

RESVERATROL DIMERS FROM STEM BARK OF *Hopea gregaria* AND THEIR CYTOTOXIC PROPERTIES

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ABSTRACT

*Six resveratrol dimers have been isolated from the stem bark of *H. gregaria*, ampelopsin A (1), balanocarpol (2), ε-viniferin (3), hopeafuran (4), heimol A (5), and parviflorol (6). The structures of these compounds were determined based on spectroscopic evidence such as UV, IR, 1-D, 2-D NMR and comparison with the reported data. This compound inventions are strengthen conclusion that *Hopea* tends to produce resveratrol dimers. Biological activity of those compounds against murine leukemia P-388 cells showed that ε-viniferin (3) is the most active compound with IC₅₀ value 5.1 ± 0.3 µg/mL.*

Keywords: *H. gregaria*, resveratrol dimers, murine leukemia P-388 cells.

INTRODUCTION

Dipterocarpaceae has local name "meranti, keruing or selangan", is a big family plant which comprises about 600 species and 16 genera. Major genera of this family are *Shorea* (150 sp.), *Hopea* (100 sp.), *Dipterocarpus* (75 sp.) and *Vatica* (60 sp.) [1]. Phytochemically, main secondary metabolites of Dipterocarpaceae family plant is resveratrol oligomers [2].

Study on resveratrol dimers from stem bark of *Hopea gregaria* carries on phytochemical research of Dipterocarpaceous plants especially *Hopea* genus. Chemical contents of Indonesian *Hopea* plants have been reported that are *H. sangal* [3], *H. bancana* [4], *H. dryobalanoides* [5], and *H. mengarawan* [6]. Chemical data of those plants complete previously information of secondary metabolites of *Hopea* plants i.e. *H. odorata* [6], *H. cardifolia* [7], *H. jucunda* [8], *H. malabato* [9], and *H. parviflora* [10]. Based on the reported chemical data, *Hopea* tends to produce resveratrol dimers.

Some resveratrol oligomers showed interesting activities such as ε-viniferin (dimer) active toward *Staphylococcus oxford* and *Entamoeba coli* [11], *S. aureus* [12], cytotoxic against HL-60 cells [13] and inhibitor rat liver 5α-reductase [14]. ε-Viniferin (trimer) revealed activities toward *S. aureus* [12], and antiinflammatory [15]. Hopeaphenol (tetramer) proved activities against *Microbacterium smegmatis* and *S. aureus* [16] antiinflammatory toward leukotriena B₄ cells [17]. Moreover, the bigger size of resveratrol oligomers, the lower their cytotoxic properties toward murin tyrosinase cells [18]. The diversity of resveratrol

oligomer compounds encourage to determine biological activities of isolated resveratrol dimers from *H. gregaria* toward murin leukemia P-388 cells.

This paper will explain isolation and structure elucidations of resveratrol dimers from stem bark of *H. gregaria*. In addition, cytotoxic properties against murine leukemia P-388 cells and biogenetic relationship of those compounds will be discussed.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedure

Optical rotations were determined using a Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter. UV spectra were measured with a Cary Varian 100 Conc. Spectrophotometer. IR spectra were evaluated by Perkin Elmer Spektrum One FT-IR spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded with JEOL LTD, ECP400 DELTA_NMR spectrometer, operating at 400 MHz (¹H) and 100 MHz (¹³C). Vacuum Liquid Chromatography (VLC) and column chromatography were carried out using silica gel Gee (230-400 mesh) (Merck), while radial chromatography was performed using silica gel PF₂₅₄ (Merck). For TLC analysis, precoated silica gel plates (Merck Kiesel-gel GF₂₅₄ 0.25 mm) were used.

Plant Material

Sample of the stem bark of *H. gregaria* was collected during June 2004 from Pohara Forest Kendari South East Sulawesi. The plant was identified by staff at the Herbarium Bogoriense, Bogor Botanical Garden,

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Bogor, and a voucher specimen has been deposited at the herbarium.

