

## Three New Naphthoquinone Derivatives from *Diospyros maritima* BLUME

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Three new naphthoquinone derivatives, 6-(1-ethoxyethyl)plumbagin (16), ethylidene-3,3'-biplumbagin (17), and ethylidene-3,6'-biplumbagin (18), were isolated, in addition to six known naphthoquinones, isozeylanone (10), 3,3'-biplumbagin (11), chitranone (12), methylene-3,3'-biplumbagin (13), 2,3-epoxyplumbagin (14), and 3,8'-biplumbagin (15), from the fruits of *Diospyros maritima* BLUME (Ebenaceae). The structures of the new compounds were established by spectroscopic methods. The eight naphthoquinones 11–18 were examined for ichthyotoxic activity and germination inhibitory activity. The quinones 11, 12, and 14–16 showed strong ichthyotoxic activity and the quinone 14 mild germination inhibitory activity.

**Key words** *Diospyros maritima*; Ebenaceae; naphthoquinone; 6-(1-ethoxyethyl)plumbagin; ethylidene-3,3'-biplumbagin; ethylidene-3,6'-biplumbagin

*Diospyros maritima* BLUME (Ebenaceae) is a shrub growing in Southeast Asia. We previously reported the isolation of nine naphthoquinone derivatives 1–9 from the fruits of this plant.<sup>1)</sup> In a continuing investigation of the naphthoquinone constituents of this plant, we obtained three new naphthoquinone derivatives 16–18 and six known naphthoquinone derivatives 10–15 from the fruits. This paper reports the isolation and structure elucidation of the new naphthoquinones 16–18 and the biological activities such as ichthyotoxic activity and germination inhibitory activity of quinones 11–18.

### Results and Discussion

**Structure Elucidation** After chromatographic separation, the ethanol extract of the fresh fruits of *D. maritima* yielded, six known naphthoquinone derivatives, isozeylanone (10),<sup>2)</sup> 3,3'-biplumbagin (11),<sup>3)</sup> chitranone (12),<sup>4,5)</sup> methylene-3,3'-biplumbagin (13),<sup>5)</sup> 2,3-epoxyplumbagin (14),<sup>6)</sup> 3,8'-biplumbagin (15),<sup>7,8)</sup> and three new quinones 16–18, in addition to quinones 1–8, friedelin,  $\beta$ -amyryn, and lupeol.

Quinone 14, pale yellow needles, mp 92–93 °C, is 2,3-epoxyplumbagin. We have prepared 2,3-epoxyplumbagin by the treatment of plumbagin (4) with sodium perborate.<sup>6)</sup> This is the first report of quinone 14 as a natural product.

Quinone 15, orange plates, mp 204–205 °C, is 3,8'-biplumbagin. 3,8'-Biplumbagin has been obtained as one of the products of the reaction between plumbagin (4) and its hydroquinone by Sankaram *et al.*<sup>7)</sup> This is also the first report of quinone 15 as a natural product.

New quinone 16, orange needles, mp 73 °C, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>30</sup> –0.06°, has the molecular formula C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub> based on high-resolution MS (HR-MS) (M<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 260.1049, required 260.1037). The IR [ $\nu$ <sub>max</sub> (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1670, 1641, 1607] and UV [ $\lambda$ <sub>max</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 266 (4.05), 415 sh (3.62), 434 (3.64)] spectra showed the characteristics of juglone (5-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone) derivatives. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (Table 1) revealed the presence of one quinonoid methyl [ $\delta$  2.19 (3H, d, *J*=1.5 Hz)], one quinonoid proton [ $\delta$  6.79 (1H, q, *J*=1.5 Hz)], one pair of *ortho*-coupled aromatic protons [ $\delta$  7.67 (1H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz),  $\delta$  7.77 (1H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz)], one hydrogen-bonded hydroxyl [ $\delta$  12.31 (1H, s)], one ethylidene group [ $\delta$  1.43 (3H, d, *J*=6.4 Hz, >CHCH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.92 (1H, q, *J*=6.4 Hz, >CHCH<sub>3</sub>)], and one ethoxyl group [ $\delta$  1.23 (3H, t,

*J*=7.0 Hz, –OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  3.40, 3.46 (each 1H, dq, *J*=9.2, 7.0 Hz, –OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)] in quinone 16. The magnetic nonequivalence of the two methylene protons of the ethoxyl group is attributable to the presence of an adjacent asymmetric center. This <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum indicates that quinone 16 is a plumbagin (4) derivative with an 1-ethoxyethyl group (–CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) substitution. Since one quinonoid proton and one pair of *ortho*-coupled aromatic protons were observed, the location of the 1-ethoxyethyl group must be at C-6 or C-8. The heteronuclear multiple-bond correlation (HMBC) spectrum (Fig. 1) showed long-range correlations between the methyl protons of the ethylidene group and C-6, and between OH-5 and C-6. This HMBC spectrum indicates that the 1-ethoxyethyl group is located at C-6. Thus quinone 16 is characterized as 6-(1-ethoxyethyl)plumbagin.

