

# TETRAPRENYLTOLUQUINOL DERIVATIVES FROM THE BROWN ALGA *CYSTOSEIRA ZOSTEROIDES*

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**Abstract**—From the brown alga *Cystoseira zosteroides* five new tetraprenyltoluquinols have been isolated and their structures determined by spectral analysis.

## INTRODUCTION

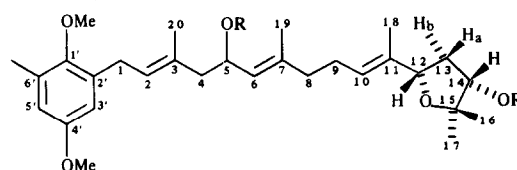
As part of a phytochemical study of the Mediterranean brown algae belonging to the genus *Cystoseira* [1–6], we have examined *C. zosteroides* (Turner) C. Agardh, a deep-water species characterized by oblong or cylindrical, smooth tophules and receptacles at the base of secondary branches; the last morphological attribute makes it unique among the *Cystoseira* species.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

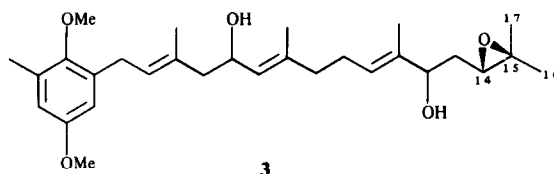
Examination by TLC of the dichloromethane extract of the alga revealed the presence of five secondary metabolites, which were separated and purified by chromatographic procedures.

The major secondary metabolite of *C. zosteroides*, zosterdiol A (**1**),  $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 0.5^\circ$ , had molecular formula  $C_{29}H_{44}O_5$  (HREIMS) and displayed UV absorptions at 222 and 281 nm ( $\epsilon = 13800$  and 3200), indicative of a hydroquinol chromophore. The IR spectrum presented hydroxyl ( $3460\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and aromatic ( $1605, 1595\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) bands, and verified the absence of carbonyl functions. The existence of a 2,5-dimethoxy-3-methylbenzyl moiety was suggested by a base peak at  $m/z$  165 in the mass spectrum of **1** and confirmed by the appropriate resonances in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (Table 1). The presence of two secondary alcohol functions in the molecule was established by acetylation with the formation of the diacetate **2**, whose  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum exhibited two acetoxymethyl signals at  $\delta$  2.07 and 1.94. The carbinolic protons appeared at  $\delta$  5.66 and 5.00 showing downfield shifts of  $\delta$  1.21 and 1.12, respectively. The last oxygen atom was assigned to a heterocycle formed by an ether bridge linking the remaining two  $\text{sp}^3$  oxygen-bearing carbons. Careful examination of proton–proton couplings, both direct and long range, allowed us to define the whole proton sequence in the diterpenoid side chain. One-bond heteronuclear correlation [7–9] permitted the assignment of all the protonated carbons in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1**, in particular those contributed by the secondary alcohol functions ( $\delta$  66.2, C-5 and 78.3, C-14). This determined univocally the nature of the heterocyclic ring and, consequently, zosterdiol A was formulated as **1**. Assignment of the quaternary carbons was possible by the

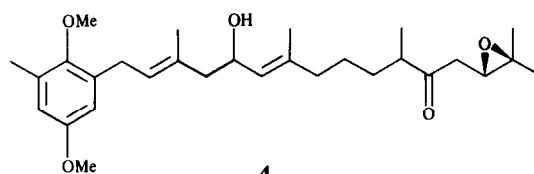
application of long-range  $^1\text{H}$ – $^{13}\text{C}$  shift correlation spectroscopy [10] (Table 1), which also furnished supplementary evidence for the validity of structure **1** for zosterdiol A.



