

Stilbene Derivatives from *Gnetum montanum* MARKGR. f. *megalocarpum* MARKGR.

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Three new stilbene derivatives, gnetumelin A (**1**), gnetumelin B (**2**), and gnetumelin C (**3**), along with the nine known stilbene derivatives **4–12** were isolated from *Gnetum montanum* MARKGR. f. *megalocarpum* MARKGR. Their structures were determined by spectroscopic analysis and comparison of the data with reported ones.

Introduction. – The plants of *Gnetum* (Gnetatae, member of Gnetales) are a special group of gymnospermous plants that share several angiospermous morphological features [1][2]. In the world, there are more than thirty species, among which nine species are distributed in China. The Gnetales and angiosperms were regarded as closely related [2]. The question whether this view can be interpreted by the secondary metabolites of the plants or not prompted us to investigate the chemical components of the plants of the *Gnetum* genus. In this paper, we present the isolation and structure elucidation of twelve stilbene derivatives (**1–12**¹) from the EtOH extracts of *Gnetum montanum* MARKGR. f. *megalocarpum* MARKGR., among which **1–3** were new compounds.

Results and Discussion. – Compound **1** was isolated as a yellow solid. Its molecular formula C₂₁H₁₈O₄ was established by ¹³C-NMR (Table 1) and HR-ESI-MS data ([M + Na]⁺ at *m/z* 357.1098), corresponding to an unsaturation degree of 13. The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data of **1** (Table 1) indicated that its skeleton consists of a demethylisorhapontigenin and a benzyl group, *i.e.*, **1** was similar to gnetupendin A (= 5-[(1*E*)-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]-4-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)methyl]benzene-1,3-diol [3]). The location of the benzyl group was determined by a HMBC experiment (Table 1), but the group was not the same as that of gnetupendin A. Thus, the structure of **1** was characterized as 10-benzyl-3-*O*-demethylisorhapontigenin¹) and named gnetumelin A.

The ¹H-NMR of **1** showed the presence of ten aromatic and olefinic protons, and the presence of an *ABX*, *AX*, and *A₂M₂X* system. Its 2D NMR spectra showed signals as follows: an *ABX* system for ring A at δ 6.69 (br. s, H–C(2)), 6.66 (*d*, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H–C(5)), and 6.61 (*d*, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H–C(6)); an *AX* system for ring B at δ 6.45 (br. s, H–C(12)) and 6.73 (br. s, H–C(14)); an *A₂M₂X* system for ring C at δ 7.47 (*d*, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H–C(17), H–C(21)), 7.31 (*t*, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H–C(18), H–C(20)), and 7.21 (*t*, *J* = 7.7 Hz,

¹) Trivial atom numbering; for systematic names, see *Exper. Part*.

