

SOROCENOLS C - F, FOUR NEW ISOPRENYLATED PHENOLS FROM  
THE ROOT BARK OF *SOROCEA BONPLANDII* BAILLON<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract** — From the root bark of *Sorocea bonplandii* Baillon (Moraceae), collected in Paraguay, four new isoprenylated phenols, sorocenols C (**1**), D (**2**), E (**3**), and F (**4**) were isolated along with four known isoprenylated phenols, mulberrofuran K (**5**), kuwanon J (**6**), chalconoracine (**7**), and kuwanol E (**8**). The structures of sorocenols C - F were shown to be **1** - **4**, respectively. These compounds are regarded as variations of Diels-Alder type adducts between chalcone derivatives and dehydroisoprenylated phenols.

Previously we reported the structure determination of two new isoprenylated phenols, sorocenols A and B, isolated from the root bark of *Sorocea bonplandii* Baillon, collected in Paraguay.<sup>2</sup> Further extension of studies on the components of *S. bonplandii* led to the isolation of four new isoprenylated phenols, sorocenols C (**1**), D (**2**), E (**3**), and F (**4**). This paper deals with characterization of these compounds.

Sorocenol C (**1**), pale yellow plates, mp 242 - 243 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  0°, showed positive reaction to methanolic ferric chloride, and gave the protonated molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  645 in the fast-atom bombardment (FAB) mass spectrum. The <sup>13</sup>C nmr spectrum indicated the presence of thirty nine carbons (Table 1). These results suggest the molecular formula of **1** to be C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>9</sub>. The uv spectrum of **1** exhibited maxima at 220, 283, 313 (sh), 333 (sh), 347, 366 nm. While the absorption pattern of the spectrum was similar to those of 2-arylbenzofuran derivatives,<sup>3</sup> the absorption maxima were shifted to longer wave side. Furthermore the spectrum of **1** was similar to those of albanol B (**9**)<sup>4,5</sup> and mulberrofuran P (**10**),<sup>6</sup> demonstrating that **1** is an 2-arylbenzofuran derivative such as **9** and **10**. The <sup>1</sup>H nmr spectrum of **1** was analysed by comparing with that of **9**, along with the aid of the 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum and showed the signals of the following protons ( $\delta$  in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): protons in a 3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl group,  $\delta$  1.19,