New quinone 17, orange-red plates, mp 200–201 °C, has the molecular formula C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub> based on HR-MS (M<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 402.1113, required 402.1103). The IR [ $\nu$ <sub>max</sub> (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1663, 1634, 1615, 1577] and UV [ $\lambda$ <sub>max</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 248 (4.20), 275 (4.27), 421 (3.85)] spectra showed the characteristics of juglone derivatives. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (Table 1) revealed the presence of two quinonoid methyls [ $\delta$  2.36 (6H, s)], two pairs of three adjacent aromatic protons [ $\delta$  7.20 (2H, dd, *J*=7.8, 1.1 Hz),  $\delta$  7.55 (2H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz),  $\delta$  7.60 (2H, dd, *J*=7.8, 1.1 Hz)], two hydrogen-bonded hydroxyls [ $\delta$  12.05 (2H, s)], and one ethylidene group [ $\delta$  4.62 (1H, q, *J*=7.5 Hz, >CHCH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  1.76 (3H, d, *J*=7.5 Hz, >CHCH<sub>3</sub>)] in quinone 17. These spectral data show that quinone 17 is a symmetric dimer of plumbagin (4) linked by an ethylidene bridge. Since no quinonoid proton was observed, the position of the dimeric linkage must be 3-3'. The HMBC spectrum (Fig. 1) showed long-range correlations between the methyl protons of the ethylidene group and C-3,3'. These HMBC correlations indicate that the ethylidene group is located at C-3 and C-3'. On the basis of this evidence, quinone 17 was characterized as ethylidene-3,3'-biplumbagin.

New quinone 18, orange-red plates, mp 185–186 °C, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>28</sup> –1.50°, has the molecular formula C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub> based on HR-MS (M<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 402.1089, required 402.1103). The IR [ $\nu$ <sub>max</sub> (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1666, 1638, 1609, 1577] and UV [ $\lambda$ <sub>max</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 257sh (4.29), 273 (4.33), 427 (3.93)] spectra showed the characteristics of juglone derivatives. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (Table 1) revealed the presence of two