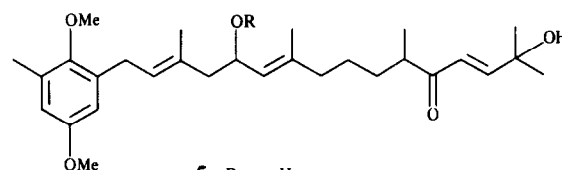
**1** R = H  
**2** R = COMe



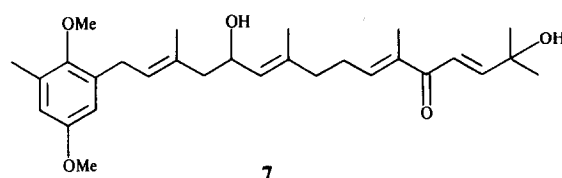
**3**



**4**



**5** R = H  
**6** R = COMe



**7**

Table 1.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of **1** ( $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR 250 and 62.9 MHz, respectively,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS as int. standard)

| Position | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ | DEPT          | $\delta^1\text{H}$ $J_{\text{HH}}$   | *Long range correlation          |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1'       | 150.3                 | C             |  | 6'-Me, 1'-OMe, H-3', H-5', 2H-1  |
| 2'       | 134.8                 | C             |  | 2H-1                             |
| 3'       | 112.7                 | CH            | 6.54 <i>br s</i>   | H-5', 2H-1                       |
| 4'       | 155.5                 | C             |  | 4'-OMe, H-3', H-5'               |
| 5'       | 113.7                 | CH            | 6.54 <i>br s</i>   | 6'-Me, H-3'                      |
| 6'       | 131.6                 | C             |  | 6'-Me                            |
| 1        | 28.6                  | $\text{CH}_2$ | 3.35 <i>d</i> (7)  | H-3'                             |
| 2        | 126.3                 | CH            | 5.37 <i>t</i> (7)  | 2H-1, 3H-20, 2H-4                |
| 3        | 132.6                 | C             |  | 2H-1, 3H-20, 2H-4                |
| 4        | 47.8                  | $\text{CH}_2$ | 2.17 <i>m</i>  | H-2, 3H-20                       |
| 5        | 66.2                  | CH            | 4.45 <i>ddd</i> (8.5, 8, 5.2)  |                                  |
| 6        | 128.5                 | CH            | 5.14 <i>d</i> (7.5)  | 2H-4, 3H-19                      |
| 7        | 137.1                 | C             |  | 2H-8, 3H-19                      |
| 8        | 38.9                  | $\text{CH}_2$ | 2.03 <i>m</i>  | H-6, 2H-9, 3H-19                 |
| 9        | 25.3                  | $\text{CH}_2$ | $\begin{cases} 2.18 \text{ m} \\ 2.05 \text{ m} \end{cases}$                       |                                  |
| 10       | 124.4                 | CH            | 5.50 <i>t</i> (7)  | 2H-9, H-12, 3H-18                |
| 11       | 136.4                 | C             |  | 2H-9, 3H-18, H <sub>B</sub> -13  |
| 12       | 79.7                  | CH            | 4.30 <i>t</i> (7)  | 3H-18                            |
| 13       | 39.1                  | $\text{CH}_2$ | $\begin{cases} \text{H}_A \text{ 2.40 m} \\ \text{H}_B \text{ 1.80 m} \end{cases}$ |                                  |
| 14       | 78.3                  | CH            | 3.88 <i>br t</i> (3.5)   | H <sub>B</sub> -13, 3H-16, 3H-17 |
| 15       | 83.0                  | C             |  | H <sub>A</sub> -13, 3H-16, 3H-17 |
| 16       | 26.0                  | $\text{CH}_3$ | 1.18 <i>s</i>  | 3H-17                            |
| 17       | 22.5                  | $\text{CH}_3$ | 1.29 <i>s</i>  | 3H-16                            |
| 18       | 12.3                  | $\text{CH}_3$ | 1.59 <i>s</i>  | H-10, H-12                       |
| 19       | 16.0                  | $\text{CH}_3$ | 1.61 <i>s</i>  | H-6                              |
| 20       | 16.4                  | $\text{CH}_3$ | 1.76 <i>s</i>  | H-2, 2H-4                        |
| 1'-OMe   | 60.2                  | $\text{CH}_3$ | 3.66 <i>s</i>  |                                  |
| 4'-OMe   | 55.2                  | $\text{CH}_3$ | 3.72 <i>s</i>  |                                  |
| 6'-Me    | 16.3                  | $\text{CH}_3$ | 2.23 <i>s</i>  | H-5'                             |

\*Long range correlations were obtained with maximum polarization transfer for  $J = 10$  Hz.