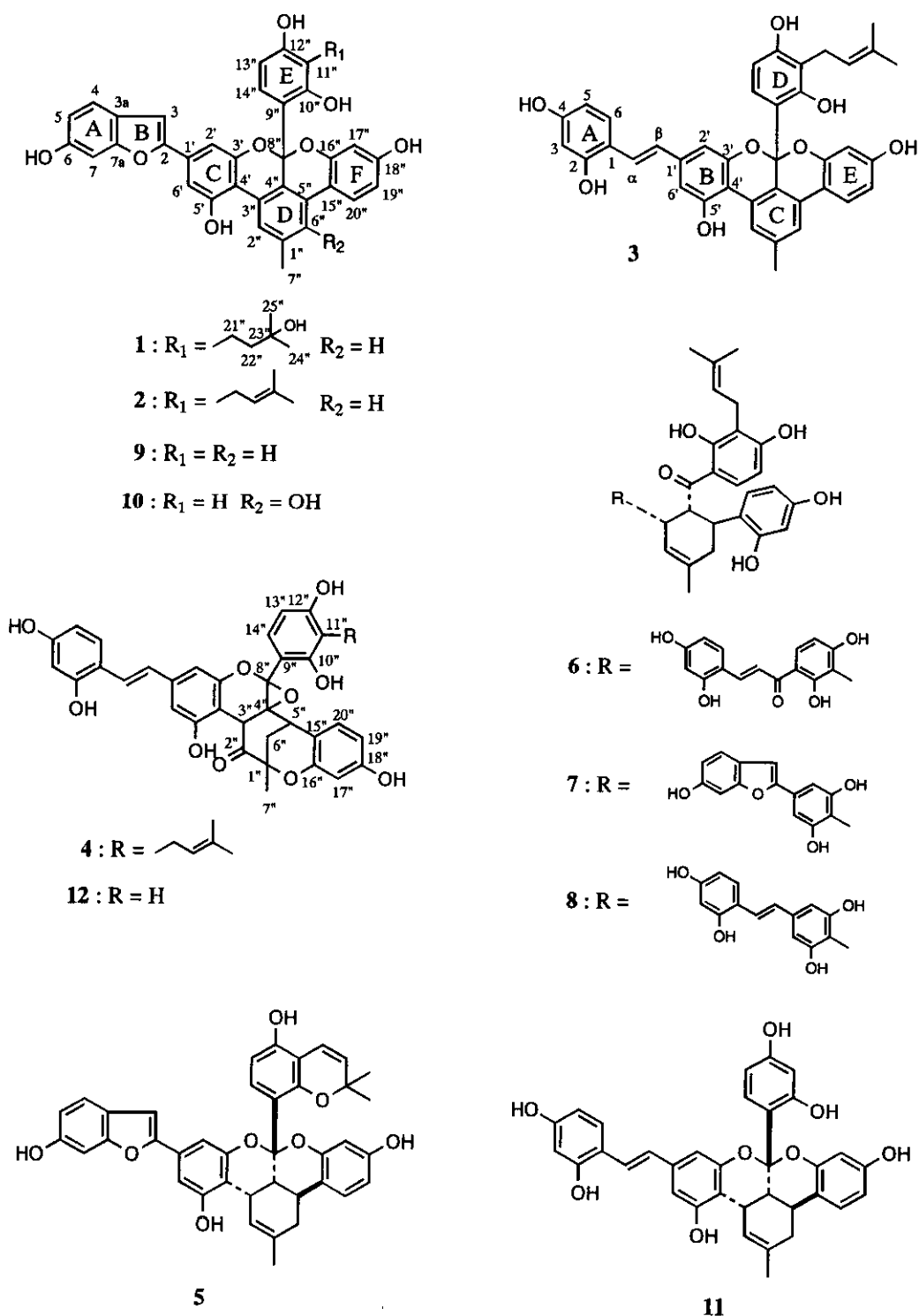


Figure 1

Table 1  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  nmr chemical shifts (ppm) of **1** and **2**

C	<b>1</b> <sup>#1</sup>		<b>2</b> <sup>#1</sup>		<b>9</b> <sup>#2</sup>
	( $\delta$ $^{13}\text{C}$ )	( $\delta$ $^1\text{H}$ )	( $\delta$ $^{13}\text{C}$ )	( $\delta$ $^1\text{H}$ )	
C-2	154.2		154.2		155.0
C-3	103.5	7.11 (d, $J = 1$ )	103.5	7.12 (d, $J = 1$ )	103.2
C-3a	122.4		122.4		123.0
C-4	122.3	7.42 (d, $J = 8$ )	122.3	7.42 (d, $J = 8$ )	122.3
C-5	113.5	6.82 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)	113.6	6.82 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)	113.5
C-6	157.1		157.1		157.4
C-7	98.5	6.99 (br d, $J = 2$ )	98.4	6.99 (d, $J = 2$ )	98.5
C-7a	157.0		157.0		157.4
C-1'	132.4		132.4		132.7
C-2'	105.9	7.12 (d, $J = 1.5$ )	105.9	7.12 (d, $J = 1.5$ )	106.1
C-3'	153.3		153.2		153.6
C-4'	111.2		111.2		111.6
C-5'	156.9		156.9		157.1
C-6'	107.5	7.14 (d, $J = 1.5$ )	107.5	7.14 (d, $J = 1.5$ )	107.6
C-1''	140.6		140.7		140.8
C-2''	126.4	8.46 (br s) <sup>a</sup>	126.5	8.46 (br s) <sup>a</sup>	126.7
C-3''	129.7		129.7		130.1
C-4''	121.9		121.9		122.5
C-5''	129.2		129.2		129.8
C-6''	121.4	7.63 (br s) <sup>a</sup>	121.4	7.63 (br s) <sup>a</sup>	121.3
C-7''	22.2	2.52 (3H, br s)	22.2	2.52 (3H, br s)	22.3
C-8''	106.9		106.9		106.7
C-9''	115.1		115.0		116.0
C-10''	155.4		155.4		158.2
C-11''	118.3		116.9		105.0
C-12''	158.4		158.3		160.8
C-13''	106.2	5.94 (d, $J = 8$ )	105.9	5.95 (d, $J = 8$ )	106.5
C-14''	127.6	6.02 (d, $J = 8$ )	127.7	6.01 (d, $J = 8$ )	131.6
C-15''	115.0		115.0		115.7
C-16''	152.2		152.2		152.7
C-17''	105.3	6.58 (d, $J = 2$ )	105.3	6.57 (d, $J = 2$ )	105.4
C-18''	160.1		160.1		160.2
C-19''	111.7	6.59 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)	111.7	6.59 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)	111.6
C-20''	125.3	7.72 (d, $J = 8$ )	125.4	7.72 (d, $J = 8$ )	125.3
C-21''	18.8	2.73 (2H, m)	22.8	3.36 (2H, br d, $J = 6.5$ )	
C-22''	43.3	1.65 (2H, m)	124.0	5.22 (m)	
C-23''	70.8		131.0		
C-24''	29.5	1.19 (3H, s)	17.9	1.75 (3H, br s)	
C-25''	29.8	1.22 (3H, s)	25.9	1.54 (3H, br s)	