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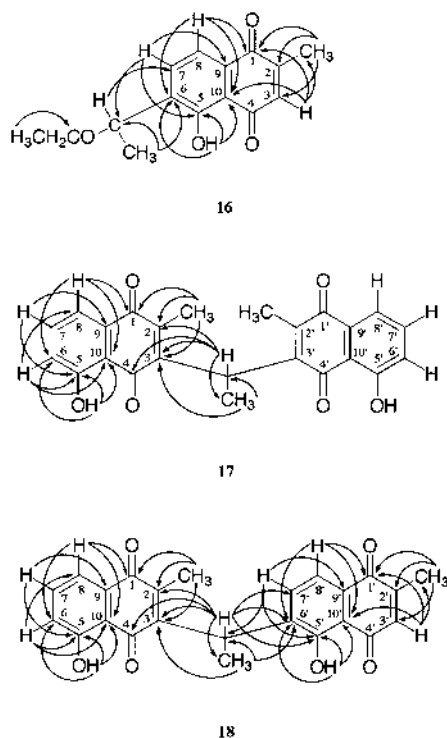
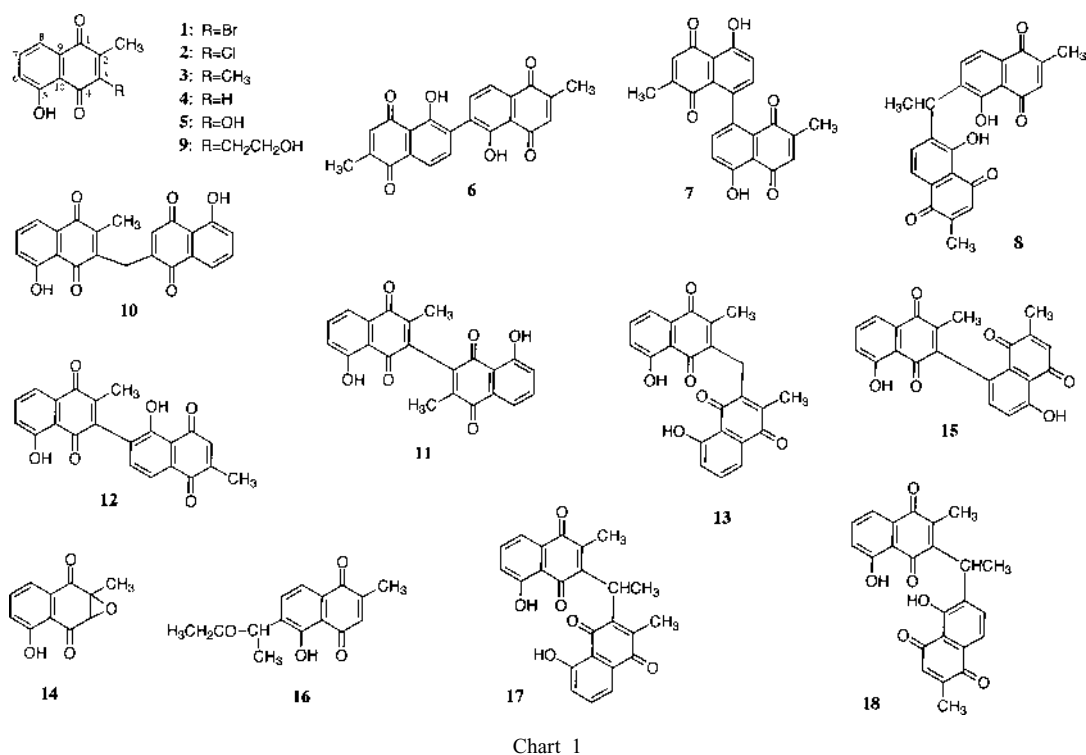


Fig. 1. HMBC Correlation for Compounds 16–18

quinonoid methyls [ $\delta$  2.17 (3H, d,  $J=1.5$  Hz),  $\delta$  2.21 (3H, s)], one quinonoid proton [ $\delta$  6.74 (1H, q,  $J=1.5$  Hz)], three adjacent aromatic protons [ $\delta$  7.17 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9, 1.4$  Hz),  $\delta$  7.53 (1H, t,  $J=7.9$  Hz),  $\delta$  7.58 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9, 1.4$  Hz)], one pair of *ortho*-coupled aromatic protons [ $\delta$  7.70 (1H, d,  $J=8.0$  Hz),  $\delta$  7.91 (1H, d,  $J=8.0$  Hz)], two hydrogen-bonded hydroxyls [ $\delta$  12.35 (1H, s),  $\delta$  12.05 (1H, s)], and one ethylidene group [ $\delta$  4.74 (1H, q,  $J=7.1$  Hz,  $>\text{CHCH}_3$ ),  $\delta$  1.71

Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectral Data for Compounds 16–18<sup>a)</sup> (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ )

	16	17	18
H-3	6.79 (q, 1.5)		
H-6		7.20 (dd, 7.8, 1.1)	7.17 (dd, 7.9, 1.4)
H-7	7.77 (d, 7.8)	7.55 (t, 7.8)	7.53 (t, 7.9)
H-8	7.67 (d, 7.8)	7.60 (dd, 7.8, 1.1)	7.58 (dd, 7.9, 1.4)
H-3'			6.74 (q, 1.5)
H-6'		7.20 (dd, 7.8, 1.1)	
H-7'		7.55 (t, 7.8)	7.91 (d, 8.0)
H-8'		7.60 (dd, 7.8, 1.1)	7.70 (d, 8.0)
CH <sub>3</sub> -2	2.19 (d, 1.5)	2.36 (s)	2.21 (s)
CH <sub>3</sub> -2'		2.36 (s)	2.17 (d, 1.5)
OH-5	12.31 (s)	12.05 (s)	12.05 (s)
OH-5'		12.05 (s)	12.35 (s)
$>\text{CHCH}_3$	4.92 (q, 6.4)	4.62 (q, 7.5)	4.74 (q, 7.1)
$>\text{CHCH}_3$	1.43 (d, 6.4)	1.76 (d, 7.5)	1.71 (d, 7.1)
$-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$	3.40 (dq, 9.2, 7.0)		
$-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$	3.46 (dq, 9.2, 7.0)		
$-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$	1.23 (t, 7.0)		

Multiplicity and coupling constants ( $J$ , Hz) are shown in parentheses. a) Assignments were made on the basis of heteronuclear multiple quantum coherence (HMQC) and HMBC spectra.