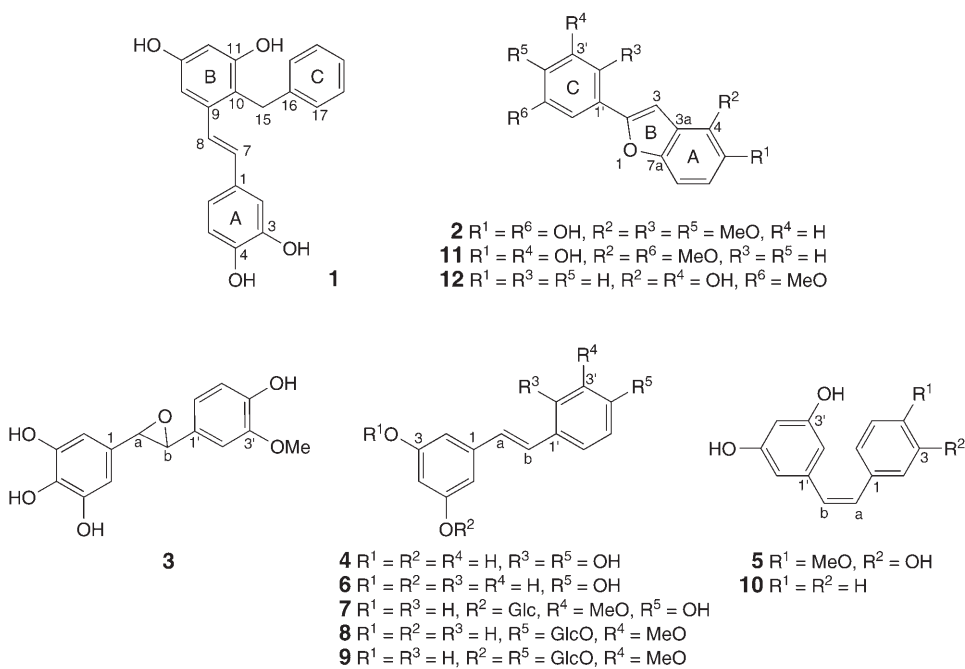


Table 1. ^{13}C - and ^1H -NMR Data (125 and 500MHz, resp., $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$) of Compound **1**¹. δ in ppm, J in Hz.

	$\delta(\text{C})$	$\delta(\text{H})$	HMBC (H \rightarrow C)
C(1)	134.6 (<i>s</i>)		
H-C(2)	116.2 (<i>d</i>)	6.69 (<i>br. s</i>)	C(3), C(6)
C(3)	143.6 (<i>s</i>)		
C(4)	145.6 (<i>s</i>)		
H-C(5)	115.7 (<i>d</i>)	6.66 (<i>d</i> , $J = 7.7$)	C(1), C(4)
H-C(6)	120.3 (<i>d</i>)	6.61 (<i>d</i> , $J = 7.7$)	C(2)
H-C(7)	130.2 (<i>d</i>)	6.96 (<i>d</i> , $J = 16.5$)	C(9), C(8)
H-C(8)	127.8 (<i>d</i>)	7.43 (<i>d</i> , $J = 16.5$)	C(14), C(10), C(9)
C(9)	139.2 (<i>s</i>)		
C(10)	118.6 (<i>s</i>)		
C(11)	157.2 (<i>s</i>)		
H-C(12)	103.2 (<i>d</i>)	6.45 (<i>br. s</i>)	C(13), C(10), C(14)
C(13)	157.2 (<i>s</i>)		
H-C(14)	104.5 (<i>d</i>)	6.73 (<i>br. s</i>)	C(10), C(12), C(13), C(8)
$\text{CH}_2(15)$	30.6 (<i>t</i>)	4.01 (<i>s</i>)	C(9), C(10), C(11), C(16), C(17), C(21)
C(16)	138.6 (<i>s</i>)		
H-C(17), H-C(21)	127.3 (<i>d</i>)	7.47 (<i>t</i> , $J = 7.7$)	C(16), C(18), C(20)
H-C(18), H-C(20)	129.4 (<i>d</i>)	7.31 (<i>t</i> , $J = 7.7$)	C(19), C(16)
H-C(19)	128.2 (<i>d</i>)	7.21 (<i>t</i> , $J = 7.7$)	C(17), C(21)

H–C(19)); two *trans*-positioned olefinic protons at δ 6.96 (*d*, $J = 16.5$ Hz, H–C(7)) and 7.43 (*d*, $J = 16.5$ Hz, H–C(8)); one benzylic CH₂ *s* at 4.01 (CH₂(15)). The ¹³C-NMR and DEPT spectra exhibited one benzylic CH₂ group at δ 30.6, and twenty aromatic and olefinic C-atoms at δ 103.2–157.2 (Table 1).

Compound **2** was isolated as a brown solid. Its molecular formula C₁₇H₁₆O₆ was established by ¹³C-NMR (Table 2) and HR-ESI-MS data ($[M + 1]^+$ at m/z 317.1023), corresponding to an unsaturation degree of 10. Further NMR data (Table 2) indicate that the skeleton of **2** was very similar to that of gnetofuran B (=2-(3-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)-4-methoxybenzofuran-5-ol) [4]. However, the correlations from the HMBC experiment (Table 2) suggested that the substituting groups at ring C were not the same as those of gnetofuran B. Compound **2** was assigned as 2-(5-hydroxy-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-methoxybenzofuran-5-ol and named gnetumelin B.