The high field position of the vinyl methyls at C-3, C-7 and C-11 in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1** indicated the *E*-geometry of the relevant double bonds. The relative stereochemistry at the chiral centres at C-12 and C-14 was determined to be as depicted from the NOESY spectrum [11], which showed H-12 and H-14 to be on the same face of the tetrahydrofuran ring.

Another of the new metabolites isolated from *C. zosteroides*, zosterdiol B (**3**), was an isomer of **1**,  $[\alpha]_D + 1.1^\circ$ ,  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3410 (OH) and  $1610 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (aromatic),  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  222 and 284 nm ( $\epsilon = 12000$  and  $3000$ ). A base peak at  $m/z$  165 in the mass spectrum of **3** was indicative of the same benzenoid moiety as in **1**; this was confirmed by comparison of the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR features of **3** (Tables 2 and 3) with those of **1**, which also established the identity of a large portion of the side chain involving C-1–C-9 and including the secondary alcohol function at C-5 ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  4.46, *m*, CHOH;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: 65.9, *d*, CHOH). The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum contained two signals whose chemical shifts ( $\delta$  61.7, *d* and 58.3 *s*) are fairly characteristic for epoxy carbons; this and signals in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for an oxirane proton signal ( $\delta$  2.86, *dd*) and two methyls on quaternary oxygen-bonded carbon ( $\delta$  1.26 and 1.30), were consistent with the presence of a terminal

epoxy moiety. The last oxygen was contributed by a secondary alcohol function ( $\delta$  4.20, *dd*, sharpened after addition of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , CHOH), whose position was inferred by the fact that the methylene protons at C-13 ( $\delta$  1.60 and 1.87) were found to be homonuclearly coupled (COSY) [12, 13] to both H-12 and H-14. On the evidence above, zosterdiol B was confidently assigned structure **3**. A difference NOE experiment assessed that the methyl resonating at  $\delta$  1.34 and H-14 are on the same side of the oxirane ring.

The third compound isolated, zosteronol (**4**),  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_5$ ,  $[\alpha]_D + 1.5^\circ$ , displayed IR absorptions for hydroxyl ( $3470 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), unconjugated ketone ( $1715 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and benzenoid ( $1610$ ,  $1600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) functions, while the UV spectrum indicated the same benzenoid chromophore as in the metabolites described above ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  222 and 282 nm,  $\epsilon = 10000$  and  $2600$ ). The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of zosteronol (Tables 2 and 3) showed several features in common with zosterdiol A and B, illustrating the aromatic unit and the first two isoprenoid units of the side chain, which could be easily expanded by decoupling experiments to include carbons C-9–C-11. Taking into account the presence of a terminal oxirane ring ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  3.09, *t*, H-14; 1.34 *s*, Me-16 and 1.24 *s*, Me-17.

Table 2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR assignments for compounds **3**, **4**, **5** and **7** (62.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS as int. standard)\*

| Position | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>7</b> |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1'       | 150.3 s  | 150.3 s  | 150.5 s  | 150.4 s  |
| 2'       | 134.8 s  | 134.8 s  | 134.8 s  | 134.7 s  |
| 3'       | 112.7 d  | 112.7 d  | 112.9 d  | 112.9 d  |
| 4'       | 155.5 s  | 155.5 s  | 155.6 s  | 155.5 s  |
| 5'       | 113.7 d  | 113.7 d  | 113.8 d  | 113.7 d  |
| 6'       | 131.9 s  | 131.8 s  | 131.8 s  | 131.9 s  |
| 1        | 28.8 t   | 28.8 t   | 28.8 t   | 29.0 t   |
| 2        | 127.0 d  | 126.9 d  | 126.9 d  | 127.3 d  |
| 3        | 132.4 s  | 132.4 s  | 132.4 s  | 132.2 s  |
| 4        | 48.1 t   | 48.1 t   | 48.1 t   | 48.1 t   |
| 5        | 69.9 d   | 65.9 d   | 66.2 d   | 65.9 d   |
| 6        | 127.8 d  | 127.6 d  | 127.9 d  | 128.6 d  |
| 7        | 137.3 s  | 137.7 s  | 137.5 s  | 137.8 s  |
| 8        | 38.8 t   | 39.2 t   | 38.8 t   | 38.0 t   |
| 9        | 25.5 t   | 25.0 t   | 24.5 t   | 26.7 t   |
| 10       | 126.0 d  | 32.0 t   | 32.1 t   | 142.7 d  |
| 11       | 116.1 s  | 46.4 d   | 44.3 d   | 136.6 s  |
| 12       | 75.5 d   | 212.0 s  | 203.9 s  | 192.9 s  |
| 13       | 34.1 t   | 40.9 t   | 124.1 d  | 121.3 d  |
| 14       | 61.7 d   | 59.3 d   | 152.5 d  | 152.4 d  |
| 15       | 58.3 s   | 58.0 s   | 70.7 s   | 71.0 s   |
| 16       | 24.7 q   | 24.5 q   | 29.3 q   | 29.3 q   |
| 17       | 18.9 q   | 18.8 q   | 29.4 q   | 29.4 q   |
| 18       | 11.5 q   | 16.2 q   | 15.8 q   | 11.7 q   |
| 19       | 16.5 q   | 16.4 q   | 16.3 q   | 15.3 q   |
| 20       | 16.4 q   | 16.3 q   | 16.4 q   | 16.3 q   |
| 6'-Me    | 16.3 q   | 16.4 q   | 16.4 q   | 16.3 q   |
| 1'-OMe   | 60.4 q   | 60.4 q   | 60.3 q   | 60.4 q   |
| 4'-OMe   | 55.4 q   | 55.3 q   | 55.3 q   | 55.4 q   |