(3H, d,  $J=7.1$  Hz,  $>\text{CHCH}_3$ ) in quinone **18**. These spectral data indicate that quinone **18** is an unsymmetric dimer of plumbagin (**4**) linked by an ethylidene bridge. Since only one quinonoid proton was observed, the position of the dimeric linkage in one plumbagin moiety must be C-3. The presence of *ortho*-coupled aromatic protons shows that the position of the dimeric linkage in the other plumbagin moiety must be C-6 or C-8. Thus quinone **18** is ethylidene-3,6'-biplumbagin or ethylidene-3,8'-biplumbagin. The HMBC spectrum (Fig. 1) showed long-range correlations between the methyl protons of the ethylidene group and C-3,6'. These HMBC data indicate that the location of the ethylidene group is C-3 and

Table 2. Ichthyotoxic and Germination Inhibitory Activities of Compounds 11–18

Compound	MLC <sup>a)</sup> (ppm)	Germination inhibitory ratio (%) <sup>b)</sup> Concentration (ppm)		
		100	10	1
Juglone <sup>c)</sup>	0.2	100	74	0
3,3'-Biplumbagin (11)	1.0	2	0	
Chitranone (12)	0.5	4	0	
Methylene-3,3'-biplumbagin (13)	>10	0		
2,3-Epoxyplumbagin (14)	3.0	86	4	0
3,8'-Biplumbagin (15)	3.0	2	0	
6-(1-Ethoxyethyl)plumbagin (16)	0.9	0		
Ethylidene-3,3'-biplumbagin (17)	>10	0		
Ethylidene-3,6'-biplumbagin (18)	>10	0		

a) MLC: minimum lethal concentration. b) Control=0. Complete inhibition=100. c) 5-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone, a well-known fish toxin in walnuts.<sup>9,10)</sup>

Table 3. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectral Data for Compounds 16–18<sup>a)</sup> (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ)

	16	17	18
C-1	184.71	184.51	184.66
C-2	149.69	145.81	145.16
C-3	135.34	147.43	147.53
C-4	190.69	189.87	189.44
C-5	158.38	161.33	161.27
C-6	140.40	124.01	123.85
C-7	132.41	135.94	135.77
C-8	119.40	118.89	118.79
C-9	130.70	131.78	132.01
C-10	114.64	114.96	115.04
C-1'		184.51	184.70
C-2'		145.81	149.74
C-3'		147.43	135.28
C-4'		189.87	190.58
C-5'		161.33	159.04
C-6'		124.01	138.43
C-7'		135.94	134.91
C-8'		118.89	118.91
C-9'		131.78	130.16
C-10'		114.96	114.20
CH <sub>3</sub> -2	16.47	13.05	12.74
CH <sub>3</sub> -2'		13.05	16.46
>CHCH <sub>3</sub>	70.96	35.69	32.76
>CHCH <sub>3</sub>	22.19	18.66	16.49
-OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	64.51		
-OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	15.40		

a) Assignments were made on the basis of HMQC and HMBC spectra.

C-6'. Based on the above evidence, the quinone 18 was characterized as ethylidene-3,6'-biplumbagin.

**Biological Activities** Two kinds of bioassay, the ichthyotoxicity and seed germination tests, were performed with the eight compounds 11–18 isolated from *D. maritima*. The ichthyotoxicity test was carried out using guppies (*Poecilia reticulata* PETERS), and the seed germination test using lettuce seeds (*Lactuca sativa* L. var. Great Lakes). The results are shown in Table 2. 3,3'-Biplumbagin (11), chitranone (12), 2,3-epoxyplumbagin (14), 3,8'-biplumbagin (15), and 6-(1-ethoxyethyl)plumbagin (16) showed strong ichthyotoxic activity, and quinone 14 had slight germination inhibitory activity.