Solvent #1 : acetone- $d_6$  #2 :  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$   $J$  in Hz<sup>a</sup> These protons showed long-range coupling with the methyl protons at C-7''

1.22 (each 3H, s), 1.65, 2.73 (each 2H, m), two sets of ABX type aromatic protons,  $\delta$  6.82 (1H, dd,  $J = 2$  and 8 Hz), 6.99 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 7.42 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 6.58 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 6.59 (1H, dd,  $J = 2$  and 8 Hz), 7.72 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), *o*-coupled aromatic protons,  $\delta$  5.94 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 6.02 (1H, d,  $J$

= 8 Hz), two sets of *m*-coupled aromatic protons,  $\delta$  7.12, 7.14 (each 1H, d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 7.63 (1H, br s), 8.46 (1H, br s), one olefinic proton,  $\delta$  7.11 (1H, d,  $J = 1$  Hz), methyl group on an aromatic ring,  $\delta$  2.52 (3H, br s). In the  $^1\text{H}$  nmr spectrum of **1**, the coupling patterns and the chemical shifts of all the proton signals except those of the 3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl group and the protons on the E ring were similar to those of the relevant protons of **9**.<sup>4,6</sup> These results suggest that **1** seems to be 11"-substituted albanol B. This assumption was supported by the  $^{13}\text{C}$  nmr spectrum of **1**. The spectrum of **1** was analysed by comparing with that of **9**, along with the aid of the 2D  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (Table 1). In the spectrum, the chemical shifts of all the carbon atoms except the carbons at C-11" and C-14" positions were approximately similar to those of the relevant carbons of **9**. From the above results, the structure of sorocenol C is characterized as **1**.

Sorocenol D (**2**), pale yellow amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{18} 0^\circ$ , showed positive reaction to methanolic ferric chloride, and gave the protonated molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  627 in the FAB mass spectrum. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  nmr spectrum of **2** showed the presence of thirty nine carbons (Table 1). These results suggest the molecular formula to be  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_8$ . The uv spectrum of **2** was similar to that of **1**. The  $^1\text{H}$  nmr spectrum of **2** was analysed by comparing with that of **1**, along with the aid of the 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum, and showed the signals of the following protons: protons in a 3,3-dimethylallyl group,  $\delta$  1.54, 1.75 (each 3H, br s), 3.36 (2H, br d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 5.22 (1H, m), two sets of ABX type aromatic protons,  $\delta$  6.82 (1H, dd,  $J = 2$  and 8 Hz), 6.99 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 7.42 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 6.57 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 6.59 (1H, dd,  $J = 2$  and 8 Hz), 7.72 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), *o*-coupled aromatic protons,  $\delta$  5.95, 6.01 (each 1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), two sets of *m*-coupled aromatic protons,  $\delta$  7.12, 7.14 (each 1H, d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 7.63, 8.46 (each 1H, br s), one olefinic proton,  $\delta$  7.12 (1H, d,  $J = 1$  Hz), methyl group on an aromatic ring,  $\delta$  2.52 (3H, br s). In the spectrum, the coupling patterns and the chemical shifts of all the proton signals except those of the 3,3-dimethylallyl group were good agreement with those of the relevant protons of **1** (Table 1). In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  nmr spectrum of **2**, the chemical shifts of all the carbon atoms except those of the 3,3-dimethylallyl group and the carbon at C-11" position were good agreement with those of the relevant carbon atoms of **1** (Table 1). From the above results, the structure of sorocenol D is characterized as **2**.

