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Introduction

Chroman-4-one and 4*H*-chromen-4-one derivatives have been isolated from various natural sources, such as fungi, plants, and various marine organisms.¹⁻³ These derivatives are reported to exhibit diverse and remarkable pharmacological activities, such as antiviral, antimicrobial, antifungal, and antitumor activities.³⁻⁸ However, 3-substituted-chroman-4-one and pyrano[4,3-*b*]chromenone derivatives were rarely described. Until now, only one 3-substituted-chroman-4-one compound and nine pyrano[4,3-*b*]chromenone analogues were found in nature.^{9,10}

Marine-derived fungi are widely recognized as prolific sources of biologically active and structurally unique natural products.^{3,11} As part of our ongoing investigation on bioactive metabolites from mangrove endophytic fungi,^{12–17} a chemical

Chroman-4-one and pyrano[4,3-b]chromenone derivatives from the mangrove endophytic fungus *Diaporthe phaseolorum* SKS019⁺

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Seven new compounds: diaporchromanones A–D (1–4), (–)-phomopsichin A (5a), (+)-phomopsichin B (6a), and (\pm)-diaporchromone A (7), along with the known (+)-phomopsichin A (5b) and (–)-phomopsichin B (6b) were isolated from an endophytic fungus *Diaporthe phaseolorum* SKS019. The structures of the new compounds, including their absolute configurations, were determined on the basis of HRESIMS and NMR spectroscopic data, and experimental ECD and Rh₂(OCOCF₃)₄-induced CD spectra analyses. Diaporchromanone A (1)/B (2), and C (3)/D (4) are two pairs of 3-epimers, and their structures possessing 3-substituted-chroman-4-one skeleton are rarely found in natural sources. (–)-Phomopsichin A (5a) and (+)-phomopsichin B (6a) are enantiomers of (+)-phomopsichin A (5b) and (–)-phomopsichin B (6b), respectively. All of the isolates were evaluated for their inhibitory effects against osteoclastogenesis in the RAW 264.7 cell line using luciferase reporter gene assays. Compounds 3–6b exhibited moderate inhibitory effects on osteoclastogenesis by suppressing the receptor activator of NF- κ B by ligand-induced NF- κ B activation.

investigation of the mangrove endophytic fungus *Diaporthe phaseolorum* SKS019, isolated from a fresh branch of the mangrove plant *Acanthus ilicifolius*, was carried out. The CH_2Cl_2 extract of a fermentation broth of the fungus led to the isolation and identification of four chroman-4-one derivatives (1–4), and five pyrano[4,3-*b*]chromenone derivatives (5a–7). In bioactivity assays, compounds 3–6b exhibited moderate inhibitory effects on osteoclastogenesis by suppressing RANKL-induced NF- κ B activation. Herein, details of the isolation, structure elucidation, and bioactivity of these compounds (Fig. 1) are described.



Fig. 1 Structures of the isolated compounds 1-7.

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The mangrove endophytic fungus *D. phaseolorum* SKS019 was cultured on solid rice medium with seawater for 28 days. After incubation, the medium were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and then the organic layers were dried under vacuum to yield solid residue. The residue was purified by various column chromatographic separations to obtain the compounds **1–7**. Compound **5b** and **6b** were identified as (+)-phomopsichin A (**5b**) and (–)-phomopsichin B (**6b**), respectively, by comparisons of the MS and NMR data with those previously reported.⁹

