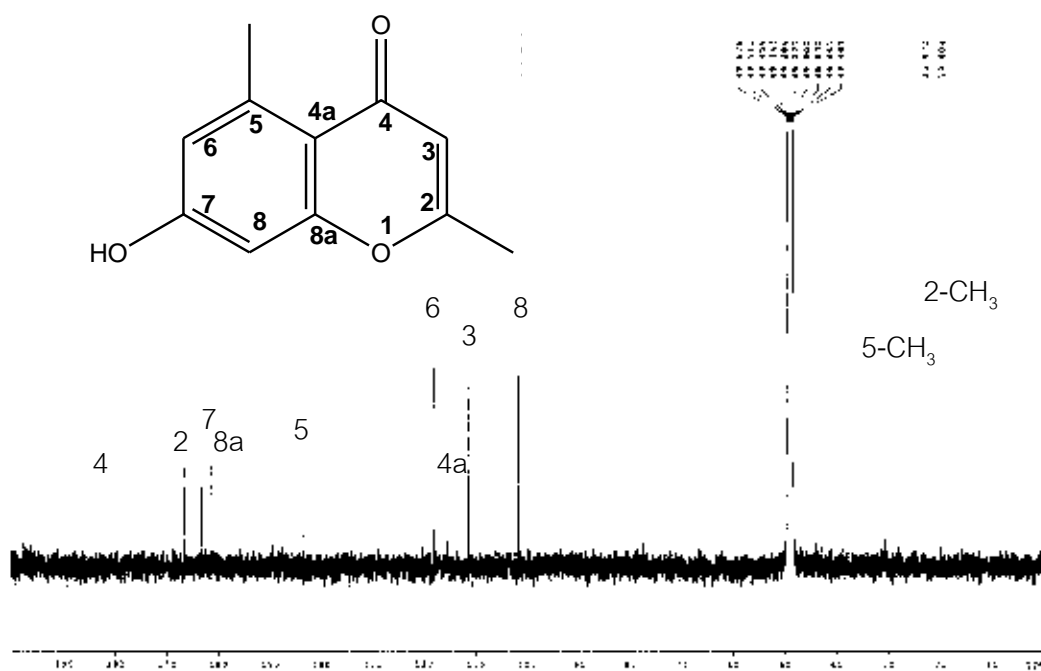


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