#### Experimental

**General Procedures** Melting points were measured on a Yanagimoto micro melting point apparatus MP-S3 and are uncorrected. Specific rotations

were recorded using a JASCO DIP-1000 digital polarimeter. Spectral data were obtained using the following instruments: IR on a Shimadzu FTIR-8200A; UV on a Hitachi 100-50; EI-MS and HR-MS on a Hitachi M-2500 (70 eV, direct inlet system); <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR on a JEOL EX-270 (<sup>1</sup>H: 270 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 67.8 MHz) and a JEOL α500 (<sup>1</sup>H: 500 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 125 MHz); and two-dimensional NMR on a JEOL α500. Chemical shifts are given on a δ (ppm) scale with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. The symbols s, d, t, q, dd, dq, m, and br denote singlet, doublet, triplet, quartet, double doublet, double quartet, multiplet, and broad, respectively.

**Preparative TLC (PTLC)** was performed on a precoated Kieselgel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plate (Merck). Column chromatography (CC) and flash-column chromatography (FC) were carried out with Wakogel C-300 (Wako Pure Chemical) and Kieselgel 60 H (Merck), respectively. HPLC was performed with a Shimadzu LC-8A (column, Waters μBondasphere 5 μ C<sub>18</sub> 100Å [19×150 mm] and 5 μ Silica 100Å [19×150 mm]); flow rate, 10 ml/min; detection, 430 nm).

**Extraction and Isolation** The fresh fruits (15.6 kg) of *D. maritima*, collected at Chinen, Okinawa, in March 1996, were soaked in 95% EtOH (25 l) for 6 d. The extract was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O. The CHCl<sub>3</sub> layer was evaporated and the residue was divided into C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-soluble (152.8 g) and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-insoluble portions (32.3 g). The C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-soluble portion was subjected to CC on silica gel with a gradient of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-EtOAc to give seven fractions I–VII. Fraction I (44.99 g) was purified by FC on a silica gel (hexane–C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> gradient) to yield 3-bromoplumbagin (1: 7 mg), 3-chloroplumbagin (2: 257 mg), 3-methylplumbagin (3: 35 mg), plumbagin (4: 31.85 g), 14 (300 mg), and friedelin. Fraction II (6.33 g) was purified by FC on silica gel (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>), PLC on silica gel (hexane–C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> [1 : 1]), and HPLC on silica gel (hexane–C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> [1 : 1] containing 0.2% AcOH) and on ODS (MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (9 : 1)) to yield 16 (51 mg), 18 (168 mg), 17 (32 mg), 11 (80 mg), 13 (7 mg), ethylidene-6,6'-biplumbagin (8: 32 mg), 10 (2 mg), 12 (340 mg), and 15 (11 mg). Fraction III (5.99 g) was purified by FC on silica gel (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-EtOAc gradient) to yield elliptinone (6: 242 mg), droserone (5: 82 mg), β-amyryn, lupeol, and maritinone (7: 94 mg).

Compounds 1–8 were identified by direct comparison with authentic samples.<sup>1)</sup>

**Isozylanonone (10):** A red powder. MS *m/z* (%): 374 [M]<sup>+</sup> (100), 359 (39), 245 (11), 149 (9), 121 (8), 92 (8), 57 (10). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ: 2.23 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.94 (2H, br d, *J*=1.7 Hz, –CH<sub>2</sub>–), 6.59 (1H, t, *J*=1.7 Hz, H-3'), 7.26 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 1.0 Hz, H-6 or 6'), 7.28 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 1.0 Hz, H-6 or 6'), 7.62 (1H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz, H-7 or 7'), 7.64 (1H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz, H-7 or 7'), 7.68 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 1.0 Hz, H-8 or 8'), 7.69 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 1.0 Hz, H-8 or 8'), 11.85 (1H, s, OH-5 or 5'), 11.95 (1H, s, OH-5 or 5').

**3,3'-Biplumbagin (11):** Orange plates (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>), mp 214–217°C (lit.<sup>3)</sup> 214–216°C). MS *m/z* (rel. int. %): 374 [M]<sup>+</sup> (100), 359 (60), 345 (5), 331 (11), 317 (4), 301 (7), 120 (7), 92 (12), 63 (4). The IR and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data were identical with those in ref. 3.

**Chitranone (12):** Orange plates (MeOH), mp 174–177°C (lit.<sup>5)</sup> 116–118°C). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ: 184.11 (C-1), 184.40 (C-1'), 147.72 (C-2), 149.92 (C-2'), 141.31 (C-3), 135.43 (C-3'), 190.36 (C-4 or C-4'), 188.31 (C-4 or C-4'), 161.51 (C-5), 158.43 (C-5'), 124.35 (C-6), 128.67 (C-6'), 136.92 (C-7 or C-7'), 136.32 (C-7 or C-7'), 119.34 (C-8), 118.65 (C-8'), 132.09 (C-9), 132.44 (C-9'), 114.92 (C-10), 115.29 (C-10'), 16.53 (CH<sub>3</sub>-2), 14.67 (CH<sub>3</sub>-2'). The IR, UV, MS, and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data were identical with those in refs. 4 and 5.