Compound 1 was isolated as a brown powder. Its molecular formula was assigned as C15H16O7 on the basis of (-)-HRESIMS at m/z 307.0818 $[M - H]^-$ (calcd for $C_{15}H_{15}O_7^-$, 307.0818), indicating eight degrees of unsaturation. The IR spectrum of 1 exhibited absorption bands for hydroxyl (3367 cm⁻¹) and conjugated carbonyl (1732 and 1620 cm⁻¹) groups. In the ¹H NMR spectrum (Table 1), the signals for two meta-coupled aromatic protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.46 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz, H-6) and 6.38 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz, H-8), two methylene groups [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.55 (1H, dd, J = 11.5, 5.1 Hz, H-2b), 4.42 (1H, dd, J = 11.5, 9.6 Hz, H-2a); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.81 (1H, dd, J = 17.3, 3.6 Hz, H-2'b), 2.74 (1H, dd, J = 17.3, 8.7 Hz, H-2'a)], two methine groups [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.49 (1H, ddd, J = 8.7, 5.1, 3.6 Hz, H-1'), $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.90 (1H, ddd, J = 9.6, 5.1, 5.1 Hz, H-3)], one methoxy group at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.93 (3H, s, H₃-10), and one methyl group at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.19 (3H, s, H₃-4') were observed. The ¹³C NMR and DEPT spectra showed 15 carbon resonances corresponding to two sp² methine ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 110.4, 104.7), two sp³ methine ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 66.5, 49.6), two sp³ methylene ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 68.6, 46.9), seven sp² quaternary ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 209.2, 191.0, 170.5, 164.0, 163.0, 136.3, 112.0), one methoxyl ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 53.4), and one methyl ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 31.0) carbons. These spectroscopic features illustrated that 1 belonged to the family of chromanone. A literature survey suggested that the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of 1 were very similar to the known polivione isolated from fungus Penicillium frequentans.¹⁰ The presence of a 1,2,3,5-tetrasubstituted aromatic ring was confirmed by the meta-coupled

aromatic protons of H-6 and H-8. The COSY spectrum showed the ${}^{1}\text{H}{-}{}^{1}\text{H}$ spin system of H₂-2/H-3/H-1'/H₂-2', assigned the fragment of -CH₂-CH-CH-CH₂-. The HMBC correlations from H₂-2 to C-3, C-4, and C-8a, and from H-3 to C-4 established the core structure of a chroman-4-one. The HMBC correlations (Fig. 2) from the aromatic proton H-6 and from the methoxy protons H₃-10 to the carbonyl C-9 indicated the existence of a methyl benzoate moiety. The attachment of 7-OH group was confirmed by the HMBC correlations from H-6 to C-7 and from H-8 to C-7. The substitution of a butan-2-one fragment at C-3 was inferred from the cross peaks of H₃-4'/C-3', C-2', and of H-1'/C-2, C-4, and C-3' in the HMBC spectrum. The above mentioned data established the planar structure of **1**.

There are two stereogenic centers (C-3 and C-1') in **1**. The absolute configuration at C-3 in **1** was determined by analysis of electronic circular dichroism (ECD) spectrum using ketone octant rule.¹⁸ For cyclic aryl-ketone compounds, a modified octant rule demonstrated that the positive cotton effect (CE) for the $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ carbonyl transition indicate 3*R* absolute configuration, while the negative CE for the $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ carbonyl transition indicate 3*S* absolute configuration.^{18,19} Compound **1** showed UV



Fig. 2 Selected ${}^{1}H-{}^{1}H$ COSY (bold line) and HMBC (arrow) correlations of compounds 1–7.

Table 1 ¹H and ¹³C NMR (500 MHz) spectroscopic data for compounds 1 and 2

Position	1 (CDCl ₃)		2 (CDCl ₃)		
	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (<i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$, type	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (<i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$, type	
2	4.55, dd (11.5, 5.1) 4.42, dd (11.5, 9.6)	68.6, CH ₂	4.70, dd (11.6, 6.3) 4.52, dd (11.6, 3.9)	68.0, CH ₂	
3	2.90, ddd (9.6, 5.1, 5.1)	49.6, CH	2.64, ddd (8.5, 6.3, 3.9)	50.6, CH	
4		191.0, C		190.3, C	
4a		112.0, C		111.6, C	
5		136.3, C		136.4, C	
6	6.46, d (2.3)	110.4, CH	6.44, d (2.3)	110.3, CH	
7		163.0, C		162.8, C	
8	6.38, d (2.3)	104.7, CH	6.39, d (2.3)	104.6, CH	
8a		164.0, C		163.9, C	
9		170.5, C		170.4, C	
1′	4.49, ddd (8.7, 5.1, 3.6)	66.5, CH	4.38, ddd (8.5, 8.5, 2.9)	64.1, CH	
2'	2.81, dd (17.3, 3.6) 2.74, dd (17.3, 8.7)	46.9, CH ₂	2.85, dd (18.1, 2.9) 2.72, dd (18.1, 8.5)	47.5, CH ₂	
3′		209.2, C		210.2, C	
4'	2.19, s	31.0, CH ₃	2.19, s	30.9, CH ₃	
10-CH ₃ O	3.93, s	53.4, CH ₃	3.94, s	53.3, CH ₃	