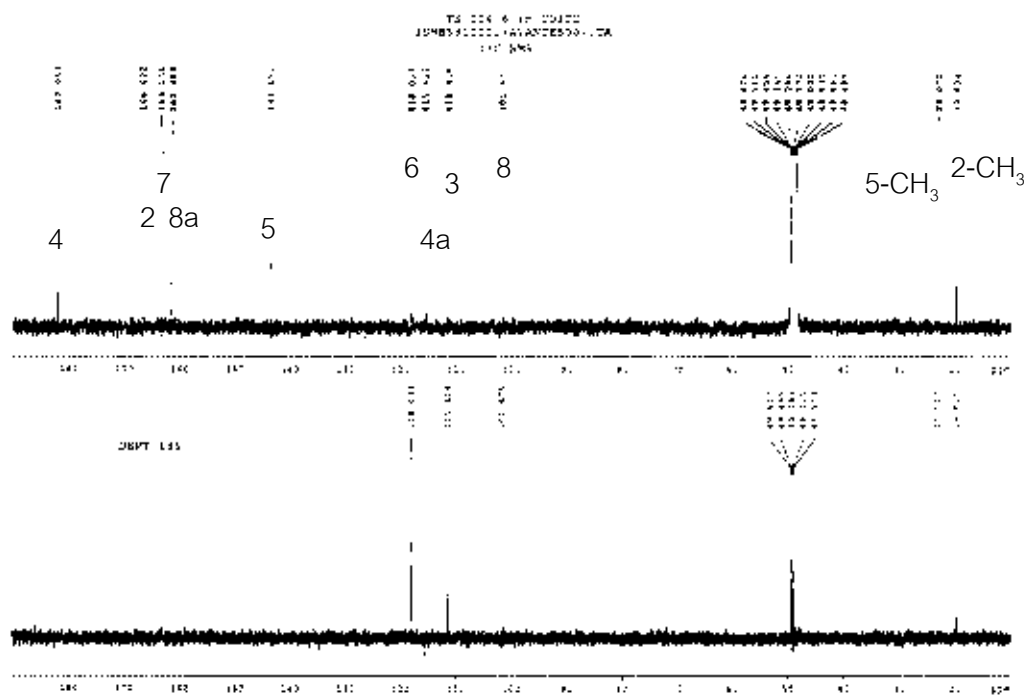
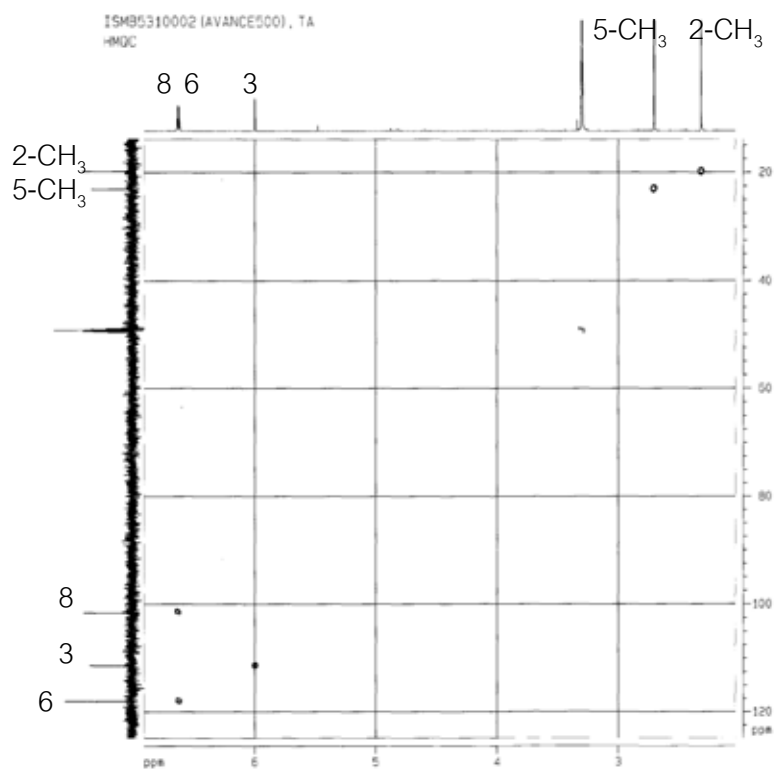
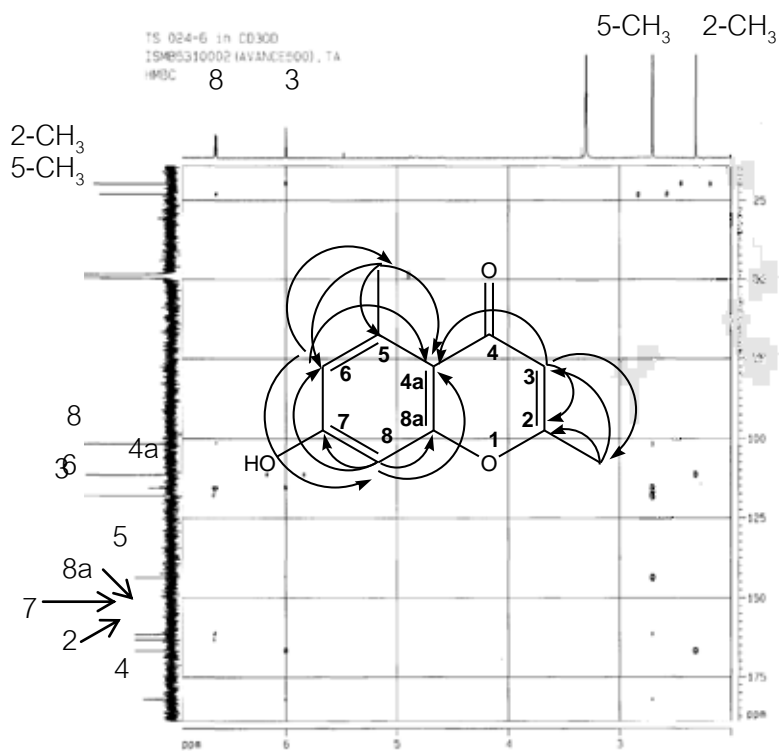


