

The chemistry of Brazilian Lauraceae

XLVI. Notes on *Aniba* species

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Abstract

Aniba affinis, *A. cylindriflora* and *A. mas* (Lauraceae) were found to contain respectively benzofuranoid (and a previously unknown bicyclo [3, 2, 1] octanoid) neolignans, 6-styryl-2-pyrones and 6-styryl-4-methoxy-2-pyrones.

In continuation of a series of reports on the chemical composition of Lauraceae, belonging predominantly to the genus *Aniba* [Alvarenga *et al.*, 1977b and previous papers of the series] we examined the following species.

Aniba affinis (Meissn.) Mez

The specimen, from the confluence of the rivers Negro and Maipendi, Amazonas, voucher Herbarium INPA, Manaus, 58520, was collected and identified by Dr. K. Kubitzki, Hamburg.

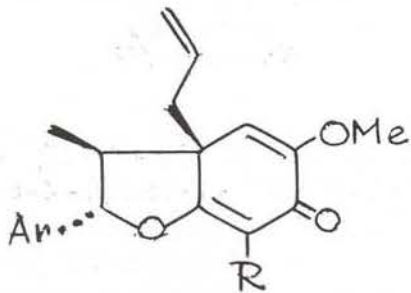
A trunk wood sample (370 g) was extracted with ethanol. The chloroform soluble part (6 g) of the extract (25.5 g) was chromatographed on a silica column. Elution with benzene gave, in order, terpenes (54 mg), benzyl salicylate (40 mg), benzyl benzoate (600 mg), (2S,3S) - 7 - allyl - 6 - hydroxy - 5 - methoxy - 3 - methyl - 2 - piperonyl - 2,3 - dihydrobenzofuran (4 [Gottlieb *et al.*, 1975] 30 mg), (2S,3S) - 6 - 0 - allyl - 5 - methoxy - 3 - methyl - 2 - piperonyl - 2,3 - dihydrobenzofuran (3 [Gottlieb *et al.*, 1975; Alvarenga *et al.*, 1977a] 32 mg), sitosterol (85 mg), 2 - guaiacyl - 7 - methoxy - 3 - methyl - 5 - propenyl - 2,3 - dihydrobenzofuran (5 [Aiba *et al.*, 1973] + 6a, 60

mg), (1S, 5S, 6S, 7R, 8R) - 1 - allyl - 3,8 - dihydroxy - 5 - methoxy - 7 - methyl - 4 - oxo - 6 - piperonylbicyclo [3,2,1] oct-2-ene (7e, 18 mg). Elution with benzene-chloroform 7:3 gave (2S, 3S, 5S) - 5 - allyl - 5 - methoxy - 3 - methyl - 2 - piperonyl - 2, 3, 5, 6 - tetrahydro - 6 - oxobenzofuran (2a [Alvarenga *et al.*, 1977a] 150 mg) and (2S, 3S, 3aR) — 3a - allyl - 5 - methoxy - 3 - methyl - 2 - piperonyl - 2, 3, 3a, 6 - tetrahydro - 6-oxobenzofuran (1a [Lima *et al.*, 1972] 1.19 g). The compounds were purified either by recrystallization (1a, burchellin), or by preparative TLC (silica, 2a: C₆H₆-AcOEt 8:2, all other C₆H₆). The presence of benzaldehyde in benzyl benzoate + benzyl salicylate fractions was ascertained by the characteristic ¹H NMR peaks [Bhacca *et al.*, 1962]. The identity of all other compounds, with exception of 7e which has not been described previously, was confirmed by direct comparison with authentic samples.

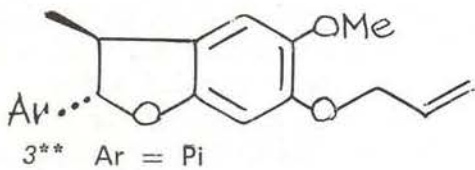
Dehydrodiisoeugenol was previously obtained from Lauraceae in crystalline form (5 [Alba *et al.*, 1973]). The fact that it was isolated from *A. affinis* as an oil may indicate the simultaneous presence of the enantiomers 5 + 6a (for an analogous case see Aiba and Gottlieb, 1975). In this connection it is significant to recall that a previously examined specimen of an *A.* species, provisional ref. 60, voucher INPA 43452, was shown to contain 6b [Fernandes *et al.*, 1976]. This specimen, now also identified with *A. affinis* by Dr. Kubitzki, contains additionally 1a, 1b, 1c, 2b and four bicyclo [3,2,1] octanoid neolignans 7a, 7b, 7c

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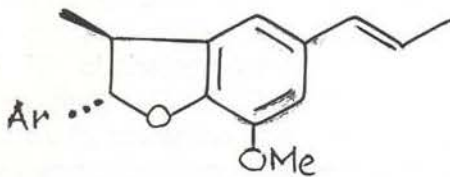
and 7d. The ^1H NMR spectrum of 7b is closely comparable with the analogous spectrum of 7e isolated during the present study (Table 1). The only significant difference refers to the substitution of OMe/OH signals, consistent with the fact that the novel compound 7e is a 3-de-O-methyl derivative of 7b.