absorption bands at 279 nm ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$) and 320 nm ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$). The ECD spectrum of **1** displayed a positive CE at 329 nm (Fig. 3, left) and confirmed the absolute configuration of the stereogenic center C-3 as R. The absolute configuration of the C-1' was assigned to be S on the basis of the CD spectrum for the complex of compound 1 with $[Rh_2(OCOCF_3)_4]$, which showed a positive E band (Fig. 5).²⁰⁻²² In addition, the predicted ECD curves of 1 were calculated by a quantum chemical method at the CAM-B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level, and the theoretical ECD curve for 3R1'S-1 showed an excellent fit with the experimental one. Therefore, the absolute configuration of the stereogenic centers for 1 was assigned as 3R and 1'S. Thus, compound 1 was named diaporchromanone A. Since the first 3-substitutedchroman-4-one derivative polivione was described in 1985,10 this was the second example to report the 3-substitutedchroman-4-one analogues.

Compound 2 was isolated as a brown powder, possessing the same molecular formula $C_{15}H_{16}O_7$ as 1. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (Table 1) of 2 were very similar to those of 1, except that the ¹³C NMR chemical shifts at C-2, C-3, C-1', C-2' (δ_C 68.0, 50.6, 64.1, and 47.5) were different from those in 1 (δ_C 68.6, 49.6, 66.5, and 46.9), respectively. Further investigations of the ¹H–¹H COSY and HMBC experiments (Fig. 2) indicated that 2 shared the same planar structure with 1. In the ¹H NMR

spectrum, although the resonance value for H-3 of 2 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.64) was up-shifted slightly than that in 1 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.90), the coupling constants of H-3/H₂-2 (J = 6.3, 3.9 Hz) and of H-3/H-1' (J = 8.5 Hz) were obviously different with those in 1 ($J_{\rm H-3/H-2} = 9.6$, 5.1 Hz, $J_{\rm H-3/H-1'} = 5.1$ Hz). Compound 2 displayed a negative CE at the n $\rightarrow \pi^*$ carbonyl transition (318 nm) in the ECD spectrum (Fig. 3, right), which confirmed 3*S* absolute configuration *via* applying the octant rule.¹⁸ Furthermore, the Rh-complex of 2 displayed a positive E band (Fig. 5), indicating 1'*S* absolute configuration for 2, which was the same with that in 1. Therefore, compound 2 was identified as 3-epimer of 1, and was named diaporchromanone B.

The molecular formula of compounds **3** and **4** were determined to be $C_{16}H_{18}O_7$ by (–)-HRESIMS peak at m/z 321.0970 [M – H]⁻, which was one CH₂ unit greater than that for **1** and **2**. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (Table 2) of **3** and **4** resembled those of **1** and **2**, respectively, except that the additional signals for a methoxy group ($\delta_{H/C}$ 3.85/56.1 in **3**; $\delta_{H/C}$ 3.84/56.1 in **4**) were observed. The methoxy group C-11 was connected to C-7 on the basis of the HMBC correlation (Fig. 2) from the methoxy protons to C-7 (δ_C 164.1) in **3** and **4**. The absolute configurations of stereogenic centers for **3** and **4** were assigned as 3R, 1'S and 3S, 1'S on the basis of the same ECD absorption curves as **1** and **2** (Fig. 3), respectively. Compounds **3** and **4**,



Fig. 3 Experimental and calculated ECD spectra of compounds 1/3 (left) and 2/4 (right) in methanol.