Sorocenol E (**3**), pale yellow needles, mp 217 - 220  $^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} 0^\circ$ , showed positive reaction to methanolic ferric chloride, and gave the protonated molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  647 in the FAB mass spectrum, and the molecular formula was supported to be  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_9$  by the presence of thirty nine carbons in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  nmr spectrum (Table 2). While the uv spectrum was similar to that of kuwanol A (**11**),<sup>7</sup> the absorption maxima

Table 2  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  nmr chemical shifts (ppm) of **3**

<b>3</b>			<b>11</b>	
C	( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ )	( $\delta^1\text{H}$ )	( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ )	( $\delta^1\text{H}$ )
C-1	117.0		117.1	
C-2	157.1		157.0	
C-3	103.6	6.45 (d, $J = 2$ )	103.2	6.43 (d, $J = 2.4$ )
C-4	159.4		159.3	
C-5	108.6	6.39 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)	108.0	6.38 (dd, $J = 2.4$ and 8.4)
C-6	128.5	7.42 (d, $J = 8$ )	127.8	7.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ )
C- $\alpha$	125.8	7.39 (d, $J = 16$ )	125.1	7.32 (d, $J = 16.5$ )
C- $\beta$	124.9	6.89 (d, $J = 16$ )	124.0	6.88 (d, $J = 16.5$ )
C-1'	141.1		138.8	
C-2'	107.6	6.81 (brs)	106.4	6.64 (d, $J = 1.5$ )
C-3'	152.9		153.4	
C-4'	109.9		111.4	
C-5'	156.6		157.2	
C-6'	109.9	6.81 (brs)	106.7	6.62 (d, $J = 1.5$ )
C-1''	140.5		132.7	
C-2''	126.2	8.43 (brs) <sup>a</sup>	122.7	
C-3''	129.6		37.2	
C-4''	121.7		28.4	
C-5''	129.6		35.0	
C-6''	120.9	7.59 (brs) <sup>a</sup>	36.1	
C-7''	22.2	2.50 (3H, br s)	23.8	
C-8''	106.8		102.1	
C-9''	115.2		116.7	
C-10''	155.4		156.9	
C-11''	118.1		103.5	
C-12''	158.3		158.4	
C-13''	106.1	5.94 (d, $J = 8$ )	106.7	
C-14''	127.6	6.01 (d, $J = 8$ )	129.7	
C-15''	115.2		116.6	
C-16''	152.2		152.5	
C-17''	105.2	6.56 (d, $J = 2$ )	104.2	
C-18''	159.9		156.9	
C-19''	111.6	6.58 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)	109.3	
C-20''	125.3	7.70 (d, $J = 8$ )	127.2	
C-21''	18.8	2.73 (2H, m)		
C-22''	43.3	1.68 (2H, m)		
C-23''	71.0			
C-24''	29.6	1.22 (3H, s)		
C-25''	29.6	1.23 (3H, s)		

Solvent acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub><sup>a</sup> These protons showed long-range coupling with the methyl protons at C-7''

were shifted to longer wave side. The  $^1\text{H}$  nmr spectrum of **3** was analysed by comparing with those of **9** and **11**, along with the aid of the 2D  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (Table 2). The spectrum showed the signals of the following protons: protons in a 3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl group,  $\delta$  1.22, 1.23 (each 3H, s), 1.68,