The ¹H-NMR of **2** indicated the presence of three MeO groups, two OH groups, one benzofuran proton at δ 7.33 (*s*), and four aromatic protons, among which two protons were *ortho*-coupled with each other (Table 2). The ¹³C-NMR and DEPT showed the presence of three MeO groups, twelve aromatic C-atoms and two benzofuran C-atoms. From the correlations δ 4.08 (MeO–C(4))/7.33 (H–C(3)), δ 7.69 (OH–C(5))/6.87 (H–C(6)), δ 7.11 (H–C(6'))/8.12 (OH–C(5')), δ 3.95 (MeO–C(2'))/7.11 (H–C(3')), and δ 3.82 (MeO–C(4'))/8.12 (OH–C(5')) in the NOESY experiment, the position of the OH and MeO groups were established.

Table 2. ¹³C- and ¹H-NMR Data (125 and 500 MHz, resp., (CD₃)₂CO) of Compound **2**). δ in ppm, J in Hz.

	δ (C)	δ (H)	HMBC (H → C)
C(2)	156.4 (<i>s</i>)		
H–C(3)	99.6 (<i>d</i>)	7.33 (<i>s</i>)	C(3a), C(7a), C(2), C(1'), C(4)
C(3a)	122.7 (<i>s</i>)		
C(4)	140.1 (<i>s</i>)		
C(5)	144.9 (<i>s</i>)		
H–C(6)	114.3 (<i>d</i>)	6.87 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.8$)	C(4), C(5)
H–C(7)	106.5 (<i>d</i>)	7.11 (overlap)	
C(7a)	150.8 (<i>s</i>)		
MeO–C(4)	60.6 (<i>q</i>)	4.08 (<i>s</i>)	C(4)
OH–C(5)		7.69 (<i>s</i>)	C(4), C(5), C(6)
C(1')	126.9 (<i>s</i>)		
C(2')	154.6 (<i>s</i>)		
H–C(3')	101.7 (<i>d</i>)	7.11 (overlap)	
C(4')	138.1 (<i>s</i>)		
C(5')	151.7 (<i>s</i>)		
H–C(6')	106.3 (<i>d</i>)	7.11 (overlap)	
MeO–C(2')	56.4 (<i>q</i>)	3.95 (<i>s</i>)	C(2')
MeO–C(4')	60.9 (<i>q</i>)	3.82 (<i>s</i>)	C(4')
OH–C(5')		8.12 (<i>s</i>)	C(6'), C(4'), C(5')

Compound **3** was obtained as a brown solid. Its molecular formula C₁₅H₁₄O₆ was established by ¹³C-NMR (Table 3) and HR-ESI-MS data ($[M + 1]^+$ at m/z 291.0875), corresponding to an unsaturation degree of 9. The ¹H-NMR data (Table 3) and the HMBC experiment indicated that the structure of **3** was 5-[3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyloxiran-2-yl)]benzene-1,2,3-triol, which was named gnetumelin C.

Table 3. ^{13}C - and ^1H -NMR (125 and 500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$) Data of Compound **3**¹. δ in ppm, J in Hz.

	$\delta(\text{C})$	$\delta(\text{H})$	HMBC (H \rightarrow C)
C(1)	123.7 (s)		
H–C(2)	102.6 (d)	6.12 (d, $J=1.8$)	C(6), C(1), C(3), C(4)
C(3)	155.5 (s)		
C(4)	159.3 (s)		
C(5)	150.8 (s)		
H–C(6)	103.4 (d)	6.53 (d, $J=1.8$)	C(a), C(1), C(2), C(4)
H–C(a)	60.9 (d)	3.73 (s)	C(b), C(1), C(2), C(1')
H–C(b)	55.1 (d)	4.46 (s)	C(a), C(1'), C(2')
C(1')	139.1 (s)		
C(2')	112.1 (d)	6.65 (d, $J=1.6$)	C(b), C(1'), C(3'), C(4')
C(3')	148.7 (s)		
C(4')	145.4 (s)		
H–C(5')	120.6 (d)	6.67 (d, $J=8.2$)	C(b), C(1'), C(3'), C(4')
H–C(6')	116.1 (d)	6.55 (dd, $J=1.6, 8.2$)	C(b), C(2'), C(4')
MeO–C(3)	56.3 (q)	3.73 (s)	C(3')

