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# Chemical Constituents from the Aerial Parts of *Cyrtopodium paniculatum*

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**Abstract:** We report the first phytochemical study of the neotropical orchid *Cyrtopodium paniculatum*. Eight new compounds, including one phenanthrene **1**, one 9,10-dihydro-phenanthrene **2**, one hydroxybenzylphenanthrene **3**, two biphenanthrenes **4–5**, and three 9,10 dihydrophenanthrofurans **6–8**, together with 28 known phenolic compounds, mostly stilbenoids, were isolated from the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract of its leaves and pseudobulbs. The structures of the new compounds were established on the basis of extensive spectroscopic methods.

**Keywords:** *Cyrtopodium paniculatum*; Orchidaceae; stilbenoids; phenanthrenes derivatives; biphenanthrenes; dihydrophenanthrofurans

## 1. Introduction

The family Orchidaceae comprises 820 genera with almost 35,000 described species and can be regarded as the largest family of flowering plants. The phytochemical and biological investigations of this family has been mainly conducted in relation with their traditional uses and focused on a large number of Asian orchids from the genus *Arundina*, *Bletilla*, *Dendrobium*, *Gastrodia* and *Pleione* at the expense of the New World orchids. In fact, the first report on a phytochemical study of South American orchids was in the late 1990s and was mainly focused on species in the genus *Scaphyglottis* [1–3], *Maxillaria* [4–7] and *Cyrtopodium* [8–10].

This genus *Cyrtopodium* includes 47 endemic species, distributed from Southern Florida to Central America, and they are terrestrial or epiphytic orchids, well recognized by their ovoid to fusiform pseudobulbs as well as their showy flowers [11–14]. To the best of our knowledge, only three *Cyrtopodium* species have been explored: *C. cardiochilum* Lindl. and *C. andersonii* R.Br. for their polysaccharidic content, which displays anti-inflammatory and gastroprotective activities [8,10], and *C. macrobulbon* (La Llave & Lex.) G.A. Romero & Carnevali, a species traditionally used for treating urinary infections and whose stilbenoids are considered as its bioactive constituents [9]. *C. paniculatum* (Ruiz & Pav.) Garay has not yet received any attention since no report on its medicinal uses or chemical composition has been found in the literature. This provides a substantial basis for a detailed phytochemical investigation of this unexplored species. Therefore, in our continuing search for bioactive secondary metabolites from orchids [15–17], we carried out an investigation on

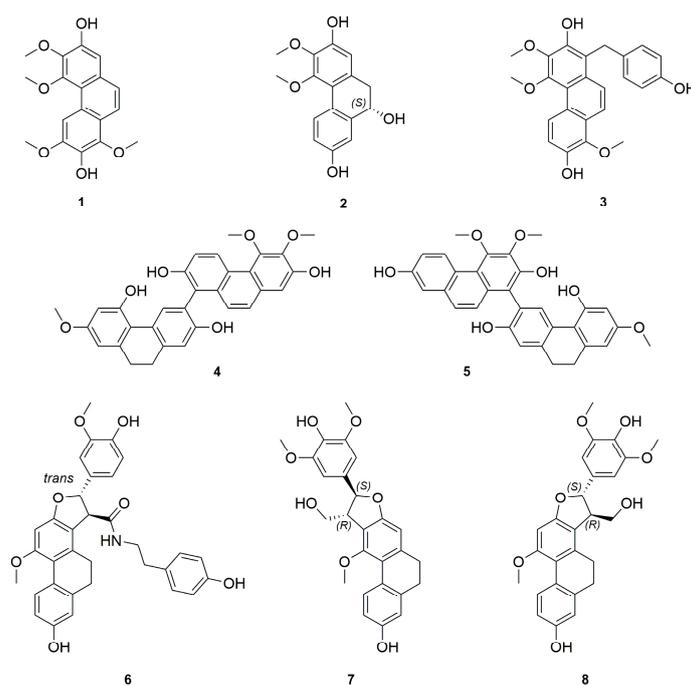
the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extracts from the leaves and pseudobulbs of *C. paniculatum*. This investigation led to the isolation of eight new compounds 1–8, together with 28 known compounds. In this paper, we describe the structure elucidation of these new compounds, which was performed by means of NMR, HRESIMS data and CD spectrum determination.

## 2. Results and Discussion

### Structure Elucidation

The pseudobulbs and the leaves from *C. paniculatum* were studied separately. The freshly cut pseudobulbs (7.5 kg) were ground and macerated in water to get rid of their sugar content, and then in ethanol to afford a crude extract (60 g). The alcoholic crude extract was suspended in water and sequentially extracted with cyclohexane, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and *n*-BuOH. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract was concentrated to dryness and subjected to silica gel column chromatography, Sephadex LH-20 and preparative thin layer chromatography (PTLC) to afford eight new compounds 1–8 (Figure 1) together with 28 previously described compounds 9–35 which were identified as *para*-ethoxybenzyl alcohol (9) [18,19], 3,4,6-trimethoxy-1,9,10-dihydrophenanthrene-2,7-diol (10) [20], confusarin (11) [21], erianthridin (12) [22], *para*-hydroxybenzaldehyde (13) [18], nudol (14) [23], cephatrene-B (15) [24], gigantol (16) [25], batatasin III (17) [26], ephemeranθοquinone (18) [27], coelonin (19) [28], 2,4-dimethoxy-phenanthrene-3,7-diol (20) [29], lusianthridin (21) [30], densiflorol B (22) [31], denthysinin (23) [32], bleformins A (24) and B (25) [33], chrysoeriol (26) [34,35], vanillic alcohol (27) [36], gastrodigenin (28) [37,38], 1-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-4-methoxy-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene-2,7-diol (29) [39], shancidin (30) [40], blestriarenes A (32) and B (31) [41], velutin (33) [42], (+)-syringaresinol (34) [43] and (+)-balanophonin (35) [44], respectively, by comparison of their UV, MS, and NMR data with literature data.

In parallel, the leaves (70 g) were ground, lyophilized and successively extracted by maceration with cyclohexane, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and *n*-BuOH. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract (1.23 g) was fractionated using vacuum liquid chromatography (VLC) and semi-preparative RP-HPLC to afford gastrodigenin (28), coelonin (19), ephemeranθοquinone (18), lusianthridin (21), 1-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-4-methoxy-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene-2,7-diol (29) and *trans*-feruloyltyramine (36) [45].



**Figure 1.** Chemical structures of compounds 1–8 from *C. paniculatum* pseudobulbs.

Compound **1** was obtained as a brown amorphous powder and showed a  $[M + H]^+$  peak at  $m/z$  331.1188 (calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{19}O_6$  331.1176) in the HRESIMS, indicating a molecular formula of  $C_{18}H_{18}O_6$  and suggesting the existence of ten degrees of unsaturation. The UV maximal absorptions at 216, 261, 281, 312 and 344 nm indicated the presence of a phenanthrene derivative [46–48]. The IR spectrum exhibited a broad peak at  $3370\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , characteristic of hydroxyl groups, and 1616, 1576, 953 and  $860\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , characteristic of aromatic rings. Comparison of the HRMS and the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  data of **1** to those of cephatrene-B (**15**) [16] indicated substantial similarities between the two compounds, thus suggesting that compound **1** is structurally related to cephatrene-B. Extensive analysis of the 1D NMR of **1** (Table 1) indicated the presence of two mutually *ortho*-coupled aromatic protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.88 (1H, d,  $J = 8.9\text{ Hz}$ , H-10) and 7.50 (1H, d,  $J = 8.9\text{ Hz}$ , H-9), thus suggesting the presence of a tetra-substituted aromatic ring. Additional aromatic proton signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.90 (1H, s, H-4) and 7.17 (1H, s, H-8) afforded two penta-substituted aromatic rings. Two hydroxyl signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.91 (1H, s, 2-OH) and 8.39 (1H, s, 7-OH) were observed. Four methoxyl groups were presumed based on the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  resonances at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.99 (3H, s, 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.06 (3H, s, 3-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.03 (3H, s, 5-OCH<sub>3</sub>) and 4.02 (3H, s, 6-OCH<sub>3</sub>) and was supported by the corresponding  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  61.1, 56.3, 60.5 and 61.4, respectively.