Extraction and Isolation

The dried powdered of stem bark of *H. gregaria* (2.5 kg) was macerated with acetone 3 x 5 L @ 24 hours, and concentrated by vacuum rotary evaporator (280 g extract). A part of acetone extract (25 g) was fractionated by vacuum liquid chromatography (VLC) (silica gel, hexane-ethylacetate to ethylacetate 100 %) to give 5 fractions that are F1 (1.8 g), F2 (2.6 g), F3 (4.3 g), F4 (7.3 g) and F5 (5.4 g). F1 fraction is a non polar fractions which usually contains terpenoids. Moreover, F2 (0.5 g) was fractionated and purified by radial chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane:CHCl₃:MeOH = 4:5:1) to yield compounds 1 (0.10 g) and 2 (0.15 g). Using the same way as F2, F3 (0.5 g) produced compound 3 (0.15 g). Compounds 4 (0.1 g), 5 (0.2 g), and 6 (0.05 g) were isolated by radial chromatography (silica gel, eluent: CHCl₃ : MeOH = 1.5:8.5) from F4 (0.5 g).

Biological Activity Test

Biological activities of the isolated compounds were determined toward murin leukemia P-388 cells using Alley methode [19].

Compound 1, yellow, amorf, mp. 186-189 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -171° (c 0.1 MeOH), UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 205 (5.23), 231 (4.96), 283 nm (4.35), (MeOH+NaOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 211 (5.46), 246 (4.92), 293 nm (4.43). IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3367 (OH), 2920 (CH-aliphatic), 1613, 1514, 1451 (C=C aromatic), and 834 (para-disubstituted benzene). ¹H NMR (MeOH-d₄, 400 MHz) δ_H (ppm) 7.01 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-2/6a), 6.82 (2H, d, J=8.0 Hz, H-2/6b), 6.69 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-3/5a), 6.57 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz, H-3/5b), 6.52 (1H, d, J=2.0 Hz, H-14b), 6.31 (1H, d, J=1.6 Hz, H-12a), 6.11 (2H, d, J=2.0 Hz, H-12b and H-14a), 5.69 (1H, d, J=11.6 Hz, H-7a), 5.38 (2H, d, J=4.8 Hz, H-7/8b), and 4.02 (1H, d, J=11.6 Hz, H-8a). ¹³C NMR (MeOH-d₄, 100 MHz) δ_C (ppm) 160.5 (C-11b), 159.3 (C-13b), 159.2 (C-13a), 158.9 (C-4a), 157.5 (C-11a), 156.2 (C-4b), 143.4 (C-9a), 139.8 (C-9b), 133.2 (C-1a), 131.0 (C-1b), 130.1 (C-2/8a), 129.0 (C-2/8b), 119.9 (C-10b), 119.2 (C-13a), 116.2 (C-3/5a), 115.7 (C-3/5b), 110.8 (C-14b), 105.4 (C-14a), 101.6 (C-12a), 97.6 (C-12b), 89.2 (C-7a), 71.7 (C-8b), 49.5 (C-8a), and 44.1 (C-7b).

Compound 2, yellow, amorf, mp. 186-188 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -12° (c 0.1 MeOH). UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 205 (5.03), 220 (4.98), 284 nm (4.38), (MeOH+NaOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 214 (5.40), 247 (4.99), 295 nm (4.49). IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3368 (OH), 1613, 1512, 1451 (C=C aromatic), and 834 (para-disubstituted benzene). ¹H NMR (Me₂CO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ_H (ppm) 7.50 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-2/8a), 6.95 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-3/5a), 6.75 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-2/8b), 6.42 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-3/5b), 6.25 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz, H-