Table 2	¹ H and ¹	¹³ C NMR (500) MHz)	spectroscop	oic data	for com	pounds 3	and 4
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	3 (CDCl ₃)		4 (CDCl ₃)		
Position	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (<i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$, type	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (<i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$, type	
2	4.60, dd (11.5, 5.1) 4.47, dd (11.5, 9.6)	68.6, CH ₂	4.71, dd (11.6, 6.3) 4.57, dd (11.6, 3.9)	68.2, CH ₂	
3	2.96, ddd (9.6, 5.1, 5.1)	49.6, CH	2.66, ddd (8.5, 6.3, 3.9)	50.6, CH	
4		190.9, C		190.2, C	
4a		112.3, C		111.7, C	
5		136.3, C		136.3, C	
6	6.56, d (2.4)	109.8, CH	6.54, d (2.4)	109.8, CH	
7		164.1, C	, , ,	164.0, C	
8	6.46, d (2.4)	102.2, CH	6.46, d (2.4)	102.0, CH	
8a		165.6, C		165.5, C	
9		169.7, C		169.7, C	
1'	4.51, ddd (8.7, 5.1, 3.6)	66.4, CH	4.38, ddd (8.5, 8.5, 2.9)	64.0, CH	
2'	2.80, dd (17.3, 8.7)	46.8, CH ₂	2.88, dd (18.1, 2.9)	47.7, CH ₂	
	2.74, dd (17.3, 3.6)		2.71, dd (18.1, 8.5)		
3'		208.8, C		210.0, C	
4'	2.18, s	31.0, CH ₃	2.18, s	30.9, CH ₃	
10-CH ₃ O	3.93, s	53.1, CH ₃	3.94, s	53.1, CH ₃	
11-CH ₃ O	3.85, s	56.1, CH ₃	3.84, s	56.1, CH ₃	

a pair of 3-epimers, were named diaporchromanones C and D, accordingly.

Compound 5a was obtained as a white powder. The molecular formula of C16H16O7 was determined on the basis of (-)-HRESIMS m/z 319.0818 $[M - H]^-$, representing nine degrees of unsaturation. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 3) of 5a were the same as the known phomopsichin A (5b),⁹ which was previously isolated from mangrove endophytic fungus phomopsis sp. 33#. However, compound 5a showed a negative optical rotation value $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ -12 (c 0.3, MeOH), which was opposite to that of **5b** $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +12.5. Furthermore, compounds **5a** and 5b presented reverse absorption curves in the ECD spectra (Fig. 4, left). Based on the above data, it was deduced that 5a and 5b were enantiomers, and the absolute configuration of stereogenic centers for 5a was assigned as 9S, 11R. Finally, compound 5a was named (-)-phomopsichin A. To the best of our knowledge, compound 5a is the tenth example of pyrano [4,3-b]chromenone derivatives from natural sources.

The molecular formula of compound **6a** was established as $C_{17}H_{18}O_8$ on the basis of (–)-HRESIMS at m/z 349.0921 [M – H][–] (calcd for 349.0923), indicating nine degrees of unsaturation. Detailed analysis of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 3) of **6a** indicated that the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of **6a** were the same

as phomopsichin B (**6b**).⁹ As seen in compounds **5a** and **5b**, the optical rotation value $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 16$ (*c* 0.4, MeOH) of **6a** was opposite to that of phomopsichin B (**6b**). Moreover, compounds **6a** and **6b** presented the reverse ECD absorption curves (Fig. 4, right). Thus, compound **6a** was identified to be enantiomer of **6b**, and the absolute configuration of stereogenic centers for **6a** was determined as 9*R*, 11*S*. Finally, compound **6a** was named as (+)-phomopsichin B.

Compound 7 had a molecular formula of $C_{16}H_{16}O_7$, as established by the (–)-HRESIMS m/z 319.0811 [M – H]⁻, implying nine degrees of unsaturation. The ¹³C NMR data showed 16 carbons (Table 3), including two sp² methine (δ_C 113.0, 101.7), two sp³ methylene (δ_C 57.5, 37.1), eight sp² quaternary (δ_C 173.7, 169.5, 163.2, 158.4, 158.0, 134.7, 115.5, 114.4), one sp³ quaternary (δ_C 95.4), two methoxyl (δ_C 56.2, 53.2), and one methyl (δ_C 29.5) carbons. Comparing the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of 7 with those of **5a** revealed that two sp³ methine (C-9 and C-11) in **5a** were replaced by one sp³ methylene and one sp³ quaternary carbons in 7. These changes were proved by the HMBC correlations from H₂-10 to C-11, from H₃-12 to C-10 and C-11, and from H₂-9 to C-3, C-4 and C-11. In addition, the methoxy group C-16 was linked to C-7 established by the HMBC correlation (Fig. 2) from the methoxy protons (δ_H