HMBC correlations from 1-OCH<sub>3</sub> to C-1, 3-OCH<sub>3</sub> to C-3, 5-OCH<sub>3</sub> to C-5 and 6-OCH<sub>3</sub> to C-6 confirmed the position of the methoxyls assigned to C-1, C-3, C-5 and C-6 respectively. In the same way, the locations of the hydroxyl signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.91 (1H, s, 2-OH) and 8.39 (1H, s, 7-OH) were positioned on C-2 and C-7 respectively, due to HMBC correlations from 2-OH to C-1, C-2 and C-3 and 7-OH with C-6, C-7, and C-8. Furthermore, NOESY correlations between 2-OH and 1/3-OCH<sub>3</sub>; 7-OH with 6-OCH<sub>3</sub> and H-8 confirmed the positions of the hydroxyl and methoxyl substituents. Additional HMBC correlations from H-4 to C-2, C-3, C-4b, and C-10a; H-8 with C-4b, C-5, C-6, C-7 and C-9; from H-9 to C-4b, C-8 and C-10a and H-10 to C-1, C-4a and C-8a established the link between the three aromatic moieties. Therefore, **1** was assigned as 1,3,5,6-tetramethoxyphenanthrene-2,7-diol and named cyrtopodin.

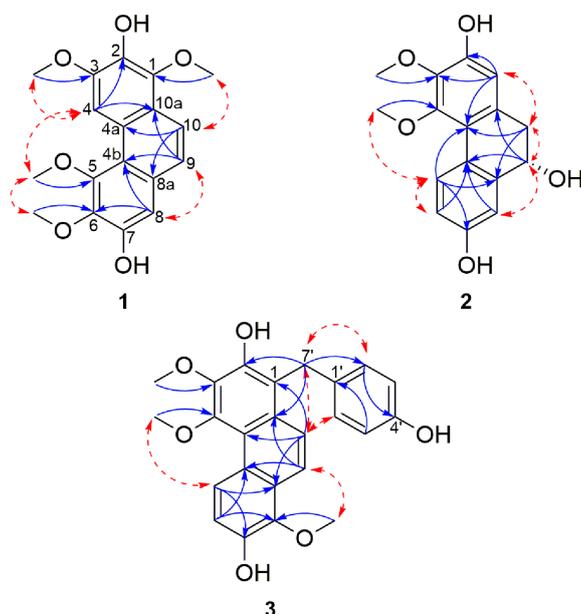
Compound **2** was obtained as a white amorphous powder. Its molecular formula was determined as  $C_{16}H_{16}O_5$  as deduced from HRESIMS at  $m/z$  311.0884  $[M + Na]^+$ ; (calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{16}NaO_5$  311.8900), suggesting the presence of nine degrees of unsaturation. The UV spectrum showed absorption maxima at 220, 262 and 282 nm suggesting a 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene moiety [49,50]. The IR spectrum showed a broad absorption at  $3227\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , indicating the presence of hydroxyl groups and at 1611, 1584, 999, 946, 870 and  $828\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , characteristic of aromatic rings. The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra (Table 1) showed a close resemblance to those of erianthridin (**12**) [22], except for the presence of an additional hydroxyl at position 9. This was supported by signals of the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  resonance belonging to the methylene protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.70 (1H, dd,  $J = 14.3, 10.6\text{ Hz}$ , H-10 ax) and 2.83 (1H, dd,  $J = 14.3, 4.6\text{ Hz}$ , H-10 eq), a deshielded methine resonance at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.63 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.6, 4.6\text{ Hz}$ , H-9 ax), and deshielded carbon resonance at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  68.9 (C-9). The absolute configuration of compound **2** was obtained with the help of circular dichroism (CD). The CD spectrum of **2** showed a negative Cotton effect at 236 nm and a positive Cotton effect at 281 nm, suggesting a 9*S* configuration for compound **2** which agrees with previous reports [51,52]. Therefore, **2** was identified as (+)-(S)-3,4-dimethoxy-9,10-dihydrophenanthrene-2,7,9-triol, and named (S)-9-hydroxyerianthridin.

Compound **3** was obtained as a yellow amorphous powder. It showed a  $[M + H]^+$  signal at  $m/z$  407.1508 (calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{23}O_6$  407.1890) in the HRESIMS, indicating a molecular formula of  $C_{24}H_{22}O_6$  and fourteen degrees of unsaturation. Its UV spectrum showed maximal absorptions at 212, 268, 289, 297, 301 and 314 nm suggesting a phenanthrene moiety. The 1D-NMR data indicated that the structure of **3** comprised a confusarin (**11**) [21] and gastrodigenin (**28**) [38] subunits. This hypothesis was supported by the 1D and 2D-NMR spectral data (Table 1). In the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum, six aromatic protons signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  9.21 (1H, d,  $J = 9.4\text{ Hz}$ , H-5), 7.24 (1H, d,  $J = 9.4\text{ Hz}$ , H-6), 7.87 (1H, d,  $J = 9.5\text{ Hz}$ , H-9), 7.90 (1H, d,  $J = 9.5\text{ Hz}$ , H-10) and three methoxyl proton signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.06 (3H, s, 3-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.95 (3H, s, 4-OCH<sub>3</sub>) and 3.90 (3H, s, 8-OCH<sub>3</sub>) were observed, which corresponds to the resonances attributable to the confusarin moiety.

**Table 1.**  $^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz), HMBC and NOESY spectroscopic data of compounds 1–3 ( $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz) in acetone- $d_6$ .