Figure 140 DEPT 135 spectrum of 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)

Figure 141 HMBC spectrum of 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)Figure 142 HMBC spectrum of 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)

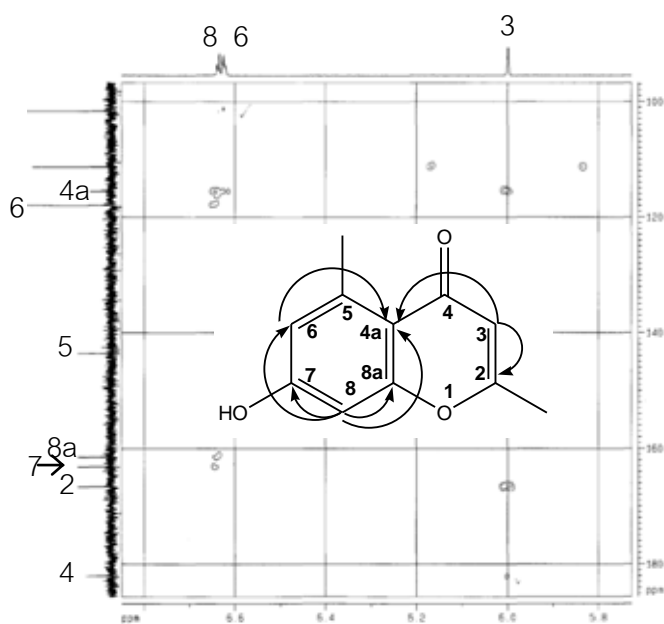


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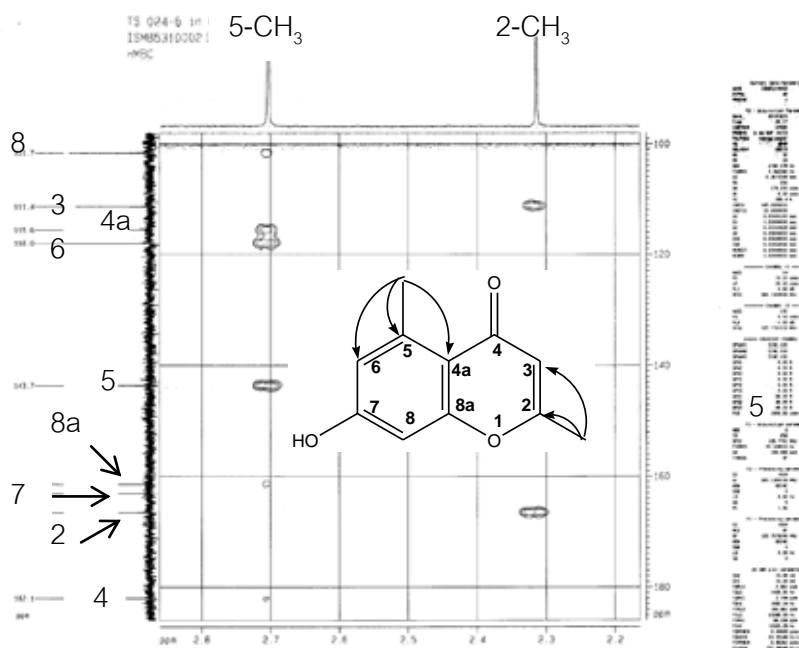


Figure 144 Expanded HMBC spectrum of 2,5-dimethyl-7-hydroxychromone ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )



## APPENDIX B

## 1. Czapek Yeast autolysate Broth (CzYB)

Czapek solution A	50	ml
Czapek solution B	50	ml
Yeast extract	5	g
Sucrose	30	g
Zinc solution	1	ml
Copper solution	1	ml
Distilled water to	1000	ml

## 2. Yeast Extract Sucrose Broth (YSB)

Yeast extract	20	g
Sucrose	150	g
MgSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	0.5	g
Distilled water to	1000	ml

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