2.73 (each 2H, m), two sets of ABX type aromatic protons,  $\delta$  6.39 (1H, dd,  $J = 2$  and 8 Hz), 6.45 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 7.42 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 6.56 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 6.58 (1H, dd,  $J = 2$  and 8 Hz), 7.70 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), *o*-coupled aromatic protons,  $\delta$  5.94, 6.01 (each 1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), *m*-coupled aromatic protons,  $\delta$  7.59, 8.43 (each 1H, br s), two aromatic protons,  $\delta$  6.81 (2H, s), two *trans*-olefinic protons,  $\delta$  6.89, 7.39 (each 1H, d,  $J = 16$  Hz), methyl group on an aromatic ring,  $\delta$  2.50 (3H, br s). In the spectrum of **3**, the chemical shifts and coupling patterns of all the proton signals of the stilbene moiety in **3** were approximately agreement with those of the relevant proton signals of **11** (Table 2). These results suggest that **3** was a 4'-substituted 2,4,3',5'-tetrahydroxystilbene derivative. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  nmr spectrum of **3** was analysed by comparison with those of **9** and **11**, along with the aid of 2D COLOC spectrum of **3** (Table 2). The  $^{13}\text{C}$  nmr spectrum of **3** supported that the C ring is an aromatic ring and the C-11" position is substituted with the isoprenoid moiety (Table 2). The chemical shifts of all the carbon atoms of the stilbene moiety in **3**, except those of C-1', C-4' and C-6', were similar to those of the relevant carbons of **11**. Furthermore the chemical shifts of all the carbon atoms in the C, D, and E rings, except those of C-11" and C-14" positions, were approximately similar to those of the relevant carbons of **9** (Table 1 and 2). From the above results, the structure of sorocenol E is characterized as **3**.

Sorocenol F (**4**), amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} +20^\circ$ , showed positive reaction to methanolic ferric chloride, and gave the protonated molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  663 in the FAB mass spectrum, and the molecular formula was supported to be  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_{10}$  by the presence of thirty nine carbons in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  nmr spectrum (Table 3). The uv spectrum of **4** was similar to those of oxyresveratrol<sup>8</sup> and kuwanon Z (**12**),<sup>9</sup> and suggested that **4** is one of the 4'-substituted 2,4,3',5'-tetrahydroxystilbene derivative. The  $^1\text{H}$  nmr spectrum of **4** was analysed by comparing with that of **12**, along with the aid of the 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (Table 3). The spectrum showed the signals of the following protons: protons in a 3,3-dimethylallyl group,  $\delta$  1.56, 1.69 (each 3H, br s), 3.01 (1H, br dd,  $J = 6$  and 14 Hz), 3.10 (1H, br dd,  $J = 8$  and 14 Hz), 4.81 (1H, m), a methyl group,  $\delta$  1.73 (3H, s), a set of methylene protons,  $\delta$  1.87, 2.83 (each 1H, dd,  $J = 3$  and 14 Hz), two methine protons,  $\delta$  2.75 (1H, br t,  $J = 3$  Hz), 3.47 (1H, s), two sets of ABX type aromatic protons,  $\delta$  6.36 (1H, dd,  $J = 2$  and 8 Hz), 6.41 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 7.36 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 6.34 (1H, dd,  $J = 2$  and 8 Hz), 6.35 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 6.65 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), *o*-coupled aromatic protons,  $\delta$  6.58, 7.26 (each 1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), *m*-coupled aromatic protons,  $\delta$  6.25, 6.60 (each 1H, d,  $J = 1$  Hz), *trans*-olefinic protons,  $\delta$  6.85, 7.27 (each 1H, d,  $J = 16$  Hz). In the spectrum of **4**, the chemical shifts and coupling patterns of all the proton signals except those of 3,3-dimethylallyl group and

Table 3  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  nmr chemical shifts (ppm) of **4**

