

## Neolignans, a Coumarinolignan, Lignan Derivatives, and a Chromene: Anti-inflammatory Constituents from *Zanthoxylum avicennae*

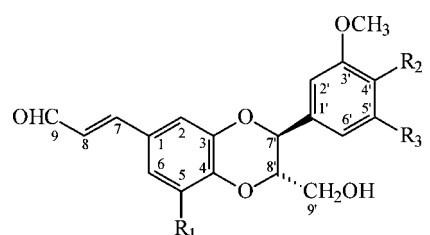
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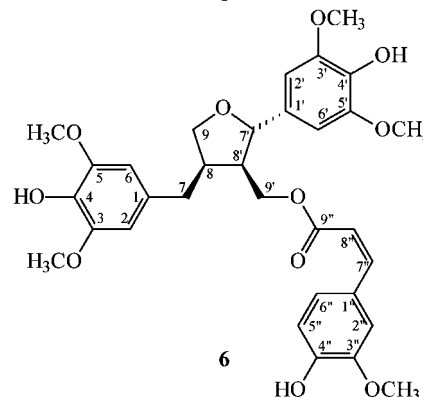
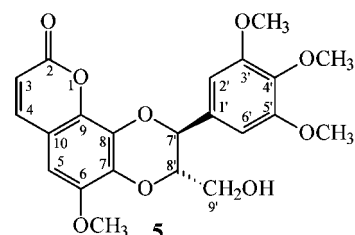
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Eight new compounds, including four new neolignans, (*7'S,8'S*)-bilagrewin (**1**), (*7'S,8'S*)-5-demethoxybilagrewin (**2**), (*7'S,8'S*)-5-*O*-demethyl-4'-*O*-methylbilagrewin (**3**), and (*7'S,8'S*)-nocomtal (**4**), a new coumarinolignan, (*7'S,8'S*)-4'-*O*-methylcleomiscosin D (**5**), two new lignan derivatives, (+)-9'-*O*-(*Z*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyarliciresinol (**6**) and (+)-9'-*O*-(*E*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyarliciresinol (**7**), and a new chromene, (*E*)-3-(2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-chromen-6-yl)prop-2-enal (**8**), have been isolated from the stem wood of *Zanthoxylum avicennae*, together with 18 known compounds (**9–26**). The structures of these new compounds were determined through spectroscopic and MS analyses. (*7'S,8'S*)-4'-*O*-Methylcleomiscosin D (**5**), cleomiscosin D (**9**), skimmianine (**18**), robustine (**19**), and integrifoliolin (**23**) exhibited inhibition ( $IC_{50} \leq 18.19 \mu\text{M}$ ) of superoxide anion generation by human neutrophils in response to formyl-L-methionyl-L-leucyl-L-phenylalanine/cytochalasin B (FMLP/CB). In addition, skimmianine (**18**) inhibited FMLP/CB-induced elastase release with an  $IC_{50}$  value of  $19.15 \pm 0.66 \mu\text{M}$ .

Human neutrophils are known to play crucial roles in host defense against microorganisms and in pathogenesis of various diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), ischemia-reperfusion injury, and asthma.<sup>1–5</sup> In response to diverse stimuli, activated neutrophils secrete a series of cytotoxins, such as the superoxide anion radical ( $O_2^{\cdot-}$ ), a precursor to other reactive oxygen species (ROS), granule proteases, and bioactive lipids.<sup>2,6,7</sup> Suppression of the extensive or inappropriate activation of neutrophils by drugs has been proposed as a way to ameliorate inflammatory diseases. Despite this, there are only a few currently available agents that directly modulate neutrophil proinflammatory responses in clinical practice. *Zanthoxylum avicennae* (Lam.) DC (Rutaceae) is an evergreen shrub distributed in Vietnam, Philippines, southern China, and Taiwan.<sup>8</sup> A decoction of its stems is used as a stomach tonic and as a counter-poison to snake bite.<sup>9</sup> Previous studies of this plant have reported the isolation of flavonoids, alkaloids, coumarins, and terpenoids.<sup>10–15</sup> In our studies on the anti-inflammatory constituents of Formosan plants, many species have been screened for *in vitro* anti-inflammatory activity, and *Z. avicennae* has been found to be one of the active species. The MeOH extract of *Z. avicennae* inhibited FMLP/CB-induced superoxide anion generation and elastase release in a concentration-dependent manner with  $IC_{50}$  values of  $6.34 \pm 0.56$  and  $15.32 \pm 1.46 \mu\text{g/mL}$ , respectively. In our search for compounds with anti-inflammatory activities, four new neolignans, (*7'S,8'S*)-bilagrewin (**1**), (*7'S,8'S*)-5-demethoxybilagrewin (**2**), (*7'S,8'S*)-5-*O*-demethyl-4'-*O*-methylbilagrewin (**3**), and (*7'S,8'S*)-nocomtal (**4**), a new coumarinolignan, (*7'S,8'S*)-4'-*O*-methylcleomiscosin D (**5**), two new lignan derivatives, (+)-9'-*O*-(*Z*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyarliciresinol (**6**) and (+)-9'-*O*-(*E*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyarliciresinol (**7**), and a new chromene, (*E*)-3-(2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-chromen-6-yl)prop-2-enal (**8**), and 18 known compounds (**9–26**) have been isolated and identified from the stem wood of *Z. avicennae*. This paper describes the structural elucidation and anti-inflammatory activities of **1–8**.