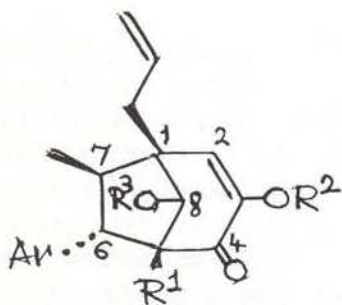
- 1a*/** Ar = Pi, R = H
 1b* Ar = Ve, R = H
 1c* Ar = Ve, R = OMe



- 3** Ar = Pi

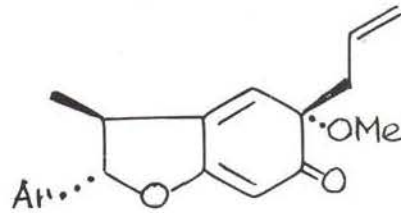


- 5** Ar = Gu

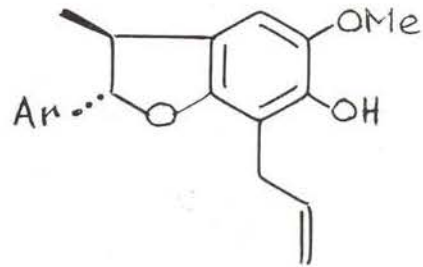


- 7a* Ar = Pi, R¹ = H, R² = Me, R³ = H
 7b* Ar = Pi, R¹ = OMe, R² = Me, R³ = H
 7c* Ar = Pi, R¹ = OMe, R² = Me, R³ = Ac
 7d* Ar = Pi, R¹ = OMe, R² = H, R³ = Ac
 7e** Ar = Pi, R¹ = OMe, R² = H, R³ = H

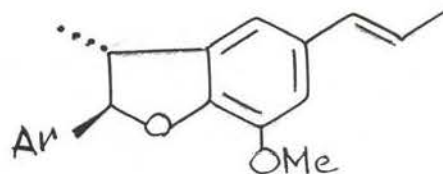
The chemical composition of both specimens is, thus, closely akin. Indeed, compounds 3 and 4, which were isolated only during the present study, are rearrangement products belonging to the reactional sequence 1a → 2a → 3 → 4; and 8 which was isolated only during the previous study, is an oxidation



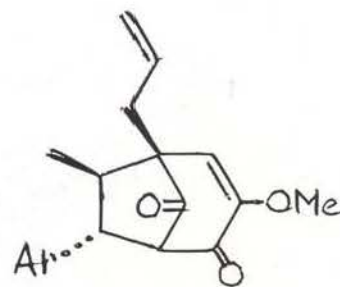
- 2a** Ar = Pi
 2b* Ar = Ve



- 4** Ar = Pi



- 6a** Ar = Gu
 6b* Ar = Ve



- 8* Ar = Pi

Constituents of two specimens of *A. affinis*:
 * [Fernandes *et al.*, 1976]; ** present study.
 Gu ... guaiacyl, Ve ... veratryl, Pi ... piperonyl

product of 7a. It may be, however, of some significance that piperonyl derivatives were found accompanied by guaiacyl derivatives in the present study and veratryl derivatives in the previous study.

7e, viscous oil, $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}$ (cm⁻¹): 1670, 1629, 1498, 1265, 1190, 955. M⁺: 358, C₂₀H₂₂O₆ requires: 358. Me₂SO₄ - methylation gives 7b.

TABLE 1. ¹H NMR spectra of 7b (Fernandes et al., 1976) and 7e in CCl₄

	multiplicity	7b τ	7e τ
Me-7	d, J 6.0 Hz	9.14	8.90
CH ₂ -1, H-7	m	7.3-7.8	7.6-8.2
H-6	m	6.3-6.7	6.8-7.1
OMe-5	s	6.97	6.90
OMe-3	s	6.36	—
H-8	s	6.14	6.29
CH = CH ₂	m	4.6-5.0	4.7-5.2
CH = CH ₂	m	4.1-4.5	3.9-4.3
H-2	s	4.47	4.37
O ₂ CH ₂	s	4.05	4.08
H-2', 5', 6'	m	3.1-3.3	3.3

Aniba cylindriflora Kosterm.

The specimen, from Paraná do Tautú, affluent of Rio Negro, Amazonas, voucher Herbarium INPA, Manaus, 47352, was identified by Dr. K. Kubitzki, Hamburg. A trunk wood sample was treated as described for *Aniba parviflora* (Meissn.) Mez [Rezende et al., 1971] and yielded three of its constituents: 6 - styryl - 2 pyrone, 6 - (4' - hydroxy - 3' - methoxystyryl) - 2 - pyrone, 6 - (3',4' - methylenedioxy - 2 - pyrone, besides 6 - (3',4' - dimethoxystyryl) - 2 - pyrone, so far known only by synthesis [Bittencourt et al., 1971].

Aniba mas Kosterm.

The specimen, from the Ducke Forest Reserve, Manaus, Amazonas, voucher Herbarium INPA, Manaus, 42207, was identified by Dr. K. Kubitzki, Hamburg. A trunk wood sample was treated as described for *Aniba permollis* (Nees) Mez [Rezende et al., 1971] and yielded the same constituents: 6 - (3',4' - methylenedioxyphenyl) - 4 - methoxy - 2 - pyrone, 6 - styryl - 4 - methoxy - 2 - pyrone, 6 - (3',4' - di-

methoxystyryl) - 4 - methoxy - 2 - pyrone and 6 - (3',4' - methylenedioxy - 2 - pyrone. It is indeed probable that the sample thought to be derived from *A. permollis* [Rezende et al., 1971] might have been derived from *A. mas* since Dr. Kubitzki is doubtful concerning the correctness of the identification of the specimen used in the previous study.

Resumo

A madeira do tronco das espécies amazônicas *Aniba affinis*, *A. cylindriflora* e *A. mas* contém respectivamente neolignanas benzofuranóidicas (e uma biciclo [3, 2, 1] octanoídica previamente desconhecida), 6-estiril-2-pironas e 6-estiril-4-metoxi-2-pironas.

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