C	<b>4</b>		<b>12</b>	
	( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ )	( $\delta^1\text{H}$ )	( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ )	( $\delta^1\text{H}$ )
C-1	116.1		116.7	
C-2	156.9		156.1	
C-3	103.6	6.41 (d, $J = 2$ )	103.2	6.42 (d, $J = 2$ )
C-4	159.1		160.2	
C-5	108.4	6.36 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)	107.9	6.36 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)
C-6	128.2	7.36 (d, $J = 8$ )	127.7	7.36 (d, $J = 8$ )
C- $\alpha$	126.5	7.27 (d, $J = 16$ )	125.8	7.26 (d, $J = 16$ )
C- $\beta$	124.1	6.85 (d, $J = 16$ )	123.6	6.83 (d, $J = 16$ )
C-1'	141.2		140.5	
C-2'	107.5	6.25 (d, $J = 1$ )	107.0	6.24 (d, $J = 1$ )
C-3'	155.0		154.3	
C-4'	110.3		109.7	
C-5'	159.1		158.3	
C-6'	100.2	6.60 (d, $J = 1$ )	99.6	6.57 (d, $J = 1$ )
C-1''	75.8		75.3	
C-2''	196.8		195.2	
C-3''	49.2	3.47 (s)	49.0	3.46 (s)
C-4''	92.5		92.3	
C-5''	38.3	2.75 (br t, $J = 3$ )	37.9	2.79 (dd, $J = 3$ and 4)
C-6''	31.2	1.87 (dd, $J = 3$ and 14)	31.0	1.87 (dd, $J = 4$ and 14)
		2.83 (dd, $J = 3$ and 14)		2.84 (dd, $J = 3$ and 14)
C-7''	22.6	1.73 (3H, s)	22.4	1.72 (3H, s)
C-8''	109.9		109.2	
C-9''	114.8		114.4	
C-10''	163.4		166.0	
C-11''	117.3		98.2	6.16 (d, $J = 2$ )
C-12''	171.1		172.2	
C-13''	111.6	6.58 (d, $J = 8$ )	111.3	6.54 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)
C-14''	123.3	7.26 (d, $J = 8$ )	125.8	7.36 (d, $J = 8$ )
C-15''	112.0		111.6	
C-16''	155.9		155.1	
C-17''	103.2	6.35 (d, $J = 2$ )	102.7	6.35 (d, $J = 2$ )
C-18''	159.1		158.1	
C-19''	107.7	6.34 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)	107.2	6.34 (dd, $J = 2$ and 8)
C-20''	134.3	6.65 (d, $J = 8$ )	133.6	6.65 (d, $J = 8$ )
C-21''	22.1	3.01 (br dd, $J = 6$ and 14)		
		3.10 (br dd, $J = 8$ and 14)		
C-22''	122.5	4.81 (m)		
C-23''	131.7			
C-24''	17.9	1.69 (3H, br s)		
C-25''	26.0	1.56 (3H, br s)		

Solvent acetone- $d_6$ 

*ortho*-coupled aromatic protons were in good agreement with those of the relevant protons of **12** (Table 3). The  $^{13}\text{C}$  nmr spectrum of **4** was analysed by comparison with that of **12**, along with the aid of the 2D  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum. The chemical shifts of all the carbon atoms except that of C-11'' were similar to those