- 1  $R_1 = R_3 = \text{OCH}_3$ ,  $R_2 = \text{OH}$
- 2  $R_1 = \text{H}$ ,  $R_2 = \text{OH}$ ,  $R_3 = \text{OCH}_3$
- 3  $R_1 = \text{OH}$ ,  $R_2 = R_3 = \text{OCH}_3$
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### Results and Discussion

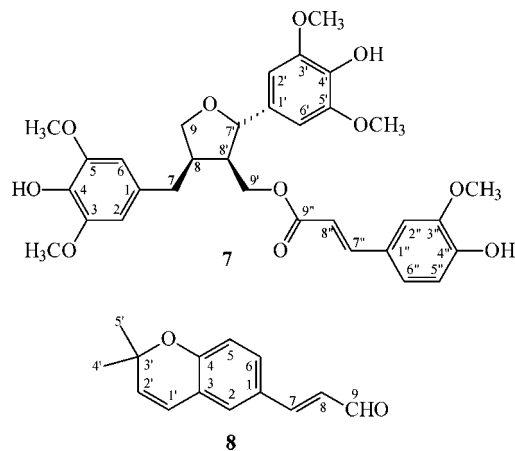
Chromatographic purification of the EtOAc-soluble fraction of the stem wood of *Z. avicennae* on a Si gel column and preparative TLC afforded eight new (**1–8**) and 18 known compounds (**9–26**).

(*7'S,8'S*)-Bilagrewin (**1**) was obtained as a pale yellow, amorphous powder. Its molecular formula,  $C_{21}H_{22}O_8$ , was determined

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on the basis of the positive HRESIMS at  $m/z$  425.1210 [ $M + Na$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 425.1212) and supported by the <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and DEPT NMR data. The IR spectrum showed the presence of hydroxy (3432 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and carbonyl (1665 cm<sup>-1</sup>) groups. Comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **1** with those of nocomtal (**4**)<sup>16</sup> suggested that their structures are closely related except that the 5'-methoxy group ( $\delta$  3.92) of **1** replaced H-5' ( $\delta$  6.97) of nocomtal. This was supported by NOESY correlations (see Figure 1S in the Supporting Information) between OMe-5' ( $\delta$  3.92) and H-6' ( $\delta$  6.67). Compound **1** showed similar CD Cotton effects [225 ( $\Delta\epsilon = -0.48$ ), 238 ( $\Delta\epsilon = +0.55$ ), 287 ( $\Delta\epsilon = +0.56$ ) nm] compared with analogous neolignans.<sup>17</sup> Thus, **1** possessed a 7'S,8'S-configuration. On the basis of the evidence above, the structure of **1** was elucidated as (7'S,8'S)-bilagrewin. Although the 7'S,8'R diastereomer, bilagrewin<sup>18</sup> was reported as a constituent from *Grewia bilamellata*,<sup>18</sup> this is the first isolation of the 7'S,8'S enantiomer from a natural source.

(7'S,8'S)-5-Demethoxybilagrewin (**2**) was isolated as an optically active, colorless oil ( $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -19.7$ ). HRESIMS gave an [ $M + Na$ ]<sup>+</sup> ion at  $m/z$  395.1110 (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na, 395.1107), consistent with a molecular formula of C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na. The IR spectrum showed a hydroxy absorption at 3402 cm<sup>-1</sup> and a carbonyl function at 1665 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** was similar to that of bilagrewin (**1**),<sup>18</sup> except that H-5 [ $\delta$  7.03 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz)] of **2** replaced the 5-methoxy group [ $\delta$  3.95 (1H, s)] of bilagrewin. This was supported by both HMBC correlations between H-5 ( $\delta$  7.03) and both C-1 ( $\delta$  128.2) and C-3 ( $\delta$  143.8) and NOESY correlations between H-5 ( $\delta$  7.03) and H-6 (7.15). The 7'S,8'S configuration of **2** was evidenced by CD Cotton effects at 224 nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = -0.45$ ), 235 nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = +0.52$ ), and 284 nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = +0.54$ ) in analogy with those of **1**. Thus, the structure of **2** was elucidated as (7'S,8'S)-5-demethoxybilagrewin. This was confirmed by COSY and NOESY data (see Figure 2S in the Supporting Information). The assignment of <sup>13</sup>C NMR resonances was confirmed by DEPT, HSQC, and HMBC (see Figure 2S in the Supporting Information) techniques.

(7'S,8'S)-5-O-Demethyl-4'-O-methylbilagrewin (**3**) was isolated as a pale yellow oil. The sodiated ion [ $M + Na$ ]<sup>+</sup> ( $m/z$  425.1208) in the HRESIMS of **3** was consistent with the formula C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na (calcd 425.1212). A comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **3** with those of bilagrewin (**1**)<sup>18</sup> suggested that their structures are closely related, except that the 5-hydroxy and 4'-methoxy groups of **3** replaced the 5-methoxy and 4'-hydroxy groups of bilagrewin.<sup>18</sup> This was supported by HMBC correlations observed between 5-OH ( $\delta$  5.62) and both C-5 ( $\delta$  148.0) and C-4 ( $\delta$  136.0) and between 4'-OMe ( $\delta$  3.89) and C-4' ( $\delta$  137.3). The absolute configuration of **3** was assigned as 7'S,8'S by the CD Cotton effects at 225 nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = -0.49$ ), 237 nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = +0.56$ ), and 285 nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = +0.57$ ) in analogy with previous CD observations.<sup>17</sup> On the basis of the above data, the structure of **3** was elucidated as (7'S,8'S)-5-O-demethyl-4'-O-methylbilagrewin. This was further confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and NOESY (see Figure 3S, Supporting Information)

experiments. The full assignment of the carbon resonances was confirmed by DEPT, HSQC, and HMBC (see Figure 3S, Supporting Information) techniques.

(7'S,8'S)-Nocomtal (**4**) was obtained as a pale yellow oil, and the molecular formula was confirmed as C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>7</sub> from the sodiated ion peak at  $m/z = 395.1111$  [ $M + Na$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na, 395.1107) obtained by HRESIMS. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4** showed the resonances of a 4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl group, a hydroxymethyl group, two oxymethine protons, two *meta*-coupled aromatic protons, a methoxy group, and an (*E*)-3-oxoprop-1-enyl group similar to those of bilagrewin (**1**), except that H-5' [ $\delta$  6.97 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz)] of **4** replaced the 5'-OMe group ( $\delta$  3.92) of **1**. This was supported by NOESY correlations between H-5' ( $\delta$  6.97) and H-6' ( $\delta$  6.93). Compound **4** showed similar CD Cotton effects to those of **3**, and the absolute configuration of **4** has to be 7'S,8'S. On the basis of the above data, the structure of **4** was elucidated as (7'S,8'S)-nocomtal, which was further confirmed by the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY, NOESY (see Figure 4S, Supporting Information), DEPT, HSQC, and HMBC (see Figure 4S, Supporting Information) experiments. Although the enantiomeric mixture (7'R,8'R/7'S,8'S)<sup>16</sup> of **4** was reported as a constituent from the xylem tissue of caffeic acid *O*-methyltransferase (COMT)-deficient poplar (*Populus* spp.),<sup>16</sup> this is the first isolation of the 7'S,8'S enantiomer from a natural source.