No.	1				2				3			
	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	HMBC	NOESY	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	HMBC	NOESY	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	HMBC	NOESY
1		142.5			6.59 (s)	112.7	2, 3, 4, 4a, 10	10, 10'		119.7		
2		138.5				149.9				147.9		
3		149.5				141.1				142.3		
4	8.90 (s)	103.9	2, 3, 4b, 10a	3/5-OCH <sub>3</sub>		152.1				150.6		
4a		124.2				120.2				127.8		
4b		118.8				124.3				125.5		
5		152.3			8.09 (d, 8.6)	129.2	4a, 7, 8, 8a, 9	4-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 6	9.21 (d, 9.4)	124.4	4a, 4b, 7	4-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 6
6		142.7			6.76 (dd, 8.6, 2.7)	114.6	4b, 7, 8	5	7.24 (d, 9.4)	118.2	4b, 7, 8	5
7		150.2				157.1				147.2		
8	7.17 (s)	109.7	4b, 5, 6, 7, 9	7-OH, 9	7.11 (d, 2.7)	112.8	4b, 6, 7, 9	9		142.1		
8a		131.0				143.3				128.8		
9	7.50 (d, 8.9)	125.3	4b, 8, 10a	8, 10	4.63 (dd, 10.6, 4.6)	68.9	4b, 8, 8a, 10a, 10	8, 10, 10'	7.87 (d, 9.5)	120.3	8, 4b, 10a	8-OCH <sub>3</sub>
10	7.88 (d, 8.9)	120.1		9, 1-OCH <sub>3</sub>	2.70 (dd, 14.3, 10.6)	40.1	1, 4a, 8a, 9, 10a	1, 9, 10	7.90 (d, 9.5)	124.3	1, 4a, 8a	2' / 6', 7'
10					2.83 (dd, 14.3, 4.6)	40.1	1, 4a, 8a, 9, 10a	1, 9, 10'				
10a		122.6	1, 4a, 8a			132.1				129.2		
1-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.99 (s)	61.1	1	2-OH, 10								
3-OCH <sub>3</sub>	4.06 (s)	56.3	3	2-OH, 4	3.85 (s)	61.1	3		4.06 (s)	61.6	3	
4-OCH <sub>3</sub>					3.72 (s)	60.3	4		3.95 (s)	60.1	4	
5-OCH <sub>3</sub>	4.03 (s)	60.5	5	4								
6-OCH <sub>3</sub>	4.02 (s)	61.4	6	7-OH								
8-OCH <sub>3</sub>									3.90 (s)	61.5	8	
2-OH	7.91 (s)		1, 2, 3	1/3-OCH <sub>3</sub>								
7-OH	8.39 (s)		6, 7, 8	6-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 8								
9-OH					4.32 (brs)							
1'										133.0		
2' / 6'									7.08 (d, 8.6)	130.1	3' / 5', 4'	3' / 5', 7', 10
3' / 5'									6.68 (d, 8.6)	115.9	2' / 6', 1'	2' / 6'
4' /										156.3		
7'									4.41 (s)	30.9	1, 10a, 1', 2' / 6'	10

Additional aromatic signals of two equivalent set of mutually coupling protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.08 (2H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, H-2'/6') and 6.68 (2H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, H-3'/5') indicated the presence of a di-substituted aromatic ring which was attributed to the resonance belonging to the gastrodigenin moiety. The linkage between the confusarin and gastrodigenin subunits took place via a methylene bridge at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.41 (s, H-7') and was confirmed by the HMBC correlations from H-7' to C-2, C-10a, C-2'/6' (Figure 2). Thus, compound 3 was identified as 1-(4'-hydroxybenzyl)-3,4,8-trimethoxyphenanthrene-2,7-diol and named gastrodiconfusarin.

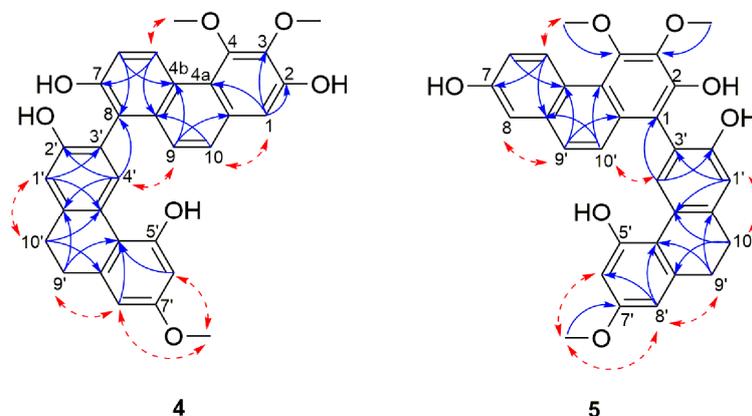


**Figure 2.** Selected NOESY (red dashed arrows) and HMBC (blue arrows) correlations of compounds 1–3.

Compound 4 was obtained as a pale yellow amorphous powder. The HRESIMS showed a  $[M + H]^+$  molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  511.1742 indicating a molecular formula of  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_7$  (calcd.  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_7$  for 511.1751) which is consistent with nineteen degrees of unsaturation. Its UV spectrum showed maximal absorptions at 213, 263, 296, 310, 349 and 367 nm. The IR spectrum showed typical absorption bands of a hydroxyl group at  $3245\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and of aromatic rings at 1608, 1585, 948, 865 and  $830\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . In 1D-NMR spectrum (Table 2), the presence of two deshielded aromatic proton signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  9.42 (1H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, H-5) and  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.28 (1H, s, H-4') suggested that 4 was a dimeric molecule formed from the fusion of a phenanthrene unit [23,46,53] and a 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene subunit [28,54]. The  $^1\text{H}$  spectrum showed resonances for a pair of *ortho*-coupled aromatic protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  9.42 (1H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, H-5) and 7.31 (1H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, H-6), a broad singlet integrated for two aromatic protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.43 (2H, s, H-9, H-10), two meta-coupled aromatic protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.39 (1H, d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, H-6') and 6.42 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, H-8') and three isolated aromatic protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.11 (1H, s, H-1), 6.92 (1H, s, H-1') and 8.28 (1H, s, H-4'). Additional signals belonging to three methoxyl groups at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.01 (3H, s, 3-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.00 (3H, s, 4-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (3H, s, 7'-OCH<sub>3</sub>) and two methylene groups emerging as a broad singlet at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.80 (4H, s, H-9' and H-10'), were also observed. The position of the hydroxyl and methoxyl functions and the linkage between the two subunits were ascertained based on the comprehensive analysis of  $^{13}\text{C}$ , HMBC and NOESY spectra (Figure 3). HMBC correlations from H-1 and 3-OCH<sub>3</sub> to C-3, as well as HMBC cross peak from 4-OCH<sub>3</sub> to C-4 and NOESY cross peak between 4-OCH<sub>3</sub> and H-5 confirmed the location of the two methoxyl group on position C-3 and C-4 of the phenanthrene unit.

The positioning of the substituents on the 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene unit was deduced based on a HMBC cross peak from H-4' to C-2', as well as H-8' and 7'-OCH<sub>3</sub> to C-7' that ascertained the position of the hydroxyl on C-2 and the methoxyl on C-7'. The remaining carbon (C-7), because of its

proton-free environment, didn't allow any HMBC correlations and was thus directly assigned based on the  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shift of C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  153.5) which favors a hydroxyl substitution. The two monomers were connected through a C-8-C-3' linkage as indicated by HMBC correlations from H-4' to C-8 and nOe correlations between H-4' and H-9 (Figure 3).



**Figure 3.** Selected NOESY (red dashed arrows) and HMBC (blue arrows) correlations of compounds 4–5.

**Table 2.**  $^1\text{H}$  (500MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz), HMBC and NOESY spectroscopic data of compounds 4–5 ( $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz) in acetone- $d_6$ .