14b), 6.20 (1H, br s, H-12b), 6.09 (1H, d, J=1.1 Hz, H-12a), 5.96 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz, H-14a), 5.69 (1H, d, J=9.5 Hz, H-7a), 5.40 (1H, br s, H-8b), 5.17 (1H, d, J=9.5 Hz, H-8a), and 4.90 (1H, br s, H-7b). ¹³C NMR (Me₂CO-d₆, 100 MHz) δ_C (ppm) 133.2 (C-1a), 131.3 (C-2(6)a), 113.9 (C-3(5)a), 155.5 (C-4a), 50.0 (C-7a), 72.9 (C-8a), 140.6 (C-9a), 113.6 (C-10a), 159.5 (C-11a), 94.8 (C-12a), 158.9 (C-13a), 104.2 (C-14a), 133.4 (C-1b), 130.3 (C-2/6a), 116.2 (C-3/5b), 158.3 (C-4b), 93.3 (C-7b), 58.3 (C-7b), 142.6 (C-9b), 120.2 (C-10b), 157.2 (C-11b), 101.8 (C-12b), 156.5 (C-13b), and 106.5 (C-14b).

Compound 3, yellow, amorf, mp. 174-176 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -44° (c 0.1 MeOH). UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 203 (5.05), 230 (4.87), 324 nm (4.57), (MeOH+NaOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 211 (5.52), 244 (5.06), 347 nm (4.84). IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3393 (OH), 1606, 1513, 1443 (C=C aromatic), and 832 (para-disubstituted benzene). ¹H NMR (Me₂CO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ_H (ppm) 7.14 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-2/6a), 6.77 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-3/5a), 5.38 (1H, d, J=6.6 Hz, H-7a), 4.35 (1H, d, J=6.6 Hz, H-8a), 6.23 (2H, d, J=2.2 Hz, H-10/14a), 6.20 (1H, br d, H-12a), 7.15 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-2/6b), 6.65 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-3/5b), 6.83 (1H, d, J=16.3 Hz, H-7b), 6.58 (1H, d, J=16.3 Hz, H-8b), 6.26 (1H, d, J=2.1 Hz, H-12b), and 6.64 (1H, d, J=2.1 Hz, H-14b).

Compound 4, yellow, amorf, mp. 204-206 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -65° (c 0.1 MeOH), UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 204 (5.10), 223 (4.96), 396 nm (4.16), (MeOH+NaOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 209 (5.41), 245 (4.92), 441 nm (4.15). IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3365 (OH), 1694 (C=O), 1613, 1512, 1451 (C=C aromatic), and 833 (para-disubstituted benzene). ¹H NMR (Me₂CO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ_H (ppm) 7.70 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz, H-2/6a), 7.34 (1H, d, J=2.1 Hz, H-14b), 7.04 (1H, d, J=2.1 Hz, H-12b), 6.98 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz, H-3/5a), 6.85 (2H, dd, J=8.3, 1.3, H-2/6b), 6.55 (2H, d, J=8.4, H-3/5b), 6.57 (1H, d, J=2.6, H-12a), 6.70 (1H, d, J=2.6 Hz, H-14a), 6.12 (1H, br s, H-7b), OH {8.92 (1H, br s, H-4a), 8.80 (1H, br s, H-11a), 8.36 (1H, br s, H-13a), 8.00 (1H, br s, H-4b), and 8.80 (1H, br s, H-13b)}.

Compound 5, dark yellow, amorf, mp. 229-231 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -22° (c 0.1 MeOH). UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 203 (5.03), 229 (4.82), and 283 nm (4.06), (MeOH+NaOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 206 (5.32), 249 (4.65), and 287 nm (4.09). IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3365 (OH), 2891 (C-H aliphatic), 1612, 1512, 1456 (C=C aromatic), and 838 (para-disubstituted benzene). ¹H NMR (Me₂CO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ_H (ppm) 7.14 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz, H-2/8b), 6.90 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-2/6a), 6.72 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz, H-3/5b), 6.61 (2H, d, J=8.4 Hz, H-3/5a), 6.47 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz, H-14b), 6.41 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz, H-14a), 6.21 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz, H-12b), 6.15 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz, H-12a), 4.98 (1H, d, J=3.3 Hz, H-8b), 5.56 (1H, br s, H-7a), 4.31 (1H, d, J=3.3 Hz, H-7b), and 4.23 (br s, H-8a). ¹³C NMR (Me₂CO-d₆, 100 MHz) δ_C (ppm) 157.8 (C-11b), 157.6 (C-13a), 157.6 (C-13b), 157.5 (C-4a), 156.6 (C-4b),