(7'S,8'S)-4'-O-Methylcleomiscosin D (**5**) was isolated as colorless needles with a molecular formula of C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>9</sub> as determined by positive-ion HRESIMS, showing an [ $M + Na$ ]<sup>+</sup> ion at  $m/z$  453.1166 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 453.1162). The presence of OH and carbonyl groups in **5** was revealed by the bands at 3395 and 1718 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, in the IR spectrum. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5** showed the presence of a 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl group, two oxymethine protons, a hydroxymethyl group, a methoxy group, an aromatic proton, and two mutually coupled protons of a 2*H*-3,4-dehydropyran-2-one ring similar to signals described previously for cleomiscosin D (**9**),<sup>19</sup> except for the resonance of OMe-4' ( $\delta$  3.93) in the spectrum of **5**, replacing that of OH-4' ( $\delta$  5.65) of **9**. This was supported by HMBC correlations between OMe-4' ( $\delta$  3.93) and C-4' ( $\delta$  137.6). The absolute configurations at C-7' and C-8' were determined as 7'S,8'S by CD comparison with the analogous neolignan 7*S*,8*S*-nitidanin.<sup>17</sup> On the basis of the above data, the structure of **5** was elucidated as (7'S,8'S)-4'-O-methylcleomiscosin D. This was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and NOESY (see Figure 5S, Supporting Information) experiments. The assignment of <sup>13</sup>C NMR resonances was confirmed by DEPT, HSQC, and HMBC (see Figure 5S, Supporting Information) techniques. This is the first isolation of the 7'S,8'S enantiomer of **5** from a natural source, although the 7'R,8'R enantiomer of **5** has been synthesized by Bhandari et al.<sup>20</sup>

(+)-9'-O-(*Z*)-Feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyarliciresinol (**6**) was isolated as a colorless, amorphous, optically active powder ( $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +23.4$ ). The molecular formula C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>11</sub> was deduced from the positive ion [ $M$ ]<sup>+</sup> at  $m/z$  596.2255 in the HREIMS. Comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of **6** with those of (-)-9'-O-(*E*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyarliciresinol<sup>21</sup> suggested that their structures are related except that the 9'-O-(*Z*)-feruloyl moiety of **6** replaced a 9'-O-(*E*)-feruloyl moiety of (-)-9'-O-(*E*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyarliciresinol.<sup>21</sup> This was supported by the *cis*-coupling constant ( $J = 12.8$  Hz) for H-7'' and H-8'' of **6**. NOESY correlations (see Figure 6S, Supporting Information) of **6** were observed between H-9' ( $\delta$  4.26, 4.43) and both H-7 ( $\delta$  2.86) and H-7' ( $\delta$  4.77) and between H-8' ( $\delta$  2.62) and both H-8 ( $\delta$  2.72) and H-2'/6' ( $\delta$  6.55). Moreover, NOESY correlations could not be detected between H-9' ( $\delta$  4.26, 4.43) and both H-8 ( $\delta$  2.72) and H-2'/6' ( $\delta$  6.55). Thus, the 8,8'-*cis*/7',8'-*trans* configuration of **6** was established. The absolute configuration of **6** was assigned as 8*R*,7'*S*,8'*R* by the negative CD Cotton effect at 245 nm ( $\Delta\epsilon = -0.75$ ) in analogy with previous

**Table 1.** Inhibitory Effects of **1–25** on Superoxide Radical Anion Generation and Elastase Release by Human Neutrophils in Response to fMet-Leu-Phe/Cytochalasin B<sup>a</sup>

compound	superoxide anion	elastase
	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>b</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>a</sup>
(7'S,8'S)-bilagrewin ( <b>1</b> )	48.65 ± 3.32***	>50
(7'S,8'S)-5-demethoxybilagrewin ( <b>2</b> )	26.88 ± 2.41***	>50
(7'S,8'S)-5- <i>O</i> -demethyl-4'- <i>O</i> -methylbilagrewin ( <b>3</b> )	>50	>50
(7'S,8'S)-nocomtal ( <b>4</b> )	>50	>50
(7'S,8'S)-4'- <i>O</i> -methylcleomiscosin D ( <b>5</b> )	14.72 ± 3.84***	>50
(+)-9'- <i>O</i> -( <i>Z</i> )-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyariciresinol ( <b>6</b> )	27.97 ± 3.65**	28.93 ± 5.43
(+)-9'- <i>O</i> -( <i>E</i> )-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyariciresinol ( <b>7</b> )	33.56 ± 3.31**	>50
( <i>E</i> )-3-(2,2-dimethyl-2 <i>H</i> -chromen-6-yl)prop-2-enal ( <b>8</b> )	>50	>50
cleomiscosin D ( <b>9</b> )	13.08 ± 3.80***	>50
aesculetin dimethyl ether ( <b>10</b> )	42.86 ± 6.07***	>50
scopoletin ( <b>11</b> )	>50	>50
6,7,8-trimethoxycoumarin ( <b>12</b> )	49.52 ± 5.62***	>50
luvangetin ( <b>13</b> )	>50	>50
avicennol ( <b>14</b> )	>50	32.02 ± 4.21***
avicennol methyl ether ( <b>15</b> )	48.43 ± 2.78***	>50
γ-fagarine ( <b>16</b> )	31.31 ± 1.92***	>50
dictamnine ( <b>17</b> )	>50	>50
skimmianine ( <b>18</b> )	13.24 ± 1.35***	19.15 ± 0.66***
robustine ( <b>19</b> )	18.19 ± 5.53***	>50
isodictamnine ( <b>20</b> )	>50	>50
4-methoxy-1-methyl-2-quinolone ( <b>21</b> )	>50	>50
edulitine ( <b>22</b> )	37.95 ± 2.59***	>50
integrifoliolin ( <b>23</b> )	18.19 ± 4.95***	32.55 ± 0.46
methyl ( <i>E</i> )-4-(3'-methyl-2'-enyloxy)cinnamate ( <b>24</b> )	49.28 ± 6.54*	>50
(-)-syringaresinol ( <b>25</b> )	39.87 ± 6.24**	>50
diphenyleneiodonium	1.68 ± 0.79***	
phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride		204.08 ± 33.07***