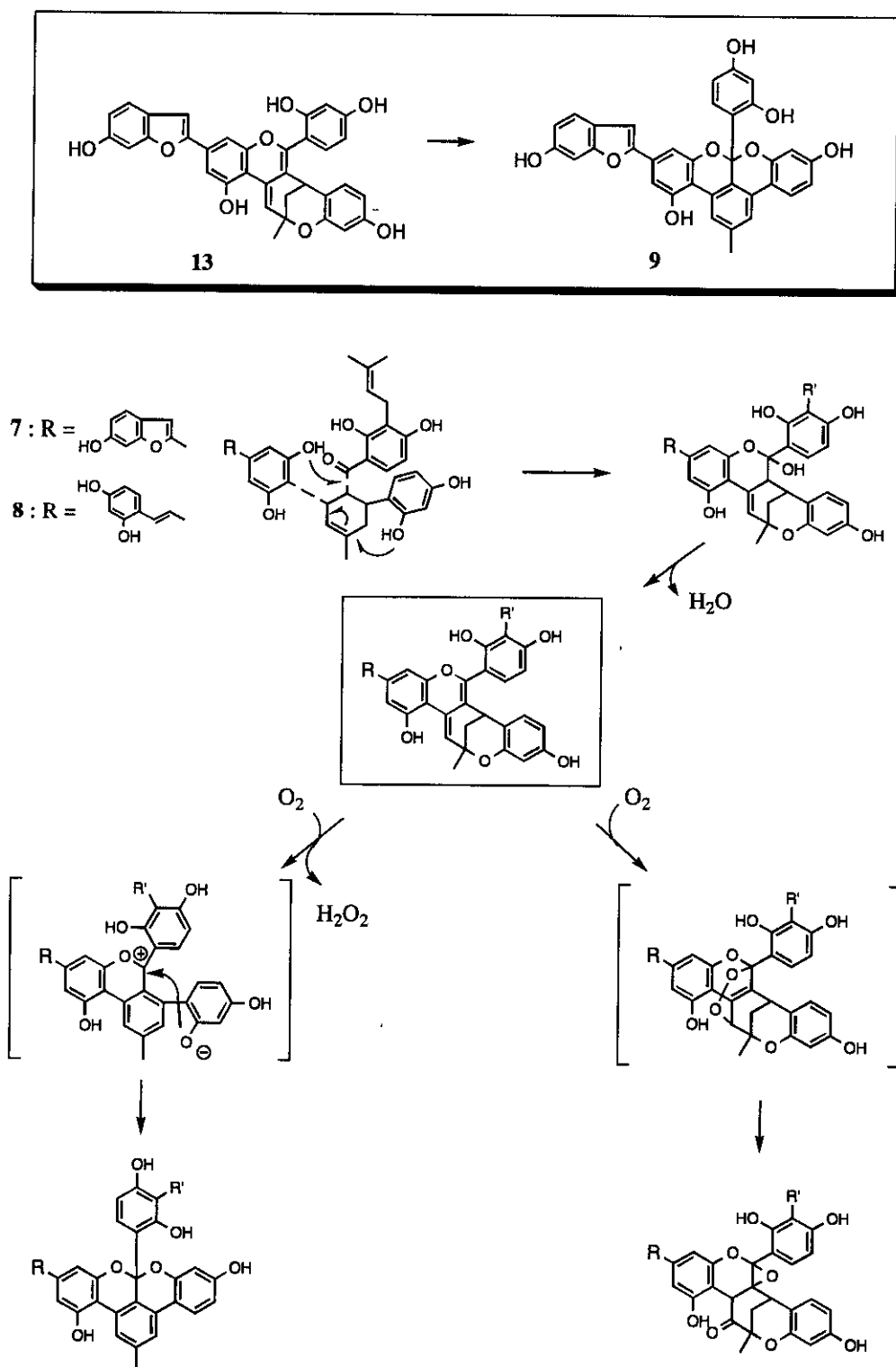


Figure 2



of the relevant carbons of **12** (Table 3). From these results, the 3,3-dimethylallyl group locates at the C-11" position of kuwanon Z (**12**) and the structure of sorocenol F is characterized as **4**.

While sorocenols C (**1**), D (**2**), and E (**3**) have the asymmetric centers, these compounds showed no optical rotations. On the other hand, Hano *et al.* reported that albanol B (**9**) was confirmed to be an artifact derived from mulberrofuran I (**13**) by autooxidation<sup>5</sup> and compound (**13**) would be a derivative induced from the Diels-Alder type adduct through the hemiketal intermediate.<sup>10</sup> Considering these reports as well as the isolation of chalcomoracin (**7**)<sup>11</sup> and kuwanol E (**8**)<sup>12</sup> from the same material, sorocenols C (**1**), D (**2**), and E (**3**) seem to be artifacts derived from the mulberrofuran I type intermediate and sorocenol F (**4**) seems to be derivative induced from the intermediate as described in Figure 2.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = double doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, br = broad, sh = shoulder. The general procedures followed and the instruments used in our previous paper.<sup>2</sup>