\*Assignments have been aided by direct and long-range  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  correlation spectroscopy.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: 59.3, d, C-14 and 58.0 s, C-15), determination of the remaining part of the side chain was trivial and the new metabolite was allocated structure **4**.

Another of the *C. zosteroides* metabolites, zosterondiol A (**5**),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 0.7^\circ$ ,  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_5$ , exhibited hydroxyl ( $3440\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and enone ( $1670$  and  $1630\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) bands in the IR spectrum, and benzenoid (222 and  $280\text{ nm}$ ,  $\epsilon = 18000$  and  $2600$ ) and enone ( $234\text{ nm}$ ,  $\epsilon = 11700$ ) absorptions in the UV spectrum. An intense peak at  $m/z$  165 in the mass spectrum revealed the presence of a 2,5-dimethoxy-3-methylbenzyl moiety. Acetylation of **5** gave a monoacetate (**6**) which retained hydroxyl absorption in the IR spectrum. In the light of this information, the three oxygen atoms in the side chain were assigned to a secondary hydroxyl ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  4.48,  $m$ ;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: 66.2, d, CHOH), a tertiary hydroxyl and a conjugated carbonyl. These features suggested that zosterondiol A could be the 4'-methyl ether of a compound isolated from *C. elegans* by Banaigs *et al.* [14]. In fact, zosterondiol A had  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (Tables 2 and 3) closely comparable with the *C. elegans* metabolite, apart from the obvious presence of the resonances associated with the 4'-methoxyl (incidentally, on the basis of direct and long-range heteronuclear correlation experiments the assignments of a couple of protons, H-13, -14, and two

pairs of carbons, C-3, -7 and C-13, -14, have been each reversed with respect to those of the French workers).

The structure of the last metabolite from *C. zosteroides*, zosterondiol B (**7**),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 0.9^\circ$ ,  $\nu_{\text{max}} 3440\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (OH) and  $1665\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (conjugated carbonyl),  $\lambda_{\text{max}} 222$  ( $\epsilon = 10800$ ),  $254$  ( $\epsilon = 9200$ ) and  $284$  ( $\epsilon = 2800$ ), was readily established by comparison of its spectral properties with those of **5**. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **7** differed from that of **5** by the replacement of a methine ( $\delta$  44.3) and a methylene ( $\delta$  32.1) resonance with a pair of olefinic signals at  $\delta$  142.7 and 136.6. The concomitant downfield shift of the resonance for the carbonyl carbon from  $\delta$  203.9 in **5** to 192.9 in zosterondiol B showed that the additional double bond was conjugated to the carbonyl, thus leading unambiguously to structure **7** for the new algal metabolite.