The ^1H -NMR of **3** showed the presence of five aromatic protons and displayed the presence of an ABX and an AX system. Its 2D NMR spectra showed signals as follows: an AX system for ring A at δ 6.12 (d, $J=1.8$ Hz, H–C(2)) and 6.53 (d, $J=1.8$ Hz, H–C(6)), and an ABX system for ring B at δ 6.65 (d, $J=1.6$ Hz, H–C(2')), 6.67 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, H–C(5')), and 6.55 (dd, $J=1.6, 8.2$ Hz, H–C(6')). The ^{13}C -NMR and DEPT showed the presence of one MeO group, two oxygenated CH groups (δ 60.1 and 56.3), five aromatic CH groups, and seven aromatic quaternary C-atoms, among which five C-atoms ($\delta > 140$ ppm) were linked to MeO or OH groups.

The nine known stilbene derivatives were determined to be oxyresveratrol¹) (**4**), rhapontigenin¹) (**5**), resveratrol (**6**), isorhapontigenin 3-(β -D-glucopyranoside)¹) (**7**), gnetifolin E¹) (**8**), gnetifolin K¹) (**9**), pinosylvine¹) (**10**), gnetofuran B¹) (**11**), and gnetifolin M¹) (**12**), as inferred from the comparison of their NMR data with those reported in [5–10].

To answer the question whether the secondary metabolites of the *Gentum* plants can establish that Gnetales and angiosperms are closely related or not needs further investigations.

Experimental Part

General. NMR Spectra: Bruker AV-400 and DRX-500 spectrometers; δ in ppm rel. to SiMe_4 as internal standard, J in Hz; multiplicity of ^{13}C -NMR by DEPT. MS: VG Autospec-3000 spectrometer; m/z (rel. %).

Plant Material. The materials were collected in 2003 from Xishuangbanna in Yunnan province in China and identified by Cui Jingyun in Xishuangbanna botanical garden.

Extraction and Isolation. The air-dried and powdered linans of *Gnetum montanum* MARKGR. f. *megalocarpum* MARKGR. (11 kg) were extracted with EtOH ($3\times$) under reflux. After concentration of the combined crude extracts, the resulting gummy material was suspended in H_2O and then partitioned with CHCl_3 to afford a CHCl_3 and an H_2O extract (160 g and 370 g, resp.). The CHCl_3 extract (130 g) was subjected to CC (silica gel, $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ 9:1); Fractions 1–3. Each fraction was repeatedly subjected to CC (silica gel, Sephadex LH-20, and RP-18) to afford **1** (22mg), **5** (491 mg) and **6** (48 mg) from Fr. 2, and

2 (25 mg), **10** (40 mg), **11** (28 mg), and **12** (12 mg) from *Fr.* 3. The H₂O extract (170 g) was subjected to CC (silica gel, CHCl₃/MeOH/H₂O 7:3:0.5): *Fractions* 4–7. Each fraction was repeatedly subjected to CC (silica gel, *Sephadex LH-20*, and *RP-18*) to afford **3** (6 mg) and **4** (128 mg) from *Fr.* 5, **7** (846 mg) and **8** (161 mg) from *Fr.* 6, and **9** (29 mg) from *Fr.* 7.

Gnetumelin A (=4-[(1*E*)-2-[3,5-Dihydroxy-2-(phenylmethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]benzene-1,2-diol; **1**): Yellow solid. M.p. 181–183° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. FAB-MS (neg.): 333 (100, [M–1][–]), 223 (49). HR-ESI-MS: 357.1098 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₁H₁₈NaO₄⁺; calc. 357.1102).