<sup>a</sup> Diphenyleneiodonium and phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride were used as positive control. Results are presented as average ± SEM ( $n = 4$ ). \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$  compared with the control. <sup>b</sup> Concentration necessary for 50% inhibition (IC<sub>50</sub>).

CD data.<sup>22</sup> According to the above data, the structure of **6** was elucidated as (+)-9'-*O*-(*Z*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyariciresinol.

(+)-9'-*O*-(*E*)-Feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyariciresinol (**7**) was obtained as an amorphous powder ( $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +20.8$ ). Its molecular formula was determined as C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>11</sub> using positive HRESIMS, which showed a sodiated ion peak at  $m/z = 619.2153$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na, 619.2155). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **7** were similar to those of **6**, except that a 9'-*O*-(*E*)-feruloyl moiety of **7** replaced a 9'-*O*-(*Z*)-feruloyl moiety of **6**. Comparison of the CD data of **7** with that of **6** suggested that **7** also possessed an 8*R*,7'*S*,8'*R* configuration. The structure of **7** was thus elucidated as (+)-9'-*O*-(*E*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyariciresinol. This was further confirmed by the <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY, NOESY (see Figure 7S, Supporting Information), DEPT, HSQC, and HMBC (see Figure 7S, Supporting Information) techniques. This is the first report of the occurrence of **7** in a natural source, although the enantiomeric (–)-9'-*O*-(*E*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyariciresinol has been isolated by Hsiao et al.<sup>21</sup>

(*E*)-3-(2,2-Dimethyl-2*H*-chromen-6-yl)prop-2-enal (**8**) was isolated as a colorless oil. The HRESIMS of **8** showed an elemental composition of C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na at  $m/z$  237.0890 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 237.0891). The presence of a carbonyl group was revealed by a band at 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the IR spectrum, which was confirmed by the resonance at δ 194.0 in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **8** showed the resonances for a 2,2-dimethyl-3,4-dehydropyrano moiety, three ABX-coupled aromatic protons, and an (*E*)-3-oxoprop-1-enyl group. On the basis of NOESY correlations between H-2 (δ 7.20) and H-7 (δ 7.37) and H-1' (δ 6.34) and between H-6 (δ 7.34) and H-5 (δ 6.81) and H-7 (δ 7.37), the (*E*)-3-oxoprop-1-enyl group was assigned to C-1. According to the above data, the structure of **8** was elucidated as (*E*)-3-(2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-chromen-6-yl)prop-2-enal, which was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY and NOESY (see Figure 8S, Supporting Information) experiments. The assignment of <sup>13</sup>C NMR resonances was confirmed by DEPT, HSQC, and HMBC (see Figure 8S, Supporting Information) techniques.

The known isolates were readily identified by a comparison of physical and spectroscopic data (UV, IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $[\alpha]_D$ , and MS) with corresponding authentic samples or literature values, and this included a coumarinolignan, cleomiscosin D (**9**),<sup>19</sup> six coumarins, aesculetin dimethyl ether (**10**),<sup>23</sup> scopoletin (**11**),<sup>24</sup> 6,7,8-trimethoxycoumarin (**12**),<sup>25</sup> luvangetin (**13**),<sup>26</sup> avicennol (**14**),<sup>27</sup> and avicennol methyl ether (**15**),<sup>27</sup> four furoquinolines, γ-fagarine (**16**),<sup>28</sup> dictamnine (**17**),<sup>29</sup> skimmianine (**18**),<sup>30</sup> and robustine (**19**),<sup>31</sup> a furo-4-quinolone, isodictamnine (**20**),<sup>32</sup> two 2-quinolones, 4-methoxy-1-methyl-2-quinolone (**21**)<sup>31</sup> and edulitine (**22**),<sup>33</sup> two phenylpropenoids, integrifoliolin (**23**)<sup>34</sup> and methyl (*E*)-4-(3'-methyl-2'-enyloxy)cinnamate (**24**),<sup>35</sup> a lignan, (–)-syringaresinol (**25**),<sup>36</sup> and a steroid, β-sitosterol (**26**).<sup>37</sup>

The anti-inflammatory effects of compounds isolated from the stem wood of *Z. avicennae* were evaluated by suppressing formyl-L-methionyl-L-leucyl-L-phenylalanine/cytochalasin B (FMLP/CB)-induced superoxide radical anion (O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup>) generation and elastase release by human neutrophils. The anti-inflammatory activity data are shown in Table 1. Diphenyleneiodonium and phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride were used as positive controls for O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup> generation and elastase release, respectively. From the results of our anti-inflammatory tests, the following conclusions can be drawn: (a) (7'S,8'S)-5-demethoxybilagrewin (**2**), (7'S,8'S)-4'-*O*-methylcleomiscosin D (**5**), (+)-9'-*O*-(*Z*)-feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyariciresinol (**6**), cleomiscosin D (**9**), γ-fagarine (**16**), skimmianine (**18**), robustine (**19**), and integrifoliolin (**23**) exhibited inhibitory activities (IC<sub>50</sub> ≤ 27.97 μM) on human neutrophil O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup> generation. (b) (+)-9'-*O*-(*Z*)-Feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyariciresinol (**6**), avicennol (**14**), skimmianine (**18**), and integrifoliolin (**23**) inhibited FMLP/CB-induced elastase release with IC<sub>50</sub> values ≤ 32.55 μM. (c) Among the analogues (**16–19**), **18** (with 7,8-dimethoxy) and **19** (with 8-hydroxy) exhibited more effective inhibition than **16** (with 8-methoxy) and **17** (without 7- and 8-substituents) against O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup> generation and elastase release. (d) Coumarinolignans **5** and **9** showed stronger inhibition than the analogous neolignans **1–4** against FMLP-induced O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup> generation. (e) Cleomiscosin D (**9**) and skimmianine (**18**) are