### *Isolation of Sorocenols C (1), D (2), E (3), and F (4)*

The dried root bark of *Sorocea bonplandii* (550 g) was extracted with *n*-hexane, benzene, and acetone, successively.<sup>2</sup> Evaporation of *n*-hexane, benzene, and acetone solutions to dryness yielded 9.3 g, 3.3 g, and 20.3 g of the residue, respectively.<sup>2</sup> The benzene extract (3.3 g)<sup>2</sup> was chromatographed over silica gel (250 g) with *n*-hexane containing increasing amount of ethyl acetate as an eluent.<sup>2</sup> The fraction (0.1 g) eluted with *n*-hexane - ethyl acetate (3 : 7) was rechromatographed over silica gel (10 g) with benzene - ethyl acetate as an eluent. The fraction eluted with benzene - ethyl acetate (83 : 17) was fractionated by preparative hplc [solvent, *n*-hexane - ethyl acetate (3 : 2), column, Senshu Pak SSC-Silica 4251-N, 1 cmφ x 25 cm, detector, uv 280 nm] to give sorocenol D (**2**, 1.4 mg) and mulberrofuran K (**5**, 1.6 mg).<sup>13</sup> The acetone extract (20.3 g) was chromatographed over silica gel (250 g) with *n*-hexane containing increasing amount of ethyl acetate as an eluent.<sup>2</sup> The fraction (1.3 g) eluted with *n*-hexane - ethyl acetate (1 : 1) was rechromatographed over silica gel (50 g) with benzene containing increasing amount of acetone. The fraction (0.25 g) eluted with benzene - acetone (85 : 15) was fractionated by preparative tlc [benzene - acetone (2 : 1)] followed by preparative hplc [chloroform - ethyl acetate (2 : 5), ethyl ether only, above described conditions] to give sorocenol C (**1**, 15 mg), sorocenol E (**3**, 3 mg), kuwanon J (**6**, 5 mg)<sup>14</sup> and chalcomoracin (**7**, 2 mg).<sup>11</sup> The fraction (0.32 g) eluted with benzene - acetone (8 : 2) was fractionated by preparative tlc [benzene - acetone (1 : 1), chloroform - ethyl acetate (1 : 2), *n*-hexane - acetone (2 : 3)] followed by preparative hplc [*n*-hexane - ethyl acetate (1 : 3)] to give sorocenol E (**3**, 60 mg) and kuwanol E (**8**, 20 mg).<sup>12</sup> The fraction (0.35 g) eluted with benzene - acetone (7 : 3) was fractionated by preparative tlc [benzene - ethyl acetate (1 : 2)] followed by preparative hplc [chloroform - ethyl acetate (1 : 2)] to give kuwanol E (**8**, 10 mg),<sup>12</sup> sorocenol E (**3**, 15 mg) and sorocenol F (**4**, 183 mg). The known compounds (**5**, **6**, **7**, and **8**) were identified by comparing with the spectral data of authentic samples.

### *Sorocenol C (1)*

Compound (**1**) was crystallized from methanol to give pale yellow plates, mp 242 - 243 °C. FeCl<sub>3</sub> test: positive (brown).

$[\alpha]_D^{21}$  0° (MeOH). Uv  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 222 (sh 4.58), 283 (4.04), 313 (sh 4.21), 333 (sh 4.40), 347 (4.42), 366 (4.47). Ir  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3350 (br), 1600, 1500, 1405, 1360, 1200, 1142, 1110, 1035. FAB-*ms*: *m/z* 645 ( $\text{MH}^+$ ), 451, 221, 205, 149.

#### Sorocenol D (2)

Compound (2) was obtained as pale yellow amorphous powder.  $\text{FeCl}_3$  test: positive (brown).  $[\alpha]_D^{18}$  0° (MeOH). Uv  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 221 (sh 4.62), 283 (4.06), 312 (sh 4.20), 330 (sh 4.37), 347 (4.51), 365 (4.46). Ir  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3300 (br), 1620, 1530, 1500, 1200. FAB-*ms*: *m/z* 627 ( $\text{MH}^+$ ), 626 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 449, 391, 282, 185.

#### Sorocenol E (3)

Compound (3) was crystallized from methanol to give pale yellow needles, mp 217 - 220 °C (decomp.).  $\text{FeCl}_3$  test: positive (brown).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  0° (MeOH). Uv  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 221 (sh 4.68), 282 (4.18), 313 (4.33), 360 (4.54). Ir  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3300 (br), 1600, 1560, 1410, 1150, 1020. FAB-*ms*: *m/z* 647 ( $\text{MH}^+$ ), 629, 573, 451, 427, 391, 369, 309, 263, 217.

#### Sorocenol F (4)

Compound (4) was obtained as pale yellow amorphous powder.  $\text{FeCl}_3$  test: positive (brown).  $[\alpha]_D^{24} +20^\circ$  ( $c = 0.025$ , MeOH). Uv  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 240 (sh 4.27), 288 (4.34), 304 (4.07), 328 (4.34). Ir  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3300 (br), 1620, 1505, 1380. FAB-*ms*: *m/z* 663 ( $\text{MH}^+$ ), 645, 467, 391, 282, 263, 256, 205, 161.

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