147.5 (C-11b), 155.1 (C-11a), 147.5 (C-9b), 143.1 (C-9a), 137.4 (C-1a), 137.7 (C-1b), 130.5 (C-2/6a), 128.4 (C-2/6a), 117.3 (C-10b), 116.6 (C-10a), 115.8 (C-3/5b), 115.7 (C-3/5a), 107.7 (C-14a), 105.1 (C-14b), 102.7 (C-12b), 102.5 (C-12a), 81.9 (C-8b), 81.8 (C-7a), 51.3 (C-7b), and 47.4 (C-8a).

Compound 6, yellow, amorph, mp. 172-176 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{20} +122^\circ$ (c 0.1 MeOH). UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 222 (4.99), 339 nm (4.27), (MeOH+NaOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 206 (5.36), 374 nm (4.78). IR $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ 3412 (OH), 1649 (C=O), 1615, 1511, 1461 (C=C aromatic), 836 (para-disubstituted benzene). ^1H NMR (Me₂CO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ_H (ppm) 7.41 (1H, d, $J=2.5$ Hz, H-6b), 6.85 (2H, d, $J=8.8$ Hz, H-2/6a), 6.75 (1H, br d, $J=2.8$ Hz, H-14a), 6.72 (1H, d, $J=2.5$ Hz, H-4b), 6.48 (2H, d, $J=8.8$ Hz, H-3/5a), 6.08 (1H, d, $J=2.5$ Hz, H-12a), 5.30 (1H, br s, H-8a), 5.15 (1H, br s, H-7a), -OH {14.13 (1H, br s, C-3b), 9.17 (1H, br s), 8.66 (1H, br s), 8.49 (1H, br s), and 7.89 (1H, br s)}. ^{13}C NMR (Me₂CO-d₆, 100 MHz) δ_C (ppm) 195.1 (C-8a), 168.5 (C-11b), 164.1 (C-13b), 156.8 (C-13a), 155.7 (C-4b), 155.5 (C-11a), 148.4 (C-9b), 141.1 (C-9a), 130.7 (C-1b), 130.0 (C-2/6b), 121.7 (C-10a), 114.5 (C-3/5b), 111.2 (C-10b), 110.0 (C-14a), 107.7 (C-12a), 106.7 (C-14b), 101.7 (C-12b), 74.3 (C-8b) and 47.9 (C-7b).

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Isolates (1-6) were purified from the acetone-soluble part of stem bark of *H. gregaria* by column chromatography and radial chromatography using silica

gel as adsorbent. Structure elucidations of 1-6 were made by analysis of the spectral data and by comparison with literatures. All of the compounds showed at Fig 1.

UV and IR spectra of compound 1 indicated that this compound has phenolic chromophor and a substituent at *para* position. Moreover, ^{13}C NMR spectra (Table 1) showed 24 carbon signals which represented 28 carbon atoms including 6 C-oxyaryls, 18 C-aromatics and 4 C-aliphatics. This fact proved that compound 1 is a resveratrol dimer. It was supported by ^1H NMR spectra which revealed two sets of *ortho*-coupled protons at δ_H 7.01, 6.68, 6.82, and 6.57 ppm (2H each, d, $J=8.4$ Hz and 8.8 Hz), symbolized two units of *para*-hydroxyphenyl, two sets of *meta*-coupled protons at δ_H 6.31, 6.11, 6.11, and 6.52 ppm (1H each, d, $J=2.0$ Hz), characterized two units of 1,2,3,5-tetrasubstituted benzene, and four methine protons at δ_H 5.69 and 4.02 ppm (1H each, d, $J=11.6$) for a cycloheptadiene system, two protons at δ_H 5.38 ppm (2H, d, $J=4.8$) corresponded to a dihydrofuran ring. Based on the data, compound 1 has molecular formula C₂₈H₂₂O₇, and comparison of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data between compound 1 and literature at Table 1, showed that those data have highly similarity parameters with ampelopsin A [20]. As a result, compound 1 can be proved as ampelopsin A which was also supported by HMBC data (figure 2 and 3).