the most effective among the isolated compounds, with  $IC_{50}$  values of  $13.08 \pm 3.80$  and  $13.24 \pm 1.35 \mu\text{M}$ , respectively, against FMLP-induced superoxide anion generation. (f) Skimmianine (**18**) exhibited the most effective inhibition, with an  $IC_{50}$  value of  $19.15 \pm 0.66 \mu\text{M}$  against FMLP-induced elastase release.

## Experimental Section

**General Experimental Procedures.** All melting points were determined on a Yanaco micromelting point apparatus and were uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured using a Jasco DIP-370 polarimeter in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . UV spectra were obtained on a Jasco UV-240 spectrophotometer. IR spectra (KBr or neat) were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer system 2000 FT-IR spectrometer. NMR spectra, including COSY, NOESY, HMBC, and HSQC experiments, were recorded on a Varian Unity 400 or a Varian Inova 500 spectrometer operating at 400 and 500 MHz ( $^1\text{H}$ ) and 100 and 125 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ), respectively, with chemical shifts given in ppm ( $\delta$ ) using TMS as an internal standard. EI, ESI, and HR-ESI-mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker APEX II mass spectrometry. HREI-mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMX-HX 110 mass spectrometer. Si gel (70–230, 230–400 mesh) (Merck) was used for CC. Si gel 60 F-254 (Merck) was used for TLC and preparative TLC.

**Plant Material.** The stem wood of *Z. avicennae* was collected from Pakuashan, Changhua County, Taiwan, in June 2006 and identified by Dr. I. S. Chen. A voucher specimen (Chen 3007) was deposited in the Department of Pharmacy, Tajen University, Pingtung, Taiwan.

**Extraction and Separation.** The dried stem wood of *Z. avicennae* (16 kg) was extracted with cold MeOH, and the extract concentrated under reduced pressure. The MeOH extract (430 g), when partitioned between  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{EtOAc}$  (1:1), afforded an EtOAc-soluble fraction (fraction A, 98.6 g). Fraction A (98.6 g) was chromatographed on Si gel (70–230 mesh, 3.8 kg), eluting with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , gradually increasing the polarity with MeOH to give 14 fractions: A1 (12.5 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), A2 (7 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 100:1), A3 (6 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 90:1), A4 (5 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 80:1), A5 (4 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 70:1), A6 (5 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 60:1), A7 (3 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 50:1), A8 (7 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 40:1), A9 (4 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 30:1), A10 (6 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 20:1), A11 (8 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 10:1), A12 (6 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 5:1), A13 (6 L,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ , 1:1), A14 (4 L, MeOH). Fraction A1 (5.8 g) was chromatographed further on Si gel (230–400 mesh, 203 g) eluting with  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{acetone}$  (40:1) to give 12 fractions (each 500 mL, A1-1–A1-12). Fraction A1-4 (380 mg) was purified by MPLC (9.8 g Si gel, 40–63 mesh, *n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1, 75 mL fractions) to obtain 16 subfractions: A1-4-1–A1-4-16. Fraction A1-4-4 (22 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) to obtain **24** (2.3 mg) ( $R_f = 0.36$ ). Fraction A1-4-6 (28 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 10:1) to yield **23** (2.8 mg) ( $R_f = 0.43$ ) and **8** (2.0 mg) ( $R_f = 0.44$ ). Fraction A1-4-10 (26 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ , 50:1) to obtain **20** (3.5 mg) ( $R_f = 0.55$ ). Fraction A1-4-12 (25 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{EtOAc}$ , 40:1) to afford **13** (3.9 mg) ( $R_f = 0.45$ ). Fraction A1-4-13 (25 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{acetone}$ , 5:1) to obtain **14** (3.5 mg) ( $R_f = 0.72$ ). Fraction A1-4-15 (32 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{acetone}$ , 25:1) to yield **19** (3.3 mg) ( $R_f = 0.56$ ). Fraction A1-5 (135 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{acetone}$ , 40:1) to afford **26** (3.8 mg) ( $R_f = 0.44$ ). Fraction A1-8 (2.0 g) was subjected to CC (72 g Si gel, 230–400 mesh;  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{acetone}$ , 40:1, 1 L fractions) to give 10 subfractions: A1-8-1–A1-8-10. Fraction A1-8-3 (198 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) to afford **17** (4.3 mg) ( $R_f = 0.35$ ). Fraction A1-8-4 (205 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) to obtain **12** (3.7 mg) ( $R_f = 0.20$ ). Fraction A1-8-5 (188 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{EtOAc}$ , 30:1) to yield **10** (6.9 mg) ( $R_f = 0.44$ ) and **16** (4.6 mg) ( $R_f = 0.41$ ). Fraction A2 (3.2 g) was chromatographed further on Si gel (230–400 mesh, 170 g) eluting with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{EtOAc}$  (10:1) to give 10 fractions (each 1.0 L, A2-1–A2-10). Fraction A2-1 (178 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{acetone}$ , 10:1) to obtain **11** (2.9 mg) ( $R_f = 0.38$ ). Fraction A2-3 (198 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{EtOAc}$ , 1:3) to obtain **15** (2.5 mg) ( $R_f = 0.65$ ). Fraction A6 (4.3 g) was chromatographed further on Si gel (230–400 mesh, 235 g) eluting with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$  (25:1) to give 11 subfractions (each 1.0 L, A6-1–A6-11). Fraction A6-2 (174

mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{acetone}$ , 20:1) to yield **18** (4.0 mg) ( $R_f = 0.40$ ). Fraction A6-3 (166 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ , 30:1) to yield **21** (12.2 mg) ( $R_f = 0.38$ ). Fraction A7 (5.2 g) was chromatographed further on Si gel (230–400 mesh, 175 g) eluting with  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  (25:1) to give 20 fractions (each 500 mL, A7-1–A7-20). Fraction A7-7 (207 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{acetone}$ , 10:1) to yield **25** (122 mg) ( $R_f = 0.37$ ). Fraction A7-9 (190 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{acetone}$ , 5:1) to yield **5** (3.9 mg) ( $R_f = 0.48$ ). Fraction A7-10 (538 mg) was purified by MPLC (18 g Si gel, 40–63 mesh, *n*-hexane/EtOAc 1:5, 50 mL fractions) to obtain eight subfractions: A7-10-1–A7-10-8. Fraction A7-10-2 (32 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{acetone}$ , 10:1) to afford **4** (2.6 mg) ( $R_f = 0.49$ ). Fraction A7-10-3 (35 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{acetone}$ , 10:1) to afford **2** (3.2 mg) ( $R_f = 0.49$ ). Fraction A7-10-4 (38 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 1:2) to obtain **6** (3.6 mg) ( $R_f = 0.13$ ). Fraction A7-10-5 (48 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 1:2) to yield **3** (2.8 mg) ( $R_f = 0.17$ ) and **7** (3.2 mg) ( $R_f = 0.12$ ). Fraction A7-11 (191 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 1:3) to yield **1** (3.8 mg) ( $R_f = 0.37$ ). Fraction A7-12 (184 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{acetone}$ , 5:1) to yield **9** (4.2 mg) ( $R_f = 0.39$ ). Fraction A7-13 (175 mg) was purified further by preparative TLC (Si gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 1:4) to yield **22** (2.7 mg) ( $R_f = 0.33$ ).

**Biological Assay.** The anti-inflammatory effects of the isolated compounds from *Z. avicennae* were evaluated by inhibiting the generation of  $\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$  and the release of elastase in FMLP-activated human neutrophils in a concentration-dependent manner.

**Preparation of Human Neutrophils.** Human neutrophils from the venous blood of healthy, adult volunteers (20–28 years old) were isolated using a standard method of dextran sedimentation prior to centrifugation in a Ficoll Hypaque gradient and hypotonic lysis of erythrocytes.<sup>38</sup> Purified neutrophils containing >98% viable cells, as determined by the trypan blue exclusion method, were resuspended in a  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -free HBSS buffer at pH 7.4 and were maintained at 4 °C prior to use.

**Measurement of  $\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$  Generation.** The assay for measurement of  $\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$  generation was based on the SOD-inhibitable reduction of ferricytochrome *c*.<sup>39,40</sup> In brief, after supplementation with 0.5 mg/mL ferricytochrome *c* and 1 mM  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , neutrophils were equilibrated at 37 °C for 2 min and incubated with drugs for 5 min. Cells were activated with 100 nM FMLP for 10 min. When FMLP was used as a stimulant, CB (1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) was incubated for 3 min before activation by peptide (FMLP/CB). Changes in absorbance with the reduction of ferricytochrome *c* at 550 nm were continuously monitored in a double-beam, six-cell positioner spectrophotometer with constant stirring (Hitachi U-3010, Tokyo, Japan). Calculations were based on differences in the reactions with and without SOD (100 U/mL) divided by the extinction coefficient for the reduction of ferricytochrome *c* ( $\epsilon = 21.1/\text{mM}/10 \text{ mm}$ ).

**Measurement of Elastase Release.** Degranulation of azurophilic granules was determined by measuring elastase release as described previously.<sup>40</sup> Experiments were performed using MeO-Suc-Ala-Ala-Pro-Val-*p*-nitroanilide as the elastase substrate. Briefly, after supplementation with MeO-Suc-Ala-Ala-Pro-Val-*p*-nitroanilide (100  $\mu\text{M}$ ), neutrophils ( $6 \times 10^5/\text{mL}$ ) were equilibrated at 37 °C for 2 min and incubated with drugs for 5 min. Cells were stimulated with FMLP (100 nM)/cytochalasin B (0.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ), and changes in absorbance at 405 nm were continuously being monitored in order to assay elastase release. The results were expressed as the percent of elastase release in the FMLP/cytochalasin B-activated, drug-free control system.

**Statistical Analysis.** Results are expressed as the mean  $\pm$  SEM, and comparisons were made using Student's *t*-test. A probability of 0.05 or less was considered significant.

(**7'S,8'S**)-Bilagrewin (**1**): pale yellow, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -20.2$  (*c* 0.12, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 276 (4.15), 332 (4.31) nm; CD (MeOH,  $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 225 (−0.48), 238 (+0.55), 287 (+0.56) nm; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3432 (OH), 1665 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.43 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-9'), 3.58 (1H, m, H-9'), 3.92 (6H, s, OMe-3' and OMe-5'), 3.93 (1H, m, H-9'), 3.95 (3H, s, OMe-5), 4.07 (1H, dt,  $J = 8.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz}$ , H-8'), 4.97 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$ , H-7'), 5.63 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-4'), 6.60 (1H, dd,  $J = 16.0, 7.6 \text{ Hz}$ , H-8), 6.67 (2H, s, H-2' and H-6'), 6.77 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$

Hz, H-6), 6.90 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-2), 7.36 (1H, d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, H-7), 9.66 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, CHO);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  56.5 (OMe-5), 56.7 (OMe-3'), 56.7 (OMe-5'), 61.6 (C-9'), 76.7 (C-7'), 79.2 (C-8'), 104.2 (C-6), 104.3 (C-2'), 104.3 (C-6'), 111.6 (C-2), 126.8 (C-1'), 126.9 (C-1), 127.6 (C-8), 135.7 (C-4'), 136.2 (C-4), 144.8 (C-3), 147.6 (C-3'), 147.6 (C-5'), 149.4 (C-5), 152.9 (C-7), 193.8 (C-9); ESIMS  $m/z$  (rel int) 425 ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 100); HRESIMS  $m/z$  425.1210  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$ , 425.1212).