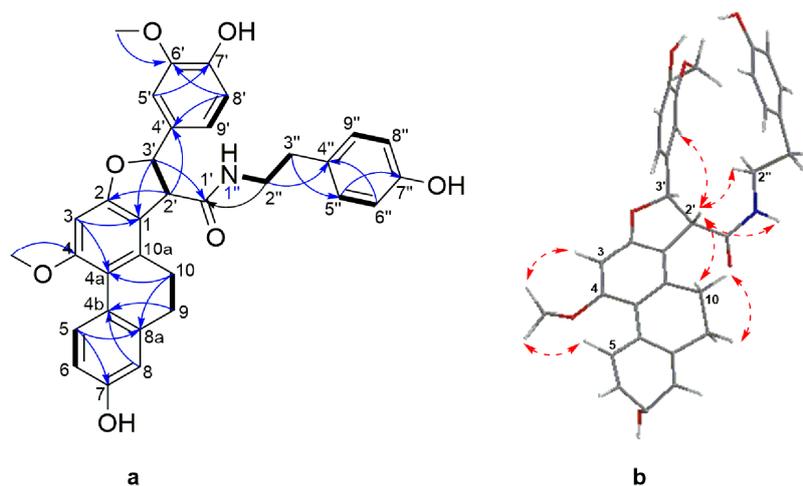
No.	4				5			
	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	HMBC	NOESY	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	HMBC	NOESY
1	7.11 (s)	109.5	2, 3, 4a, 10	10		118.4		
2		150.0				148.1		
3		142.9				142.6		
4		152.4				151.4		
4a		119.4				119.4		
4b		124.8				124.5		
5	9.42 (d, 9.2)	128.1	4a, 7, 8a	4-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 6	9.42 (d, 9.2)	129.3	4a, 7, 8b	4-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 6
6	7.31 (d, 9.2)	117.7	4b, 8	5	7.20 (dd, 9.2, 2.7)	117.6	4b, 7, 8	5
7		153.5				156.1		
8		121.0			7.21 (d, 2.7)	112.2	4b, 6, 9	9
8a		133.5				134.5		
9	7.43 (s)	125.6	4b, 8, 10a	10, 4'	7.41 (d, 9.0)	126.6	4b, 8, 10a	8, 10
10	7.43 (s)	127.2	1, 4a, 8a	1, 9	7.44 (d, 9.0)	126.0	1, 4a, 8a	9, 4'
10a		130.1				129.8		
3-OCH <sub>3</sub>	4.01 (s)	61.4	3		4.06 (s)	61.3	3	
4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	4.00 (s)	60.2	4	5	4.00 (s)	60.1	4	5
1'	6.92 (s)	116.1	2', 3', 4a', 10'	10'	6.89 (s)	115.7	2', 3', 4a', 10'	10'
2'		154.6				154.3		
3'		120.6				121.1		
4'	8.28 (s)	133.2	8, 2', 4b', 10a'	9	8.27 (s)	133.0	1, 2', 4b', 10a'	10
4a'		126.2				126.1		
4b'		115.8				115.8		
5'		156.0				155.9		
6'	6.39 (d, 2.6)	101.6	4b', 7', 8'	7'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	6.38 (d, 2.6)	101.6	4b', 7', 8'	7'-OCH <sub>3</sub>
7'		159.5				159.4		
8'	6.42 (d, 2.6)	106.1	4b', 6', 7', 9'	7'-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 9'	6.42 (d, 2.6)	106.1	4b', 6', 7', 9'	7'-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 9'
8a'		141.5				141.5		
9'	2.80 (brs)	30.7	4b', 8', 10a'	8'	2.80 (brs)	30.7	4b', 8', 10a'	8'
10'	2.80 (brs)	31.6	1', 4a', 8a''	1'	2.80 (brs)	31.7	1', 4a', 8a''	1'
10a'		139.6				139.5		
7'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.73 (s)	55.4	7'	6', 8'	3.74 (s)	55.4	7'	6', 8'

This was also supported by the downfield shift in the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR signal of C-8 and C-3' as compared to their respective monomeric units (113.0 to 121.0 ppm for nudol (**14**) and 113.3 to 120.6 ppm for lusianthrindin (**21**)). The optical rotation of compound **4** was zero, and no Cotton effects was observed in the CD spectrum, inferring that **4** is a racemic mixture. On the basis of the above data, **4** was identified as 3,4,7'-trimethoxy-9',10'-dihydro-[1,3'-biphenanthrene]-2,2,7,7'-tetraol and named lusidol A.

Compound **5** was obtained as a pale yellow amorphous powder. Its molecular formula was determined as  $C_{31}H_{26}O_7$  by the HRESIMS  $[M + H]^+$  peak at  $m/z$  511.1740 (calcd. for  $C_{31}H_{27}O_7$  511.1751) which indicated that it has the same molecular formula as compound **4**. The UV and IR spectra were identical to those of **4**. Comparison of the NMR spectral data of these two compounds revealed their structural similarities, suggesting that the structure of **5** comprises the same phenanthrene (nudol) and 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene (lusianthridin) moieties (Table 3). The only difference was observed in the linkage that connects the two units: in **6** the connection was via a C-1-C-3' linkage as opposed to the C-8-C-3' linkage in **4** (Figure 3). This was confirmed by the presence of  $^1H$  signal observed at  $\delta_H$  7.21 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, H-8) in **5**. The NOESY correlations from H-8 to H-9, H-10 to H-4', as well as subsequent HMBC correlations from H-10 and H-4' to C-1; H-8 to C-4b, C-6 and C-9 confirmed the position of this linkage. The optical rotation experiment result was zero, thus suggesting that **5** is a racemic compound. Therefore, compound **5** was identified as a 3,4,7'-trimethoxy-9',10'-dihydro-[1,3'-biphenanthrene]-2,2',5',7'-tetraol and named lusidol B.

Compound **6** was obtained as a white amorphous powder. Its molecular formula was determined to be  $C_{33}H_{32}NO_7$  based on its HRESIMS  $[M + H]^+$  molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  554.2169 (calcd for  $C_{33}H_{32}NO_7$  554.2173). Its UV spectrum showed maximal absorption bands at 208, 281, 305 and 318 nm, indicative of a dihydrophenanthrene derivative. Its IR spectrum exhibited absorption bands at  $3241\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (hydroxyl),  $1704$  and  $1519\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (amide),  $1199$ ,  $1118$ ,  $1015$ ,  $950$ ,  $814$  and  $773\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (aromatic rings). Analysis of the  $^{13}C$ -NMR and DEPT-135 spectra of **6** disclosed the presence of signals belonging to 24 aromatic carbons, comprising of eleven methine, seven quaternary, and six oxygenated tertiary carbons. The  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum (Table 3) showed resonances for three aromatic protons as an ABX system owing to a 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene moiety at  $\delta_H$  8.04 (1H, d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, H-5), 6.68 (1H, dd,  $J = 9.4, 2.5$  Hz, H-6), 6.68 (1H, d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, H-8) and one aromatic proton singlet at  $\delta_H$  6.54 (1H, s, H-3). Two methylene proton signals at  $\delta_H$  2.45–2.55 (2H, m, H-9) and 2.55–2.60 (2H, m, H-10) and the corresponding carbon signals at  $\delta_C$  30.7 and 27.5, respectively, were characteristic of the methylene groups of a 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene skeleton. A 4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxyphenyl moiety comprising of three aromatic protons at  $\delta_H$  6.82 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.5$  Hz, H-5'), 6.82 (1H, d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, H-6') and 6.99 (1H, d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, H-9') that formed the second ABX system. The presence of an  $A_2B_2$  system characteristic of a symmetrical hydroxybenzyl ring was inferred by the resonance at  $\delta_H$  7.01 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, H-5''/9''), 6.73 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, H-6''/8''), as well as signals attributed to an ethylamide moiety at  $\delta_H$  3.46 (1H, td,  $J = 7.1, 5.5$  Hz, H-2''), 2.72 (1H, brt,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, H-3''), 7.28 (1H, t,  $J = 7.28$ , 1'-NH) and an amide carbonyl at  $\delta_C$  172.3, thus achieving a hydroxybenzylethylamide moiety. The connection between the three partial structures of 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene, 4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxyphenyl and hydroxybenzylethylamide moiety was achieved through a central furan ring as observed by the presence of two coupled methines at  $\delta_H$  4.11 (1H, d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, H-2') and the second being oxygenated at  $\delta_H$  5.67 (1H, d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, H-3'). This was confirmed by extensive analysis of HMBC and NOESY spectra (Figure 4). The oxymethine proton at H-3' ( $\delta_H$  5.67) showed HMBC correlations to C-2, C-4', C-5', C-9' and the amide carbonyl at C-1'; H-2' to C-1, C-2, C-1', C-3', and C-4'. Additional HMBC correlations were observed from the two aromatic protons at H-5' to C-3' and H-9' to C-3'.