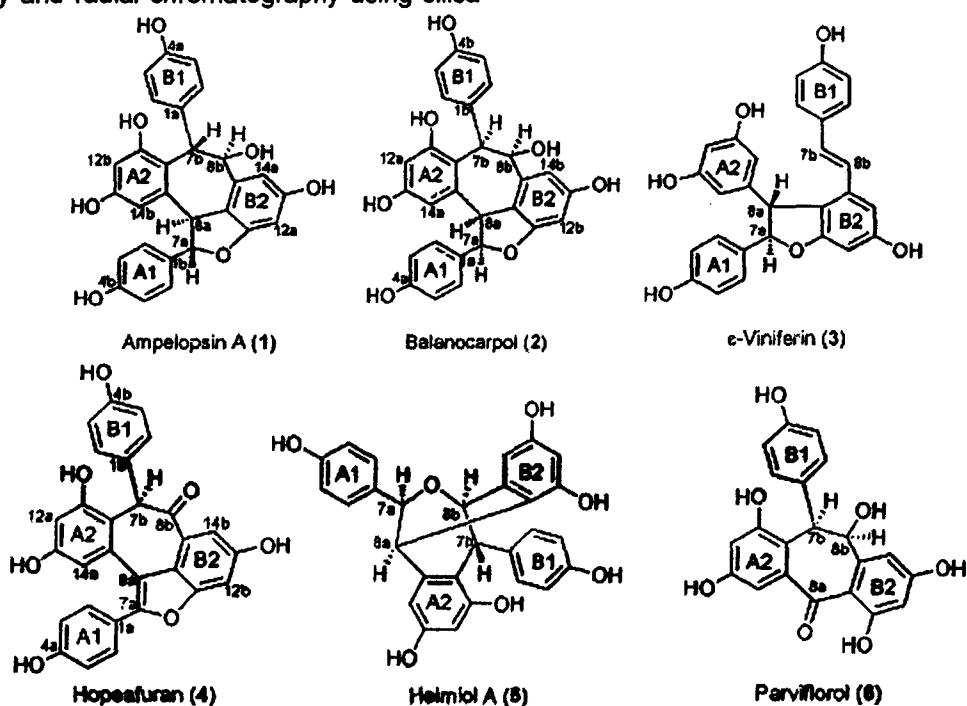


Fig 1. The structure of resveratrol dimers from stem bark of *H. gregaria*

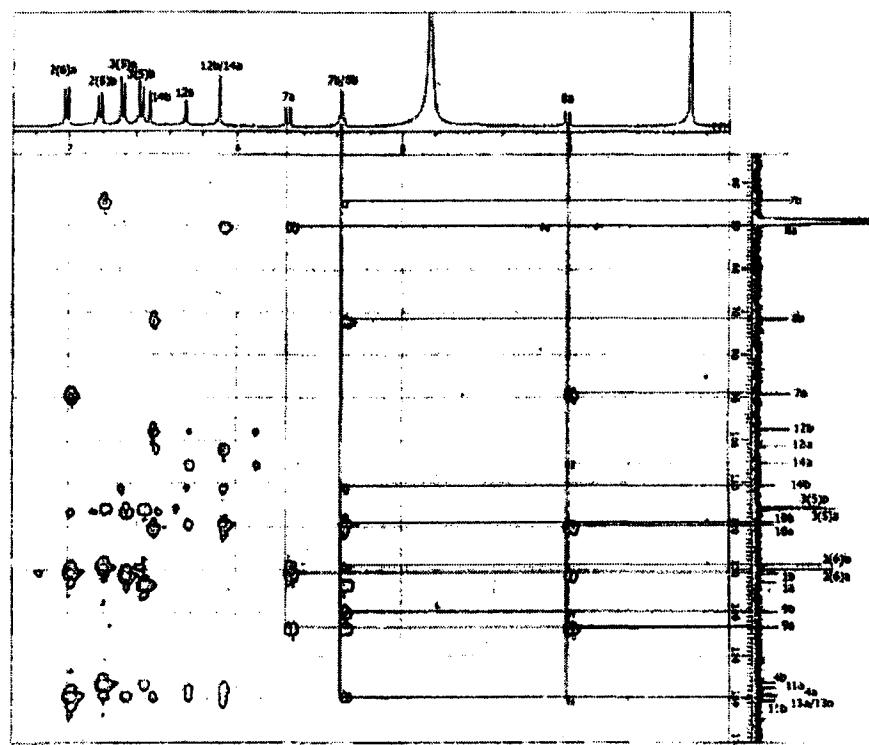


Figure 2. HMBC Spectrum of ampelopsin A (1)

Table 1. NMR spectra of ampelopsin A (1)

No C	δ_H (mult., J in Hz)			δ_C	
	1	1*	1	1*	
1a	-	-		133.2	132.5
2 (6)a	7.01 (2H, d, 8.4)	7.09 (2H, d, 8.8)		130.1	129.9
3 (5)a	6.68 (2H, d, 8.4)	6.75 (2H, d, 8.8)		116.2	116.0
4a	-	-		158.9	158.4
7a	5.69 (1H, d, 11.6)	5.42 (1H, d, 11.3)		89.2	88.3
8a	4.02 (1H, d, 11.6)	4.15 (1H, br d, 11.3)		49.5	49.5
9a	-	-		143.4	143.1
10a	-	-		119.2	118.2
11a	-	-		157.5	157.2
12a	6.31 (1H, d, 1.6)	6.42 (1H, d, 2.5)		101.6	101.6
13a	-	-		159.2	158.8
14a	6.11 (1H, d, 2.0)	6.21 (1H, br s)		105.4	105.5