## EXPERIMENTAL

**General experimental procedures.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: 250 and 62.9 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts are given in  $\delta$  values (ppm) with TMS as int. standard. MS: direct inlet, 70 eV. Final purification of all metabolites was achieved by PLC on silica gel (LiChrosorb Si-60, 25–40  $\mu$ ) using a Jobin–Yvon Miniprep liquid chromatograph. TLC was carried out using glass-backed pre-coated silica gel F<sub>254</sub> plates (Merck). Compounds were detected by spraying with 10% soln of  $\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_2$  in 1 M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , or by UV light (254 nm). All solvents were spectral grade or distilled prior to use.

**Plant material.** *Cystoseira zosteroides* (Turner) C. Agardh was collected by hand using SCUBA (–20 m) at Aci Castello (Catania) in May 1987. A voucher specimen was deposited in the Herbarium of the Department of Botany, Catania, Italy.

**Extraction and purification.** Shade-dried and ground plant material (400 g) was extracted ( $\times 3$ ) with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temp. with continuous stirring. The combined extracts were evapd *in vacuo* to yield the final crude residue as a dark green oil (9.5 g) which was chromatographed on a Jobin–Yvon Chromatospac prep. LC (Kieselgel 60; increasing concentrations of  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  in hexane as the eluent). Fractions of 250 ml were collected and those exhibiting similar TLC profiles combined. Fractions 22 and 23 were subjected to prep. LC using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ – $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (19:1) as the eluant to give pure **4** (52 mg, 0.013% dry wt of the alga). Prep. LC ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ –dioxane, 49:1) of fractions 38 and 39 gave a mixture of **1** and **5**, which was separated by further chromatography ( $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ –hexane, 7:3) to yield pure **1** (312 mg, 0.078% dry wt) and **5** (48 mg, 0.012% dry wt). Fraction 40 was purified by successive prep. LC using as solvents  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ –dioxane (97:3) and then  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ –hexane (3:1) to give **3** (24 mg, 0.0067% dry wt). Finally, fractions 41 and 42 were subjected to prep. LC with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ –dioxane (93:7), followed by prep. LC with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ – $i\text{Pr}_2\text{O}$  (3:2) to yield **7** (8 mg, 0.002% dry wt). All compounds were obtained as oils.

**Zosterdiol A (1).**  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} + 0.5^\circ$  (EtOH;  $c$  2.0); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 3460, 1605, 1595; UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{EtOH}}\text{ nm}$ : 222 ( $\epsilon = 13800$ ), 281 ( $\epsilon = 3200$ ); HRMS:  $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$  454.3098 (calc. for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_4$  454.3083); MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 454 (5), 436 (3), 410 (8), 368 (5), 285 (12), 253 (20), 220 (60), 205 (24), 187 (24), 165 (100), 137 (25), 121 (20), 107 (15), 95 (10), 81 (20), 71 (55), 43 (20), 41 (12).

**Zosterdiol A acetate (2).** Acetylation of **1** ( $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ –pyridine, overnight at room temp.) and conventional work-up gave the acetate **2**, oily; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 1745, 1610, 1485;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  6.54 and 6.51 (2H, AB system,  $J = 3\text{ Hz}$ , H-5' and H-3'), 5.66 (1H,  $m$ , H-5), 5.40 (1H,  $t$ ,  $J = 7\text{ Hz}$ , H-10), 5.32 (1H,  $t$ ,  $J = 7\text{ Hz}$ , H-2), 5.11 (1H,  $d$ ,  $J = 8\text{ Hz}$ , H-6), 5.00 (1H,  $dd$ ,  $J = 5$  and  $7\text{ Hz}$ , H-14), 4.32 (1H,  $t$ ,  $J = 7\text{ Hz}$ , H-12), 3.73 (3H,  $s$ , 4'-OMe), 3.66 (3H,  $s$ , 1'-OMe), 3.31 (2H,  $d$ ,  $J = 7\text{ Hz}$ , H-1), 2.48 (1H,  $m$ , Ha-13), 2.26 (3H,  $s$ , 6'-