**(7'S,8'S)-5-Demethoxybilagrewin (2):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -19.7$  (c 0.13, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 305 (4.27), 332 (4.33) nm; CD (MeOH,  $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 224 (-0.45), 235 (+0.52), 284 (+0.54) nm; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3402 (OH), 1665 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.58 (1H, m, H-9'), 3.93 (1H, m, H-9'), 3.93 (6H, s, OMe-3' and OMe-5'), 4.06 (1H, ddd,  $J = 8.4, 3.2, 2.8$  Hz, H-8'), 5.01 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, H-7'), 5.64 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-4'), 6.62 (1H, dd,  $J = 16.0, 8.0$  Hz, H-8), 6.67 (2H, s, H-2' and H-6'), 7.03 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, H-5), 7.15 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, H-6), 7.23 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-2), 7.40 (1H, d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, H-7), 9.68 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, CHO);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  56.7 (OMe-3'), 56.7 (OMe-5'), 61.8 (C-9'), 77.1 (C-7'), 78.4 (C-8'), 104.3 (C-2'), 104.3 (C-6'), 117.0 (C-2), 118.2 (C-5), 123.2 (C-6), 126.7 (C-1'), 127.5 (C-8), 128.2 (C-1), 135.8 (C-4'), 143.8 (C-3), 146.9 (C-4), 147.6 (C-3'), 147.6 (C-5'), 152.7 (C-7), 193.9 (C-9); ESIMS  $m/z$  (rel int) 395 ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 100); HRESIMS  $m/z$  395.1110  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ , 395.1107).

**(7'S,8'S)-5-O-Demethyl-4'-O-methylbilagrewin (3):** pale yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -21.5$  (c 0.10, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 277 (4.13), 331 (4.22) nm; CD (MeOH,  $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 225 (-0.49), 237 (+0.56), 285 (+0.57) nm; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3422 (OH), 1668 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.58 (1H, m, H-9'), 3.89 (3H, s, OMe-4'), 3.91 (6H, s, OMe-3' and OMe-5'), 3.93 (1H, m, H-9'), 4.07 (1H, dt,  $J = 8.4, 3.0$  Hz, H-8'), 4.98 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, H-7'), 5.62 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-5), 6.62 (1H, dd,  $J = 15.6, 7.6$  Hz, H-8), 6.67 (2H, s, H-2' and H-6'), 6.78 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-6), 6.90 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-2), 7.38 (1H, d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, H-7), 9.68 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, CHO);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  56.3 (OMe-3'), 56.3 (OMe-5'), 61.1 (OMe-4'), 61.6 (C-9'), 76.8 (C-7'), 79.1 (C-8'), 103.2 (C-2'), 103.2 (C-6'), 107.1 (C-6), 111.6 (C-2), 126.5 (C-1'), 127.3 (C-1), 127.6 (C-8), 136.0 (C-4), 137.3 (C-4'), 145.2 (C-3), 148.0 (C-5), 152.8 (C-7), 153.2 (C-3'), 153.2 (C-5'), 193.8 (C-9); ESIMS  $m/z$  (rel int.) 425 ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 100); HRESIMS  $m/z$  425.1208  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$ , 425.1212).

**(7'S,8'S)-Nocomtal (4):** pale yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -23.8$  (c 0.14, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 275 (4.18), 334 (4.17) nm; CD (MeOH,  $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 224 (-0.47), 236 (+0.54), 286 (+0.55) nm; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3420 (OH), 1670 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.03 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-9'), 3.59 (1H, m, H-9'), 3.93 (1H, m, H-9'), 3.94 (3H, s, OMe-3'), 3.95 (3H, s, OMe-5), 4.08 (1H, dt,  $J = 8.0, 3.0$  Hz, H-8'), 5.00 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, H-7'), 5.73 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-4'), 6.60 (1H, dd,  $J = 16.0, 7.6$  Hz, H-8), 6.77 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-6), 6.89 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-2), 6.93 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, H-6'), 6.97 (1H, d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, H-2'), 6.97 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, H-5'), 7.36 (1H, d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, H-7), 9.67 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, CHO);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  56.4 (OMe-3'), 56.5 (OMe-5), 61.6 (C-9'), 76.6 (C-7'), 79.2 (C-8'), 104.1 (C-6), 110.6 (C-2'), 111.5 (C-2), 115.6 (C-5'), 121.5 (C-6'), 126.8 (C-1), 127.6 (C-8), 128.5 (C-1'), 136.3 (C-4), 145.0 (C-3), 145.7 (C-4'), 147.5 (C-3'), 149.5 (C-5), 152.9 (C-7), 193.8 (C-9); ESIMS  $m/z$  (rel int) 395 ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 100); HRESIMS  $m/z$  395.1111  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ , 395.1107).

**(7'S,8'S)-4'-O-Methylcleomiscosin D (5):** colorless needles ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ ); mp 252–254 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -15.2$  (c 0.11,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 325 (4.26) nm; CD (MeOH,  $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 226 (-0.43), 237 (+0.53), 286 (+0.55) nm; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3395 (OH), 1718 (C=O), 1618, 1510, 1457 (aromatic ring C=C stretch)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.59 (1H, m, H-9'), 3.92 (1H, m, H-9'), 3.93 (9H, s, OMe-3', 4', and 5'), 3.96 (3H, s, OMe-6), 4.02 (1H, dt,  $J = 8.0, 3.0$  Hz, H-8'), 5.05 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, H-7'), 6.22 (1H, d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, H-3), 6.55 (1H, s, H-5), 6.67 (2H, s, H-2' and H-6'), 7.94 (1H, d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, H-4);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  56.7 (OMe-6), 56.7 (OMe-3'), 56.7 (OMe-5'), 60.9 (OMe-4'), 61.6 (C-9'), 77.5 (C-7'), 78.5 (C-8'), 93.1 (C-5), 103.4 (C-2'), 103.4 (C-6'), 103.7 (C-10), 112.4 (C-3), 126.3 (C-1'), 132.5 (C-8), 137.6 (C-4'), 138.3 (C-4), 140.0 (C-9), 149.9 (C-7), 152.5 (C-6), 153.0 (C-3'), 153.0 (C-5'), 161.3 (C-2); ESIMS  $m/z$  453  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; HRESIMS  $m/z$  453.1166  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_9\text{Na}$ , 453.1162).