This was further supported by NOESY correlations between H-2' to H-10, H-5', H-9' and 1''-NH; H-3' to H-5', H-9', and 1''-NH. The assignments and locations of the two methoxyl groups at  $\delta_H$  3.88 (3H, s, 4-OCH<sub>3</sub>) and 3.82 (3H, s, 8'-OCH<sub>3</sub>) as well as the three hydroxyl groups on position C-7, C7' and C-7'' were confirmed by HMBC and NOESY analysis and supported by the characteristic chemical shift of the carbon bearing the groups. The hydroxyl bearing carbon position was settled in C-7 based on the HMBC correlation between H-5 and C-7 and by the characteristic chemical shift at  $\delta_C$  156.2. The positioning of the methoxyl on C-4 was affirmed from the NOESY cross peaks between H-3, H-5 and 4-OCH<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure 4.** (a) Selected COSY (plain bonds) and HMBC (blue arrows) correlations of **6** (b) Energy minimized 3D structure and selected NOESY correlations (red dashed arrows) of **6**.

**Table 3.**  $^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz),  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz), HMBC and NOESY spectroscopic data of compound **6** ( $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz) in acetone- $d_6$ .

No.	<b>6</b>			
	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (J, Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	HMBC	NOESY
1		116.7		
2		160.4		
3	6.54 (s)	93.6	1, 2, 4, 4a	4-OCH <sub>3</sub>
4		159.2		
4a		117.6		
4b		125.7		
5	8.04 (d, 9.4)	130.0	4a, 8a, 7	4-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 6
6	6.68 (dd, 9.4, 2.5)	113.6	4b, 8	5
7		156.2		
8	6.68 (d, 2.5)	115.0	4b, 6, 9	9
8a		139.8		
9	2.55, 2.60 (m)	30.7	8	8, 10
10	2.44, 2.55 (m)	27.5	8a	9, 2'
10a		137.2		
4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.88 (s)	56.1	4	3, 5
1'		172.3		
2'	4.11 (d, 6.6)	58.6	1, 2, 1', 3', 4'	10, 3', 5', 9', 1''-NH
3'	5.67 (d, 6.6)	89.8	2, 1', 2', 4', 5', 9'	2', 5', 9', 1''-NH
4'		133.8		
5'	6.82 (dd, 8.3, 1.5)	119.5	3', 7', 9'	2', 3'
6'	6.82 (d, 8.3)	115.9	4', 8'	
7'		147.6		
8'		148.5		
9'	6.99 (d, 1.5)	110.3	3', 5', 7'	2', 3', 8'-OCH <sub>3</sub>
8'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.82 (s)	56.4	8'	9'
2''	3.46 (td, 7.1, 5.5)	41.9	1', 3'', 4''	1''-NH, 3''
3''	2.72 (brt, 7.1)	35.5	2'', 5''/9''	2''
4''		130.9		
5''/9''	7.01 (d, 8.4)	130.6	3'', 9''/5'', 6''	6''/8''
6''/8''	6.73 (d, 8.4)	116.1	4'', 8''/6''	5''/9''
7''		156.8		
1''-NH	7.28 (t, 5.5)			2', 3', 2''

The relative configuration of the methine protons H-2' and H-3' on the furan ring was defined as *trans*- based on NOESY correlations between H-2' and H-5''/9'', suggesting these protons are on the same side of the furan ring. This was also supported by the coupling constant of 6.6 Hz, typical of *trans*-dihydrophenanthrenofuran derivatives [55,56], which allows the possibility of two enantiomeric stereoconfigurations, either (2'*R*, 3'*R*) or (2'*S*, 3'*S*). The absolute configurations of compound **6** could not be ascertained as its optical rotation was zero, suggesting a racemization of the *trans* form. The 3D structure of **6** (Figure 4) obtained from a minimized energy MM2 algorithm suggested that a *S,S-trans* configuration was more appropriate for this compound. Thus, the structure of **6** should be 7-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(4-hydroxyphenethyl)-10-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrophenanthro[2,1-*b*]furan-3-carboxamide, and it was named moupilonin.

Compound **7** was obtained as a white amorphous powder. Its molecular formula was determined as C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>7</sub> as deduced from its HRESIMS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> ion peak at *m/z* 451.1753 (calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 451.1751), suggesting the presence of fourteen degrees of unsaturation. The UV spectrum showed absorption maxima at 210, 274 and 284 nm, suggesting that compound **7** has a dihydrophenanthrene skeleton. The IR absorption bands at  $\nu_{\max}$  at 3303, 1601, 1452 and 773 cm<sup>-1</sup> were characteristic to a hydroxyl and aromatic moieties.

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (Table 4) showed resonances for four aromatic protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.03 (1H, d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, H-5), 6.73 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, H-6), 6.73 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, H-8), and 6.56 (1H, s, H-1), as well as two methylenes at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.69 (2H, m, H-9) and 2.67 (2H, m, H-10), which corresponds to resonances attributed to a 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene ring. A singlet aromatic proton integrating for two protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.75 (2H, s, H-2'/H-6') suggested the presence of a symmetrical 1',3',4',5-tetrasubstituted aromatic ring. Three methoxy groups at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.80 (6H, s, 3'/5'-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.60 (3H, s, 4-OCH<sub>3</sub>) and two hydroxyl groups at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.29 (1H, s, 7-OH) and 7.24 (1H, s, 4'-OH), were also noticed. The linkage between the 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene unit and 1',3',4',5-tetrasubstituted aromatic moiety of compound **7** was achieved through a furan ring as supported by signals assigned to an oxymethine proton at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.66 (1H, d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, H-11), a methine at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.73 (1H, m, H-12) and an oxygenated methylene at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.83 (1H, m, H-13) and  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.08 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.4, 4.7, 4.2 Hz, H-13) which coupled to an hydroxyl group at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.17 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.1, 4.7 Hz, 13-OH). Analysis of the COSY spectrum (Figure 5) validated the OH-CH<sub>2</sub>(13)-CH(12)-CH(11) proton spin systems. Furthermore, HMBC correlations from H-11 to C-2, C-2'/6'; H-2'/6' to C-11 as well as NOESY cross peaks between H-11 and H-2'/6'; H-2'/6' and H-12 supported the structure as shown, connecting the phenyl to the furan ring at C-11.