1b	-	-		131.0	130.9
2 (6)b	6.82 (2H, d, 8.8)	6.88 (2H, d, 8.3)		129.0	128.7
3 (5)b	6.57 (2H, d, 8.8)	6.62 (2H, d, 8.3)		115.7	115.4
4b	-	-		158.2	158.0
7b	5.38 (1H, d, 4.8)	5.42 (1H, br d, 4.9)		71.7	71.2
8b	5.38 (1H, d, 4.8)	5.45 (1H, d, 4.9)		44.1	43.8
9b	-	-		139.8	140.2
10b	-	-		119.9	118.9
11b	-	-		160.5	160.1
12b	6.11 (1H, d, 2.0)	6.14 (1H, br d, 1.9)		97.6	97.1
13b	-	-		159.3	158.8
14b	6.52 (1H, d, 2.0)	6.64 (1H, d, 1.9)		110.8	110.5
OH		3.57 (br s, C-8b) 8.08; 8.17; 8.26; 8.32; 8.40 (each br s, 5 x1H)			

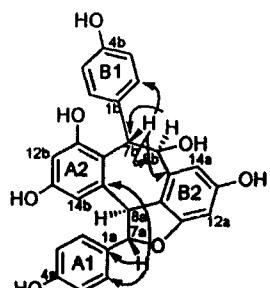


Fig 3. Interpretation of HMBC spectrum of ampelopsin A (1)

Table 2. Chemical shifts of aliphatic protons of ampelopsin A (1) and balanokarpol (2)