Gnetumelin B (=2-(5-Hydroxy-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-methoxybenzofuran-5-ol; **2**): Brown solid. M.p. 139–141° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 2*. EI-MS: 316 (100, M⁺), 302 (29), 301 (94), 287 (12), 286 (25), 273 (30), 258 (27), 240 (21), 158 (21), 151 (22). HR-ESI-MS: 317.1023 ([M+1]⁺, C₁₇H₁₇O₆⁺; calc. 317.1025).

Gnetumelin C (=5-[3-(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)oxiran-2-yl]benzene-1,2,3-triol; **3**): Brown solid. M.p. 183–185° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 3*. EI-MS: 290 (5, M⁺), 124 (100), 109 (85), 81 (47). HR-ESI-MS: 291.0875 ([M+1]⁺, C₁₅H₁₅O₆⁺; calc. 291.0869).

Oxyresveratrol (=4-[(1*E*)-2-(3,5-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethenyl]benzene-1,3-diol; **4**): Brown needles. M.p. 196–198° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): 6.98 (*d*, *J* = 1.8, H–C(3′)); 6.94 (*d*, *J* = 12.0, H–C(b)); 6.84 (*dd*, *J* = 8.1, 1.8, H–C(6′)); 6.77 (*d*, *J* = 12.0, H–C(a)); 6.73 (*d*, *J* = 8.1, H–C(5′)); 6.46 (*s*, H–C(2), H–C(6)); 6.18 (*s*, H–C(4)). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): 159.4 (*s*, C(3), C(5)); 146.3 (*s*, C(2′)); 146.2 (*s*, C(4′)); 141.0 (*s*, C(1)); 130.9 (*s*, C(1′)); 129.6 (*d*, C(b)); 126.8 (*d*, C(a)); 120.2 (*d*, C(5′)); 116.4 (*d*, C(6′)); 113.7 (*d*, C(3′)); 105.7 (*d*, C(2), C(6)); 102.6 (*d*, C(4)). FAB-MS (pos.): 244 (100, M⁺).

Rhapontigenin (=5-[(1*Z*)-2-(3-Hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]benzene-1,3-diol; **5**): Pale yellow needles. M.p. 186–187° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, C₅D₅N): 7.39 (*s*, H–C(2′), H–C(6′)); 7.36 (*s*, H–C(2)); 7.22–7.19 (overlap, H–C(5), H–C(6), H–C(a), H–C(b)); 6.98 (*s*, H–C(4′)). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, C₅D₅N): 160.7 (*s*, C(3′), C(5′)); 149.0 (*s*, C(3)); 148.5 (*s*, C(4)); 140.9 (*s*, C(1′)); 130.6 (*s*, C(1)); 129.4 (*d*, C(b)); 127.1 (*d*, C(a)); 121.3 (*d*, C(6)); 116.8 (*d*, C(5)); 110.5 (*d*, C(2)); 105.9 (*d*, C(2′)); 103.6 (*d*, C(4′)). FAB-MS (pos.): 258 (100, M⁺), 137 (11).

Resveratrol (=5-[(1*E*)-2-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)ethenyl]benzene-1,3-diol; **6**): Brown needles. M.p. 254–256° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): 7.34 (*d*, *J* = 8.1, H–C(2), H–C(6)); 6.95 (*d*, *J* = 16.1, H–C(b)); 6.79 (*d*, *J* = 16.1, H–C(a)); 6.75 (*d*, *J* = 8.1, H–C(3), H–C(5)); 6.43 (*s*, H–C(2′), H–C(6′)); 6.14 (*s*, H–C(4′)). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): 159.6 (*s*, C(3′), C(5′)); 158.3 (*s*, C(4)); 141.3 (*s*, C(1′)); 130.4 (*s*, C(1)); 129.4 (*d*, C(2), C(6)); 128.8 (*d*, C(b)); 126.9 (*d*, C(a)); 116.5 (*d*, C(3), C(5)); 105.7 (*d*, C(2′), C(6′)); 102.6 (*d*, C(4′)). FAB-MS (pos.): 228 (100, M⁺), 102 (62).