**(+)-9'-O-(Z)-Feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyarlicresinol (6):** amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +23.4$  (c 0.12, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 287 (3.82), 299 (3.89), 325 (4.04) nm; CD (MeOH,  $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 245 (-0.75) nm; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3422 (OH), 1711 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.51 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.6, 11.0$  Hz, H-7), 2.62 (1H, m, H-8'), 2.72 (1H, m, H-8), 2.86 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.6, 4.8$  Hz, H-7), 3.75 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.8, 6.4$  Hz, H-9), 3.87 (12H, s, OMe-3, 5, 3', and 5'), 3.95 (3H, s, OMe-3'), 4.06 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.8, 6.8$  Hz, H-9), 4.26 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.6, 7.2$  Hz, H-9'), 4.43 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.6, 7.2$  Hz, H-9'), 4.77 (1H, d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, H-7'), 5.41 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-4), 5.47 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-4'), 5.77 (1H, d,  $J = 12.8$  Hz, H-8''), 5.87 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-4''), 6.38 (2H, s, H-2 and H-6), 6.55 (2H, s, H-2' and H-6'), 6.83 (1H, d,  $J = 12.8$  Hz, H-7''), 6.88 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, H-5''), 7.14 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, H-6''), 7.78 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-2'');  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  33.8 (C-7), 42.6 (C-8), 49.1 (C-8'), 56.0 (OMe-3''), 56.3 (OMe-3), 56.3 (OMe-5), 56.3 (OMe-3'), 56.3 (OMe-5'), 62.3 (C-9'), 72.7 (C-9), 83.2 (C-7'), 102.4 (C-2'), 102.4 (C-6'), 105.2 (C-2), 105.2 (C-6), 112.8 (C-2''), 113.9 (C-5''), 115.8 (C-8''), 125.9 (C-6''), 127.0 (C-1''), 131.1 (C-1), 133.2 (C-4), 133.5 (C-1'), 134.1 (C-4'), 144.9 (C-7''), 145.8 (C-3''), 147.0 (C-3), 147.0 (C-5), 147.0 (C-3'), 147.0 (C-5'), 147.3 (C-4'), 166.2 (C-9''); EIMS  $m/z$  (rel int) 596 ( $[\text{M}]^+$ , 12), 581 (5), 402 (35), 235 (58), 194 (23), 181 (100), 167 (90); HREIMS  $m/z$  596.2255  $[\text{M}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{11}$ , 596.2258).

**(+)-9'-O-(E)-Feruloyl-5,5'-dimethoxyarlicresinol (7):** amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +20.8$  (c 0.10, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 286 (3.85), 298 (3.89), 324 (4.03) nm; CD (MeOH,  $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 246 (-0.73) nm; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3420 (OH), 1695 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.56 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.6, 10.8$  Hz, H-7), 2.66 (1H, m, H-8'), 2.76 (1H, m, H-8), 2.90 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.6, 4.8$  Hz, H-7), 3.79 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.8, 6.4$  Hz, H-9), 3.87 (12H, s, OMe-3, 5, 3', and 5'), 3.95 (3H, s, OMe-3'), 4.10 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.8, 6.8$  Hz, H-9'), 4.33 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.4, 7.4$  Hz, H-9'), 4.53 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.4, 6.8$  Hz, H-9'), 4.82 (1H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, H-7'), 5.41 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-4), 5.46 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-4'), 5.90 (1H, br s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, OH-4''), 6.22 (1H, d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, H-8''), 6.41 (2H, s, H-2 and H-6), 6.59 (2H, s, H-2' and H-6'), 6.92 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, H-5''), 6.99 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-2''), 7.05 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, H-6''), 7.50 (1H, d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, H-7'');  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  33.8 (C-7), 42.8 (C-8), 49.1 (C-8'), 56.0 (OMe-3''), 56.3 (OMe-3), 56.3 (OMe-5), 56.3 (OMe-3'), 56.3 (OMe-5'), 62.8 (C-9'), 72.8 (C-9), 83.7 (C-7'), 102.6 (C-2'), 102.6 (C-6'), 105.2 (C-2), 105.2 (C-6), 109.4 (C-2''), 114.8 (C-5''), 114.8 (C-8''), 123.0 (C-6''), 126.7 (C-1''), 131.1 (C-1), 133.2 (C-4), 133.5 (C-1'), 134.1 (C-4'), 145.4 (C-7''), 146.8 (C-3''), 147.0 (C-3), 147.0 (C-5), 147.0 (C-3'), 147.0 (C-5'), 148.2 (C-4'), 167.0 (C-9''); ESIMS  $m/z$  (rel int) 619 ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 100); HRESIMS  $m/z$  619.2153  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{11}\text{Na}$ , 619.2155).

**(E)-3-(2,2-Dimethyl-2H-chromen-6-yl)prop-2-enal (8):** colorless oil; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 295 (4.25), 320 (sh, 3.82) nm; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1670 (C=O)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  1.46 (6H, s, H-4' and H-5'), 5.69 (1H, d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, H-2), 6.34 (1H, d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, H-1'), 6.59 (1H, dd,  $J = 15.6, 7.6$  Hz, H-8), 6.81 (1H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, H-5), 7.20 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-2), 7.34 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, H-6), 7.37 (1H, d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, H-7), 9.64 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, CHO);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  28.5 (C-4'), 28.5 (C-5'), 77.4 (C-3'), 117.3 (C-5), 121.4 (C-3), 121.7 (C-1'), 126.6 (C-2), 126.7 (C-8), 127.0 (C-1), 130.4 (C-6), 131.8 (C-2'), 153.0 (C-7), 156.3 (C-4), 194.0 (C-9); ESIMS  $m/z$  (rel int) 237 ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 100); HRESIMS  $m/z$  237.0890  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ , 237.0891).

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