No. C	Ampelopsin A (1)	Balanokarpol (2)
7a	5.69 (1H, d, 11.6)	5.69 (1H, d, 9.5)
8a	4.02 (1H, d, 11.6)	5.15 (1H, d, 9.5)
7b	5.38 (1H, d, 4.8)	4.89 (1H, br s)
8b	5.38 (1H, d, 4.8)	5.38 (1H, br s)

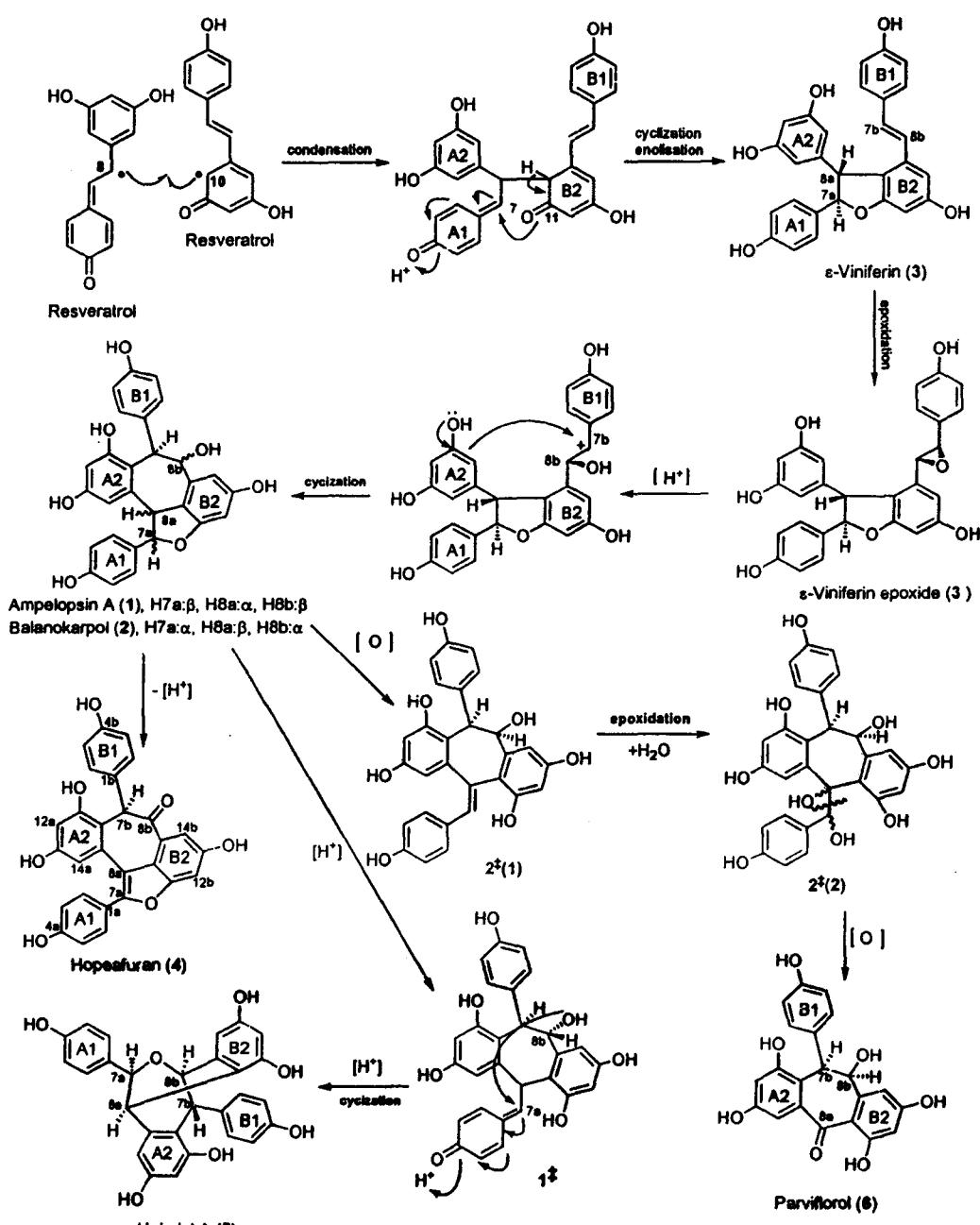


Fig 4. Biogenetic pathway of resveratrol dimers from *H. gregaria*

Furthermore, the structures of **2-6** were determined by interpreting of spectroscopic data alike compound **1**. Compounds **2,3,4,5**, and **6** are balanocarpol [21], ϵ -viniferin [22], hopeafuran [23], heimiol A [24], and parviflorol [20], respectively. Based on ^1H NMR data, the differences between ampelopsin A (**1**) and balanocarpol (**2**) were located at aliphatic protons, especially H-7b and H-8b. At ampelopsin A (**1**), two protons (H-7b and H-8b) are *trans*-position (*d*, $J=4.8$ Hz) while at balanocarpol (**2**) are *cis*-position (*br s*) (Table 2).

ϵ -Viniferin (**3**) is a resveratrol dimer which has a *trans*-vinyllic system as a particular character of this compound at C-7b and C-8b 6.83 (1H, *d*, $J=16.3$ Hz), and 6.58 (1H, *d*, $J=16.3$ Hz), respectively. Furthermore, spectroscopic data showed that hopeafuran (**4**) is a resveratrol dimer that has only a proton aliphatic at δ_{H} 6.12 (1H, *br s*, H-7b) as an individual nature of this compound. The difference of spectral data of heimiol A (**5**) with other resveratrol dimers was displayed by ^{13}C NMR data of aliphatic carbons. This compound has four aliphatic carbons, two of them have identical chemical shifts i.e. C-7a and C-8b (each 81.8 and 81.9 ppm). Conclusion of parviflorol (**6**) structure was especially based on ^{13}C NMR spectra. This compound has only 21 carbon atoms or a resveratrol dimer that has lost seven carbon atoms. In addition, one of the carbon atom is carbonyl atom which gave chemical shift at δ_{C} 195.1 ppm (C-8a). Relationship of those compounds could be seen at biogenetic pathway at Fig 4. This biogenetic pathway followed pattern of synthesis of resveratrol and ϵ -viniferin [25] and biogenetic reactions on tetramerstilbenes [26].