**Methylene-3,3'-biplumbagin (13):** Orange needles (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>), mp 230–233°C (lit.<sup>5)</sup> 208–210°C). The IR, MS, and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data were

identical with those in ref. 5.

2,3-Epoxyplumbagin (**14**): Pale yellow needles (hexane), mp 92—93 °C (lit.<sup>6</sup>) 95—96 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{30} -4.51^\circ$  ( $c=2.41$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 242 (4.04), 282 (3.83), 364 (3.69).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 67.8 MHz)  $\delta$ : 190.80 (C-1), 61.23 (C-2), 61.34 (C-3), 196.66 (C-4), 161.42 (C-5), 124.19 (C-6), 137.18 (C-7), 119.82 (C-8), 132.18 (C-9), 114.43 (C-10), 14.61 ( $\text{CH}_3$ -2). The IR, MS, and  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectral data were identical with those in ref. 6.

3,8'-Biplumbagin (**15**): Orange plates (hexane- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ), mp 204—205 °C (lit.<sup>7</sup>) 200—201 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1655, 1635, 1614, 1577. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 254 (4.41), 283 (4.23), 420 (3.93). MS  $m/z$  (rel. int. %): 374 [ $\text{M}]^+$  (100), 359 (39), 346 (25), 345 (22), 331 (28), 317 (16), 301 (11), 187 (6), 121 (3), 120 (3), 92 (5), 44 (6).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.94 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ -2), 2.08 (3H, d,  $J=1.5$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ -2'), 6.85 (1H, q,  $J=1.5$  Hz, H-3'), 7.26 (1H, dd,  $J=8.1$ , 1.1 Hz, H-6), 7.38 (1H, d,  $J=8.5$  Hz, H-6'), 7.64 (1H, t,  $J=8.1$  Hz, H-7), 7.34 (1H, d,  $J=8.5$  Hz, H-7'), 7.73 (1H, dd,  $J=8.1$ , 1.1 Hz, H-8), 11.88 (1H, s, OH-5), 12.49 (1H, s, OH-5'). The  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectral data were identical with those in ref. 8.

6-(1-Ethoxyethyl)plumbagin (**16**): Orange needles (hexane), mp 73 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{30} -0.06^\circ$  ( $c=0.36$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). HR-MS  $m/z$ : 260.1049 (Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$ : 260.1037). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1670, 1641, 1607. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 266 (4.05), 415 sh (3.62), 434 (3.64). MS  $m/z$  (rel. int. %): 260 [ $\text{M}]^+$  (2), 245 (41), 231 (12), 218 (14), 217 (100), 216 (92), 215 (28), 214 (16), 213 (10), 201 (7), 189 (7), 171 (8), 147 (5), 128 (5), 121 (3), 115 (12), 91 (4), 77 (4), 43 (7).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : Table 1.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : Table 3.

Ethylidene-3,3'-biplumbagin (**17**): Orange-red plates (hexane- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ), mp 200—201 °C. HR-MS  $m/z$ : 402.1113 (Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_6$ : 402.1103). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1663, 1634, 1615, 1577. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 248 (4.20), 275 (4.27), 421 (3.85). MS  $m/z$  (rel. int. %): 402 [ $\text{M}]^+$  (100), 387 (26), 360 (15), 345 (8), 227 (35), 121 (8), 120 (4), 92 (6).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : Table 1.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : Table 3.

Ethylidene-3,6'-biplumbagin (**18**): Orange-red plates (hexane- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ), mp

185—186 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{28} -1.50^\circ$  ( $c=1.28$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). HR-MS  $m/z$ : 402.1089 (Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_6$ : 402.1103). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1666, 1638, 1609, 1577. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 257 sh (4.29), 273 (4.33), 427 (3.93). MS  $m/z$  (rel. int. %): 402 [ $\text{M}]^+$  (100), 387 (42), 359 (13), 227 (18), 190 (8), 121 (6), 92 (6), 77 (4).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : Table 1.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : Table 3.

**Bioassays** See the previous paper.<sup>1)</sup>

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