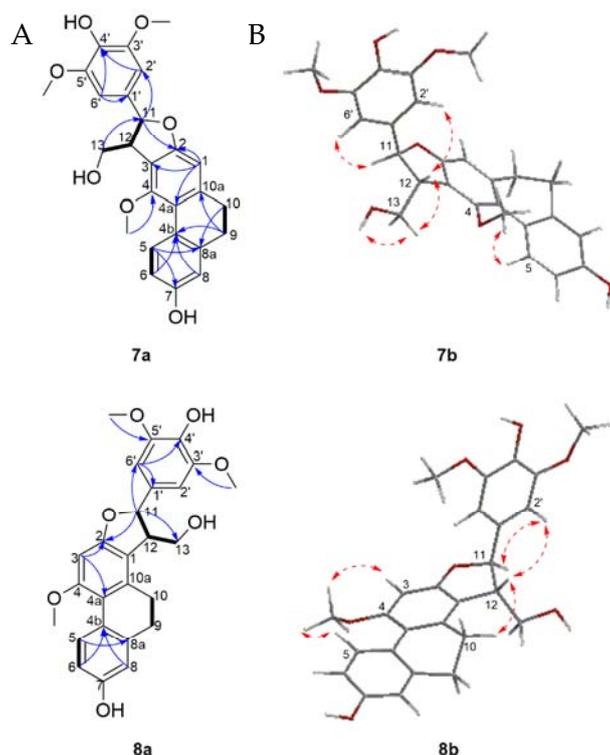
The assignment of the substitution pattern was achieved based on HMBC correlations from 4-OCH<sub>3</sub> to C4 and 3'/5'-OCH<sub>3</sub> to C-3'/5' suggested that the methoxy groups were attached to C-4 and C-3'/5', respectively. NOESY correlations between 4-OCH<sub>3</sub> and H-5, and between H-2'/H-6' to 3'/5'-OCH<sub>3</sub> also validated this assignment. The hydroxyl groups were assigned to positions C-7 and C-4' based on HMBC long range correlations between 7-OH to C-7 (and additional correlation to C6 and C8), and 4'-OH to C-4' (and additional correlations to C3'/5'). The relative stereoconfiguration of **7** was established on the basis of NOESY experiments, which displayed cross peaks between H-12 on the furan ring and H-2'/6' indicated that both protons reside on the same side. In addition, the coupling constant of 5.4 Hz between H-11 and H-12 was in agreement with the reported literature values for the relative *trans*-configuration [57]. The absolute configurations of C-11 and C-12 were confirmed by CD determination: a negative Cotton effect at 284 nm suggested a 11*S*,12*R* form, which is consistent with previous reports [58,59]. The 3D structure was generated with an optimized energy minimization procedure using MM2, and suggested also a *trans* form as a 11*S*,12*R*. Therefore compound **7** was identified as (+)-(9*S*,10*R*)-9-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-10-(hydroxymethyl)-11-methoxy-5,6,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthro[2,3-*b*]furan-3-ol and named cyrtonesin A.

Compound **8** was obtained as a white amorphous powder and its molecular formula was established as C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>7</sub> by the HREIMS peak at *m/z* 451.1748 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 451.1751). The mass, UV, IR and NMR spectra (Table 4) indicated the striking similarity between compounds **7** and **8**. The difference between the two compounds is the positioning of the furan ring on the dihydrophenanthrene core. In compound **7**, the furan ring was positioned as -C2-C3-C12-C-11-O-, while in compound **8** it is positioned as a -C-1-C2-O-C-11-C-12-. This was corroborated by the presence of a singlet proton resonance at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.56 (1H, s, H-3) as well as HMBC correlations (Figure 5a) from H-3 to C-2 and C-4a as well as NOESY correlations (Figure 5b) between 4-OCH<sub>3</sub>, H-3 and H-5 also validated the proton in position C-3.

**Table 4.** <sup>1</sup>H (500MHz), <sup>13</sup>C (125 MHz), HMBC and NOESY spectroscopic data of compounds **7–8** ( $\delta$  in ppm, *J* in Hz) in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

No.	7				8			
	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (J, Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	HMBC	NOESY	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (J, Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	HMBC	NOESY
1	6.56 (s)	105.9	2, 3, 4a, 10			117.4		
2		160.5				160.3		
3		118.7			6.56 (s)	93.5	2, 4a	4-OCH <sub>3</sub>
4		156.0				158.9		
4a		120.9				116.8		
4b		125.4				125.8		
5	8.03 (d, 9.2)	128.9	7, 8a	4-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 6	8.04 (d, 9.3)	130.0	7, 8a	4-OCH <sub>3</sub> , 6
6	6.73 (dd, 9.2, 2.8)	114.2		5, 7-OH	6.68 (dd, 9.3, 2.7)	113.6	4b, 8	5
7		156.7				156.1		
8	6.73 (d, 2.8)	115.2		9, 7-OH	6.69 overlapped	115.0	4b, 6, 9	9
8a		140.2				139.8		
9	2.69 (m)	30.8	4b, 10, 10a	8	2.59-2.64 (m)	30.4		8
10	2.67 (m)	31.5	8a, 9, 1	1	2.59-2.71 (m)	27.5		12
10a		142.1				137.1		
4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.60	60.0	4	5, 12	3.87 (s)	56.0	4	3, 5
7-OH	8.29 (brs)		6, 7, 8	6, 8	8.22 (brs)			11, 12
11	5.66 (d, 5.4)	88.4	2, 13, 2' / 6'	12, 13, 2' / 6'	5.71 (d, 3.4)	88.2	2, 13, 2'	10, 11, 13, 2' / 6'
12	3.73 (m)	54.3		11, 13, 2' / 6'	3.54 (dt, 8.7, 3.4)	54.5		12
13	4.08 (ddd, 10.4, 4.7, 4.2) 3.83 (m)	63.5		12	3.63 (m)	64.6		12
13-OH	4.17 (dd, 6.1, 4.7)			11, 12	3.90 (m)			-
1'		133.9		13	4.22 (brt 5.3)			-
2' / 6'	6.75 (s)	104.3	11, 1', 4', 6' / 2', 3' / 5'	11, 12, 3' / 5'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	6.69 (s)	103.9	11, 1', 4', 6' / 2', 3' / 5'	11, 12, 3' / 5'-OCH <sub>3</sub>
3' / 5'		148.8				148.8		
4'		136.6				136.4		
3' / 5'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.80 (s)	56.7	3' / 5'	2' / 6'	3.78 (s)	56.7	3' / 5'	2' / 6'
4'-OH	7.24 (brs)		3' / 5', 4'		7.23 (brs)		3' / 5'	

The methylene at position C-13 also had NOESY correlation with the proton H-10 on the dihydrophenanthrene subunit. The relative configuration between H-11 and H-12 was assumed to be *trans* because of the NOESY correlation between H-12 to H-2' / H-6' as well as the coupling constant of 3.3 Hz supporting a *trans*-configuration as previously reported in dihydrophenanthrenofuran derivatives [54]. The CD spectrum of **8** showed a negative Cotton effect at 273 nm, allowing the assignment of a 11*S*, 12*R*. Based on the above evidence, the structure of compound **8** was determined to be (+)-(2*S*,3*R*)-2-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-(hydroxymethyl)-10-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrophenanthro[2,1-*b*]furan-7-ol. Compound **8** was named cyrtonesin B.