ϵ -Viniferin (**3**) came from two resveratrol units through cyclization and enolization. Epoxidation, hydrogenation and cyclization of compound **3** yielded ampelopsin A (**1**) and balanocarpol (**2**). Dehydrogenation of ampelopsin A (**1**) or balanocarpol (**2**) produced hopeafuran (**4**), whilst oxidation of balanocarpol (**2**) which was followed by epoxidation, hydration and oxidation to give parviflorol (**6**). In the meantime, hydrogenation of ampelopsin A (**1**) and followed by cyclization to produce heimiol A (**5**).

Cytotoxic properties of isolated resveratrol dimers from stem bark of *H. gregaria* against murine leukaemia P-388 cells (Table 3) indicated that ϵ -viniferin (**3**) was the most active compound which was pursued by balanocarpol (**2**), ampelopsin A (**1**), hopeafuran (**4**), parviflorol (**6**) and heimiol A (**5**), respectively. It was predicted that caused by electron distribution of ϵ -viniferin especially at unit B. Orbital hybrid of all carbon atoms at unit B of ϵ -viniferin are sp^2 .

CONCLUSION

Study on resveratrol dimers from acetone extract of *H. gregaria*'s stem bark yielded six resveratrol dimers

that were ampelopsin A (**1**), balanocarpol (**2**), ϵ -viniferin (**3**), hopeafuran (**4**), heimiol A (**5**), and parviflorol (**6**). Biogenetically, all isolated compounds have closed relationship, and ϵ -viniferin (**3**) is a main precursor. Moreover, invention of those compounds is strengthen conclusion that *Hopea* tends to produce resveratrol dimers. The cytotoxic properties against murine leukemia P-388 cells indicated that ϵ -viniferin (**3**) was the most active compound.

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