Table 3.  $^1\text{H}$ NMR of compounds **3**, **4**, **5** and **7** (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS as int. standard)\*

| Compound           |                           |  | Compound          |                          |                        |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Position           | 3                         | 4  | Position          | 5                        | 7                      |
| H-3'               | 6.53 } AB (3)             | 6.53 } AB (3)  | H-3'              | 6.52 } AB (3)            | 6.51 } AB (3)          |
| H-5'               | 6.55 } AB (3)             | 6.55 } AB (3)  | H-5'              | 6.55 } AB (3)            | 6.55 } AB (3)          |
| H-1                | 3.36 <i>d</i> (7)         | 3.40 <i>dd</i> (14, 7.5)<br>3.32 <i>dd</i> (14, 7.5) | H <sub>A</sub> -1 | 3.37 <i>dd</i> (14, 7.5) | 3.40 <i>dd</i> (14, 7) |
| H-2                | 5.40 <i>t</i> (7.5)       | 5.39 <i>t</i> (7.5)                                  | H <sub>B</sub> -1 | 3.32 <i>dd</i> (14, 7.5) | 3.32 <i>dd</i> (14, 7) |
| H-4                | 2.18 <i>d</i> (7)         | 2.17 <i>d</i> (7)                                    | H-2               | 5.39 <i>t</i> (7.5)      | 5.41 <i>t</i> (7)      |
| H-5                | 4.46 <i>m</i>             | 4.47 <i>m</i>  | H-4               | 2.17 <i>d</i> (6.5)      | 2.18 <i>d</i> (6.5)    |
| H-6                | 5.12 <i>d</i> (8.5)       | 5.14 <i>d</i> (8.5)                                  | H-5               | 4.48 <i>m</i>            | 4.49 <i>m</i>          |
| H-8                | 2.04 <i>m</i> †           | 1.97 <i>t</i> (7)                                    | H-6               | 5.16 <i>d</i> (8)        | 5.21 <i>d</i> (8)      |
| H-9                | 2.10 <i>m</i> †           | 1.36†  | H-8               | 1.98 <i>t</i> (7)        | 2.16†                  |
| H-10               | 5.38 <i>t</i> (7.5)       | 1.2 ÷ 1.6†   | H-9               | 1.35†                    | 2.36 <i>m</i> †        |
| H-11               | —                         | 2.54 <i>m</i> †                                      | H-10              | 1.65†                    | 6.62 <i>t</i> (7.5)    |
| H-12               | 4.20 <i>dd</i> (8, 5)     | —  | H-11              | 2.71 <i>m</i>            | —                      |
| H <sub>A</sub> -13 | 1.87 <i>m</i>             | 2.77 <i>dd</i> (18, 6)                               | H-12              | —                        | —                      |
| H <sub>B</sub> -13 | 1.60†                     | 2.58 <i>dd</i> (18, 6)                               | H-13              | 6.37 } AB (16)           | 6.78 } AB (16)         |
| H-14               | 2.86 <i>dd</i> (7.5, 4.5) | 3.09 <i>t</i> (6)                                    | H-14              | 6.90 } AB (16)           | 6.81 } AB (16)         |
| H-16               | 1.30 <i>s</i>             | 1.34 <i>s</i>  | H-16              | 1.34 <i>s</i>            | 1.34 <i>s</i>          |
| H-17               | 1.26 <i>s</i>             | 1.24 <i>s</i>  | H-17              | 1.34 <i>s</i>            | 1.34 <i>s</i>          |
| H-18               | 1.60 <i>s</i>             | 1.07 <i>d</i> (7)                                    | H-18              | 1.06 <i>d</i> (7)        | 1.82 <i>s</i>          |
| H-19               | 1.67 <i>s</i>             | 1.64 <i>s</i>  | H-19              | 1.62 <i>s</i>            | 1.69 <i>s</i>          |
| H-20               | 1.77 <i>s</i>             | 1.77 <i>s</i>  | H-20              | 1.76 <i>s</i>            | 1.77 <i>s</i>          |
| 6'-Me              | 2.26 <i>s</i>             | 2.26 <i>s</i>  | 6'-Me             | 2.25 <i>s</i>            | 2.26 <i>s</i>          |
| 1'-OMe             | 3.67 <i>s</i>             | 3.66 <i>s</i>  | 1'-OMe            | 3.66 <i>s</i>            | 3.67 <i>s</i>          |
| 4'-OMe             | 3.73 <i>s</i>             | 3.73 <i>s</i>  | 4'-OMe            | 3.73 <i>s</i>            | 3.73 <i>s</i>          |
| —OH                | 6.67 <i>s</i>             | —  | —OH               | 5.10 <i>s</i>            | —                      |

\*Coupling constants (*J* in parentheses) are given in Hz; assignments and chemical shifts of overlapped signals have been obtained by one-bond  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  correlation spectroscopy.