**Figure 5.** (A) Selected COSY (plain bonds) and HMBC (blue arrows) correlations of compounds 7–8; (B) Energy minimized 3D structures and NOESY correlations (red dashed arrows) of compounds 7–8.

### 3. Experimental Section

#### 3.1. General Procedures

Optical rotations were measured with a P-2000 polarimeter (Jasco, Lisses, France) and circular dichroism spectra were recorded on a Jasco J-510 spectropolarimeter apparatus (Jasco). UV spectra were recorded on a UV-2401 PC spectrometer (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan). IR spectra were obtained on a 380 FT-IR spectrophotometer (Thermo Electron Corporation, Saint-Herblain, France). The 1D and 2D NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 MHz Avance III spectrometer (Bruker BioSpin, Rheinstetten, Germany) equipped with a DCH  $^{13}\text{C}/^1\text{H}$  Cryoprobe (Bruker Biospin, Fallanden, Switzerland). Acetone- $d_6$  and methanol- $d_4$  (Euriso-Top, Saint-Aubin, France) were used as deuterated solvents and their protonated residual signals were used as internal standard at 2.05 ppm and 3.31 ppm respectively, relative to TMS. The HRESIMS analysis were performed on a HPLC-DAD/UV-MS Agilent 1200 series coupled to a 6520 Q-ToF mass spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). The acquisition of mass spectra was conducted in ESI positive ion mode. Column chromatography and vacuum liquid chromatography were carried out using 40–60  $\mu\text{m}$  silica gel (Sigma Aldrich, St-Louis, MO, USA). The obtained fractions were monitored by TLC and the spots were visualized under UV light (254 nm) and by 2% sulfuric vanillin reagent. Sephadex LH-20 (Sigma Aldrich, St-Louis, MO, USA), was used for gel chromatography. RP-HPLC experiments were conducted on a Gilson LC system (Gilson Inc., Limburg an der Lahn, Germany) equipped with a semi preparative Kinetex Axia C-18 column (100 mm  $\times$  21.2 mm i.d, 5  $\mu\text{m}$ ; Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA). Experiments were conducted at a wavelength of 280 nm. Preparative TLC was performed on a glass supported silica gel 60F254 (0.25 mm thickness; Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). Analytical grade solvents of HPLC quality were purchased from Sigma Aldrich.

### 3.2. Plant Material

Fifteen fresh specimens of *C. paniculatum* (Ruiz & Pav.) Garay were purchased from the orchid farm Orquidea del Valle, Ginebra, Colombia in October 2013 and imported to France, according to the Convention of Natural Trades in Endangered Species (CITES). The voucher specimens (No 58054 and 58056) were deposited at the Herbarium of CUVC, Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia.

### 3.3. Extraction and Isolation

The pseudobulbs (7.5 kg) were cut into small pieces, ground and soaked in demineralized water for 30 min to get rid of the mucilage content. The remaining part was then macerated with ethanol and the filtrates were evaporated under reduced pressure to obtain a crude ethanolic extract (60 g). The ethanolic extract was suspended in water and successively partitioned with cyclohexane, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and *n*-BuOH to yield after solvent removal a cyclohexane extract (0.60 g), a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract (1.67 g) and an *n*-BuOH extract (7.88 g). The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract was subjected to silica column chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc; 100:0 to 0:100, EtOAc/CH<sub>3</sub>OH 100:0 to 0:100) to afford 24 fractions (A–X). Fraction D (24.4 mg) was subjected to preparative thin layer chromatography (PTLC; CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH 94:6) to afford compound **9** (6.3 mg). Fraction F (51.6 mg) was fractionated on Sephadex LH-20 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) to obtain sub-fractions F1–F8. Sub-fractions F4 (7.4 mg) and F5 (25.7 mg) were further purified using PTLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH 94:6) to afford **10** (4 mg), **11** (5 mg), **12** (5 mg) and **13** (0.9 mg). Fraction G (165.4 mg) was purified using Sephadex LH-20 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) to obtain eight sub-fractions (G1–G8). Sub-fraction G8 was obtained as a pure compound **14** (2.8 mg). Fraction H (71.6 mg) was also subjected to Sephadex LH-20 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) to obtain four sub-fractions (H1–H4). H1 (12.2 mg) led to the isolation of **15** (1.4 mg) and **16** (1.3 mg) on PTLC eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6). Sub-fraction H2 (4.7 mg) led to the isolation of **17** (1 mg) and **18** (0.9 mg) using PTLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH). Fraction I (87 mg) was purified on Sephadex LH-20 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) to obtain seven sub-fractions (I1–I7). Sub-fraction I1 (25.6 mg) led to the isolation of **19** (13.1 mg), while sub-fraction I2 (13.3 mg) afforded compounds **20** (5.3 mg) and **21** (4.1 mg) using PTLC eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6). Sub-fraction I7 (4.2 mg) was purified on a PTLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH; 94:6) to obtain compound **1** (1.3 mg). Fraction J (32.2 mg) was fractionated on Sephadex LH-20 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) and PTLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH; 94:6) to obtain **22** (0.9 mg) and **23** (1 mg). Fraction K (29.5 mg) was purified on Sephadex LH-20 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) affording 7 sub-fractions (K1–K7). Sub-fraction K6 (4.7 mg) was subjected to a PTLC eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6) affording compounds **3** (0.6 mg), **24** (2 mg) and **25** (0.6 mg). Fraction L (26.6 mg) was also subjected to Sephadex LH-20 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) to yield 8 sub-fractions (L1–L8). Sub-fraction L5 (2.2 mg) was purified using PTLC with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6) as the eluting solvent to yield **26** (0.6 mg). Fraction M (90.0 mg) was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 and eluted with CH<sub>3</sub>OH to afford 10 sub-fractions (M1–M10). Compounds **27** (2.4 mg) and **28** (6.7 mg) were obtained from sub-fraction M2 (19.9 mg) by PTLC using CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH as the mobile phase. Sub-fraction M7 (13.2 mg) was further purified by PTLC using CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6) to obtain **29** (2.1 mg) and **30** (2.6 mg). Sub-fraction M8 (2.9 mg) was passed over PTLC that was eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6) to yield compound **31** (1.1 mg). Sub-fraction M9 (11.6 mg) was purified by PTLC with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6) to yield compounds **4** (0.7 mg), **5** (0.6 mg) and **32** (0.9 mg). Fraction O (71.7 mg) was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 eluting with CH<sub>3</sub>OH, to obtain 5 sub-fractions (O1–O5). Sub-fraction O3 (9.8 mg) was purified by PTLC with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6) to obtain compound **2** (2.8 mg). Sub-fraction O5 (2.4 mg) was purified by PTLC with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6) to give compound **33** (0.7 mg). Fraction P (63 mg) was fractionated on Sephadex LH-20 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) to obtain six sub-fractions (P1–P6). Sub-fraction P4 (3.7 mg) was further subjected to PTLC eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6) to obtain compounds **6** (0.6 mg), **7** (0.9 mg) and **8** (0.6 mg). Fraction Q (19.5 mg) was purified on Sephadex LH-20 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) affording six sub-fractions. Compounds **34** (3 mg) and **35** (0.8 mg) were obtained from sub-fraction Q4 (7 mg) through a PTLC with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (94:6) as the eluting solvent.