Isorhapontigenin 3-(β-D-Glucopyranoside) (=3-Hydroxy-5-[(1*E*)-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]phenyl β-D-Glucopyranoside; **7**): Brown solid. M.p. 144–146° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): 7.11 (br. *s*, H–C(2′)); 7.04 (*d*, *J* = 16.1, H–C(b)); 6.97 (*d*, *J* = 8.3, H–C(6′)); 6.89 (*d*, *J* = 16.1, H–C(a)); 6.79 (br. *s*, H–C(6)); 6.78 (*d*, *J* = 8.3, H–C(5′)); 6.63 (br. *s*, H–C(2)); 6.46 (br. *s*, H–C(4)); 3.89 (*s*, MeO); 4.91 (*d*, *J* = 7.6, H–C(1′′)). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): 160.4 (*d*, C(5)); 159.6 (*s*, C(3)); 149.2 (*s*, C(3′)); 147.7 (*s*, C(4′)); 141.4 (*s*, C(1)); 130.9 (*s*, C(1′)); 130.3 (*d*, C(b)); 126.9 (*d*, C(a)); 121.4 (*d*, C(2′)); 116.3 (*d*, C(5′)); 110.5 (*d*, C(6′)); 108.4 (*d*, C(2)); 107.0 (*d*, C(6)); 104.1 (*d*, C(4)); 102.3 (*d*, C(1′′)); 78.0 (*d*, C(5′′)); 77.8 (*d*, C(3′′)); 74.9 (*d*, C(2′′)); 71.4 (*d*, C(4′′)); 62.6 (*t*, C(6′′)); 56.4 (MeO). FAB-MS (pos.): 421 (10, [M+H]⁺), 258 (9, [M–Glc]⁺), 194 (8), 102 (100).

Gnetifolin E (=4-[(1*E*)-2-(3,5-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethenyl]-2-methoxyphenyl β-D-Glucopyranoside; **8**): Brown needles. M.p. 140–143° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD): 7.11 (br. *s*, H–C(2′)); 7.11 (*d*, *J* = 8.2, H–C(5′)); 7.02 (*d*, *J* = 8.3, H–C(6′)); 6.97 (*d*, *J* = 16.1, H–C(b)); 6.88 (*d*, *J* = 16.1, H–C(a)); 6.51 (br. *s*, H–C(2), H–C(6)); 6.22 (br. *s*, H–C(4)); 4.92 (*d*, *J* = 7.1, H–C(1′′)); 3.86 (*s*, MeO). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD): 159.4 (*s*, C(3), C(5)); 150.5 (*s*, C(3′)); 147.4 (*s*, C(4′)); 140.8 (*s*, C(1)); 133.8 (*s*, C(1′)); 129.1 (*d*, C(a)); 128.7 (*d*, C(b)); 120.9 (*d*, C(2′)); 117.5 (*d*, C(5′)); 111.1 (*d*, C(6′)); 106.1 (*d*, C(2), C(6)); 103.0 (*d*, C(4)); 102.4 (*d*, C(1′′)); 77.9 (*d*, C(3′′)); 77.6 (*d*, C(5′′)); 74.7 (*d*, C(2′′)); 71.1 (*d*, C(4′′)); 62.3 (*t*, C(6′′)); 56.7 (MeO). FAB-MS (pos.): 421 (15, [M+H]⁺), 258 (44, [M–Glc]⁺), 194 (10), 102 (100).

Gnetifolin K (=4-[(1*E*)-2-[3-(β-D-Glucopyranosyloxy)]-5-hydroxyphenyl]ethenyl]-2-methoxyphenyl β-D-Glucopyranoside; **9**): Brown solid. M.p. 178–180° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz,