†Overlapped with other signals.

Me), 2.07 and 1.94 (6H, 2s, 2 × MeCOO), 1.75 (3H, s, H-20), 1.70 (3H, s, H-19), 1.60 (3H, s, H-18), 1.23 (6H, 2s, H-16 and H-17).

**Zosterdiol B (3).**  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ : +1.1° (EtOH; *c* 0.9); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3410, 1610, 1485; UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{EtOH}}$  nm: 222 ( $\epsilon$  = 12 000), 284 ( $\epsilon$  = 3000); HRMS:  $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$  454.3093 (calc. for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_4$  454.3083); MS *m/z* (rel. int.): 454 (2), 436 (2), 366 (3), 285 (9), 271 (6), 253 (8), 243 (5), 235 (5), 220 (49), 205 (35), 189 (22), 187 (18), 175 (12), 167 (22), 165 (100), 151 (16), 147 (13), 145 (11), 137 (14), 135 (45), 121 (9), 119 (9), 105 (14), 91 (13), 81 (9), 43 (7), 41 (10).

**Zosteronol (4).**  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ : +1.5° (EtOH; *c* 0.6); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3470, 1715, 1610, 1600; UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{EtOH}}$  nm: 222 ( $\epsilon$  = 10 000), 282 ( $\epsilon$  = 2600); HRMS:  $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$  454.3090 (calc. for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_4$  454.3083); MS *m/z* (rel. int.): 454 (4), 436 (6), 271 (3), 235 (18), 220 (13), 205 (10), 189 (12), 175 (10), 165 (32), 151 (18), 150 (90), 137 (100), 135 (48), 125 (10), 123 (12), 121 (10), 109 (18), 97 (12), 95 (20), 93 (8), 81 (13), 69 (15), 55 (16), 43 (67), 41 (18).

**Zosterondiol A (5)**  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ : +0.7° (EtOH; *c* 0.8); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3440, 1670, 1630; UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{EtOH}}$  nm: 222 ( $\epsilon$  = 18 000), 234 ( $\epsilon$  = 11 700), 280 ( $\epsilon$  = 2600); HRMS:  $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$  454.3088 (calc. for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_4$  454.3083); MS *m/z* (rel. int.): 454 (10), 436 (7), 420 (3), 312 (12), 271 (10), 253 (8), 243 (6), 235 (43), 220 (100), 205 (38), 189 (32), 175 (16), 165 (88), 150 (39), 137 (58), 121 (20), 109 (21), 95 (52), 81 (26), 69 (33), 55 (35), 43 (80), 41 (28).

**Zosterondiol A acetate (6).** Acetylation of **5** gave **6**, oily; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3470, 1735, 1610, 1485;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  6.91 and 6.38 (2H, AB system, *J* = 16 Hz, H-14 and H-13), 6.55 and 6.52 (2H, AB system, *J* = 3 Hz, H-5' and H-3'), 5.62 (1H, *m*, H-5), 5.34 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-2), 5.10 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8 Hz, H-6), 3.73 (3H, *s*, 4'-OMe), 3.66 (3H, *s*, 1'-OMe), 3.31 (2H, *d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-1), 2.70

(1H, *m*, H-11), 2.26 (3H, *s*, 6'-Me), 1.97 (3H, *s*, MeCOO-), 1.76 (3H, *s*, H-20), 1.63 (3H, *s*, H-19), 1.34 (3H, *s*, H-16), 1.32 (3H, *s*, H-17), 1.07 (3H, *d*, *J* = 7 Hz, H-18).

**Zosterondiol B (7).**  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ : +0.9° (EtOH; *c* 0.4); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3440, 1665, 1615, 1485; UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{EtOH}}$  nm: 222 ( $\epsilon$  = 10 800), 254 ( $\epsilon$  = 9200), 284 ( $\epsilon$  = 2800); HRMS:  $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$  452.2938 (calc. for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_4$  452.2926); MS *m/z* (rel. int.): 452 (4), 434 (8), 220 (46), 205 (28), 189 (22), 165 (100), 151 (19), 135 (60), 105 (21), 91 (23), 81 (31), 69 (25), 55 (29), 43 (7), 41 (34).

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