Fresh leaves were lyophilized and grinded to afford 70 g of dried powder and were successively extracted with cyclohexane, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1 g/15 mL × 3) to afford a cyclohexane extract

(6.99 g), a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract (1.23 g) and a CH<sub>3</sub>OH extract (4.98 g). The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract was subjected to vacuum liquid chromatography (VLC) using cyclohexane, EtOAc and CH<sub>3</sub>OH to afford six main fractions (A–F). Fraction E (98 mg) was subjected to semi-preparative HPLC (40%–45% B in 5 min, 45% isocratic mode for 30 min, B = CH<sub>3</sub>OH/0.05% formic acid, A = H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% formic acid) to afford compounds **13** (3.5 mg), **18** (0.7 mg), **19** (1 mg), and **21** (1.7 mg). Fractions F (158.4 mg) was also subjected to semi-preparative RP-HPLC (35% B for 35 min) to afford compound **36** (9.6 mg).

### 3.4. Compound Characterization

*Cyrtopodin* (**1**). Brown amorphous powder (1.3 mg); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 216 (3.96), 261 (4.38), 281 (4.02), 312 (3.48), 344 (2.52); IR (FT-IR)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3370, 2935, 2831, 1616, 1573, 1465, 1268, 1118, 1061, 1021, 953, 860, 770 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR see Table 1; HRESIMS:  $m/z$  331.1188 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 331.1176).

(+)-9*S*-Hydroxyerianthridin (**2**). White amorphous powder (2.8 mg);  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  + 6.4 (c 0.09, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); CD (CH<sub>3</sub>OH): nm ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ): 236.2 (−20.69), 280.9 (+5.39); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 220 (4.01), 262 (3.91), 282 (4.00), 348 (2.28), 364 (2.26); IR (FT-IR)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3227, 2936, 2834, 1611, 1584, 1446, 1412, 1348, 1213, 1112, 1066, 999, 946, 870, 828 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR see Table 1; HRESIMS:  $m/z$  311.0884 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; (Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 311.8900).

*Gastrodiconfusarin* (**3**). Yellow amorphous powder (0.6 mg); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 212 (4.11), 268 (4.09), 289 (3.63), 297 (4.00), 301 (3.59), 314 (3.45); IR (FT-IR)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3336, 2931, 2936, 1606, 1512, 1454, 1352, 1221, 1106, 1017, 822, 773 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR see Table 1; HRESIMS  $m/z$  407.1508 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 407.189).

*Lusidol A* (**4**). Pale yellow amorphous powder (0.7 mg);  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  0 (c 0.04, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 213 (4.80), 263 (4.82), 296 (4.47), 310 (4.40), 349 (3.58), 367 (3.55); IR (FT-IR)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3245, 2931, 2835, 1608, 1585, 1451, 1393, 1351, 1210, 1162, 1118, 1076, 999, 948, 865, 830 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR see Table 2; HRESIMS:  $m/z$  511.1742 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (Calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 511.1751).

*Lusidol B* (**5**). Pale yellow amorphous powder (0.6 mg);  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  0 (c 0.04, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 212 (4.72), 264 (4.66), 297 (4.37), 309 (4.29), 350 (3.28), 367 (3.27). IR (FT-IR)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3271, 2931, 2835, 1608, 1585, 1451, 1393, 1351, 1210, 1162, 1118, 1076, 999, 948, 865, 830; 527 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR see Table 2; HRESIMS:  $m/z$  511.1740 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (Calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 511.1751).

(±)-*Moupilonin* (**6**). White amorphous powder (0.9 mg);  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  0 (c 0.07, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 208 (4.37), 281 (3.97), 305 (3.73), 318 (3.51); IR (FT-IR)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3241, 2935, 2829, 1704, 1519, 1447, 1349, 1237, 1199, 1118, 1015, 950, 814, 773 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR see Table 3; HRESIMS:  $m/z$  554.2169 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (Calcd. for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>, 554.2173).

(+)-*Cyrtonesin A* (**7**). White amorphous powder (0.6 mg);  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  27 (c 0.04, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); CD (CH<sub>3</sub>OH): nm ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ): 233.1 (+0.84), 284.2 (−0.95); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 210 (4.30), 274 (3.73), 284 (3.76); IR (FT-IR)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3303, 2935, 2831, 1601, 1452, 1359, 1239, 1217, 1114, 1068, 1033, 1008, 977, 951, 824, 773 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR see Table 4; HRESIMS:  $m/z$  451.1753 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 451.1751).

(+)-*Cyrtonesin B* (**8**). White amorphous powder (0.6 mg);  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  26 (c 0.02, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); CD (CH<sub>3</sub>OH): nm ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ): 235.0 (+1.11), 272.8 (−7.26); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 207 (4.29), 292 (3.73), 301 (3.77); IR (FT-IR)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3320, 2936, 2825, 1599, 1460, 1354, 1239, 1221, 1060, 1035, 1008, 977, 955, 825, 773 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR see Table 4; HRESIMS:  $m/z$  451.1748 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 451.1751).

## 4. Conclusions

Due to extreme environmental and territorial conditions as well as predation, plant species have evolved to produce complex secondary metabolites as a means of survival. In orchids, stilbenoids and phenanthrene derivatives are produced as major phytoalexins produced in response to various biotic and abiotic stressors, mostly fungal, bacterial and worm attacks [60–66]. The phytochemical

study of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract from the aerial parts of *C. paniculatum* led us to the isolation of a long list of polyphenolic derivatives, mainly stilbenoids. Monomeric stilbenoid derivatives, comprising bibenzyls, 9,10-dihydrophenanthrenes, phenanthrenes and phenanthrenequinones, are well represented in this orchid. The second set of isolated compounds consisted of phenolic adducts (4-hydroxybenzyl) coupled to a 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene or phenanthrene derivative. This type of 4-hydroxybenzyl adduct (gastrodigenin) is very common in orchids and mostly found in the genus *Arundina* [67,68], *Bletilla* [69–72] and *Pleione* [40,73,74]. The third set of isolated compounds was a combination of a 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene and a phenylpropane derivative (*trans*-feruloyltyramine for 6, synapyl alcohol for 7 and 8). The connection between the two units allows a new cyclization leading to a furan ring. It is noteworthy that this kind of dihydrophenanthrene derivative is considered as a chemotaxonomic marker for the species in the genus *Pleione* [59,73,75–77], but has been also found in the genus *Bulbophyllum* [55] and *Cremastra* [54]. The last set of compounds were the dimers, occurring as either homo- (two units of 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene or phenanthrene) or as heterodimers (combinations of a 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene and a phenanthrene unit) having a C-C bond linkage. These biphenanthrene derivatives occur mostly in species of the genus *Bletilla* [33,41,71,78–80], *Bulbophyllum* [55,81–83] and *Cremastra* [54,84–88]. The existence of dimers together their respective monomers in the same species provides support for a proposed biogenetic pathway for biaryl-derived compounds occurring from their corresponding monomers as a result of free radical [56] or an enzymatic oxidative phenolic coupling reaction [82,89–91]. This study reveals for the first time the chemical diversity of phenolic constituents produced by an endemic South-American orchid, *Cyrtopodium paniculatum*.

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