CD₃OD): 7.16 (br. s, H–C(2'')); 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.8, H–C(5'')); 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.8, H–C(6'')); 7.05 (d, *J* = 16.1, H–C(b)); 6.95 (d, *J* = 16.1, H–C(a)); 6.82 (br. s, H–C(6)); 6.66 (br. s, H–C(2)); 6.49 (br. s, H–C(4)); 4.92 (d, *J* = 7.0, H–C(1'')); H–C(1'''); 3.92 (s, MeO). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD): 160.4 (d, C(5)); 159.9 (s, C(3)); 150.9 (s, C(3'')); 147.7 (s, C(1)); 147.7 (s, C(4'')); 133.9 (s, C(1'')); 129.6 (d, C(b)); 128.6 (d, C(a)); 121.1 (d, C(2'')); 117.9 (d, C(5'')); 111.4 (d, C(6'')); 108.7 (d, C(2)); 107.2 (d, C(6)); 104.6 (d, C(4)); 102.4 (d, C(1'')); 102.3 (d, C(1''')); 78.1 (d, C(5''')); 78.0 (d, C(5''')); 77.9 (d, C(3''')); 77.8 (d, C(3''')); 74.9 (d, C(2'')); 74.8 (d, C(2''')); 71.4 (d, C(4'')); 71.3 (d, C(4''')); 62.6 (t, C(6'')); 62.5 (t, C(6''')); 56.8 (MeO). FAB-MS (neg.): 582 (60, *M*⁻), 419 (100, [*M* – Glc-H]⁻), 339 (70), 265 (34), 212 (24).

Pinosylvine (= 5-[(*1Z*)-2-Phenylethenyl]benzene-1,3-diol; **10**): Brown solid. M.p. 153–155° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD): 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.7, H–C(2), H–C(6)); 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.7, H–C(4)); 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.7, H–C(3), H–C(5)); 7.08 (s, H–C(a), H–C(b)); 6.59 (br. s, H–C(2'), H–C(6')); 6.32 (s, H–C(4')). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD): 159.6 (s, C(3'), C(5')); 140.3 (s, C(1)); 138.3 (s, C(1')); 129.7 (d, C(a)); 129.5 (d, C(2), C(6)); 129.1 (d, C(b)); 128.3 (d, C(4)); 127.3 (d, C(3), C(5)); 106.0 (d, C(2'), C(6')); 103.2 (d, C(4')). FAB-MS (pos.): 212 (100, *M*⁺).

Gnetofuran B (= 2-(3-Hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)-4-methoxybenzofuran-5-ol; **11**): Brown solid. M.p. 141–143° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): 7.36 (s, H–C(3)); 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.8, H–C(6)); 7.01 (t, *J* = 2.2, H–C(2')); 7.00 (t, *J* = 2.2, H–C(6')); 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8, H–C(7)); 6.45 (t, *J* = 2.2, H–C(4')); 4.04 (s, MeO–C(5)); 3.82 (s, MeO–C(5')). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): 162.3 (s, C(3')); 159.8 (s, C(5')); 156.3 (s, C(2)); 150.7 (s, C(7a)); 144.8 (s, C(5)); 140.0 (s, C(4)); 133.0 (s, C(1')); 122.4 (s, C(3a)); 114.6 (d, C(6)); 106.3 (d, C(7)); 105.3 (d, C(6')); 102.8 (d, C(4')); 102.5 (d, C(2')); 100.4 (d, C(3)); 60.6 (q, MeO–C(4)); 56.6 (q, MeO–C(5')). FAB-MS (pos.): 286 (72, *M*⁺), 246 (39), 74 (100).

Gnetifolin M (= 2-(3-Hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)benzofuran-4-ol; **12**): Brown solid. M.p. 140–142° (MeOH/CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): 7.26 (s, H–C(3)); 7.12 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 8.3, H–C(6)); 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.3, H–C(7)); 6.99 (s, H–C(2')); 6.96 (s, H–C(6')); 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.7, H–C(5)); 6.43 (s, H–C(4')); 3.83 (s, MeO). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): 162.4 (s, C(5')); 159.8 (s, C(3')); 157.3 (s, C(7a)); 155.0 (s, C(2)); 152.1 (s, C(4)); 133.2 (s, C(1')); 126.3 (d, C(3)); 119.4 (s, C(3a)); 108.8 (d, C(5)); 105.1 (d, C(2')); 103.6 (d, C(6)); 102.6 (d, C(4')); 102.4 (d, C(6')); 100.0 (d, C(7)); 55.6 (q, MeO). FAB-MS (pos.): 256 (100, *M*⁺).

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