Position	5a (acetone- d_6)		$\mathbf{6a} \ (\mathrm{CDCl}_3)$		7 (CDCl ₃)	
	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (<i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$, type	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (J in Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$, type	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (<i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$, type
2		164.1, C		163.5, C		158.4, C
3		117.4, C		116.2, C		115.5, C
4		173.2, C		173.5, C		173.7, C
4a		114.8, C		116.7, C		114.4, C
5		136.4, C		124.7, C		134.7, C
6	6.85, d (2.3)	113.9, CH	6.93, s	107.9, CH	6.89, d (2.3)	113.0, CH
7		162.5, C		148.9, C		163.2, C
8	6.93, d (2.3)	104.4, CH		134.7, C	6.87, d (2.3)	101.7, CH
8a		158.4, C		144.3, C		158.0, C
9	5.40, s	95.3, CH	5.58, s	94.6, CH	4.72, m	$57.5, CH_2$
10	2.67, dd (17.7, 3.8) 2.58, dd (17.7, 10.9)	34.6, CH ₂	2.65, m	34.5, CH ₂	2.86, dd (17.4, 2.8) 2.76, dd (17.4, 9.8)	37.1, CH ₂
11	4.34, m	62.8, CH	4.42, m	62.1, CH		95.4, C
12	1.34, d (6.3)	21.0, CH ₃	1.40, d (6.3)	21.0, CH ₃	1.63, s	29.5, CH_3
13		169.5, C		169.7, C		169.5, C
14-CH ₃ O	3.86, s	52.8, CH ₃	3.97, s	53.2, CH ₃	3.98, s	$53.2, CH_3$
15-CH ₃ O	3.43, s	55.6, CH ₃	3.55, s	55.9, CH ₃		
16-CH ₃ O			4.01, s	56.9, CH ₃	3.90, s	56.2, CH ₃



Fig. 4 Experimental ECD spectra of compounds 5a/5b (left) and 6a/6b (right) in methanol.



Fig. 5 CD spectrum of Rh-complex of 1–4 with the inherent CD spectrum subtracted.

 Table 4
 Inhibitory effects of eight compounds on osteoclastogenesis

 by luciferase reporter gene assay

No.	% inhibition (50 µM)	$\mathrm{IC}_{50}^{a}\left(\mu\mathbf{M}\right)$	$\mathrm{CC}_{50}{}^{b}\left(\mu\mathrm{M}\right)$
1	15	_	>50
2	20	—	>50
3	51	43 ± 1.3	>50
4	60	41 ± 0.3	>50
5a	46	46 ± 0.8	>50
5b	50	43 ± 2.1	>50
6a	65	30 ± 1.3	>50
6b	70	28 ± 0.5	>50
JSH-23 ^c		10.8 ± 1.3	

 a IC₅₀: 50% inhibitory concentration. b CC₅₀: 50% cytotoxic concentration. c Positive control; compound 7 was not evaluated for their bioactivity because of sample limitations.

3.90, H₃-16) to C-7 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 163.2). Thus, the planar structure was elucidated. Because the optical rotation value of 7 was nearly zero and the ECD spectrum of 7 didn't show absorption curves, it was deduced that diaporchromone A (7) was obtained as racemic mixture. Unfortunately, further chiral separations of 7 by HPLC using S-Chiral A or chiralcel OD columns were failed. Finally, compound 7 was named (±) diaporchromone A.

Compounds (1–6b) were tested for their inhibitory activity of osteoclastogenesis by suppressing RANKL-induced NF- κ B activation using RAW 264.7 cell line. The results (Table 4) showed that compounds 3–6b exhibited moderate activities with IC₅₀ values from 28 to 46 μ M, in contrast to positive control (JSH-23, IC₅₀ = 10.8 μ M). Interestingly, the different configurations in 5a/5b and 6a/6b almost didn't affect their activities. However, compounds 1 and 2 showed no inhibitory effects at a concentration of 50 μ M. Compounds (1–6b) were tested for their cytotoxicity using MDA-MB-435 and MCF10A human cell lines. None of these compounds showed growth inhibitory activity against MDA-MB-435 and MCF10A cell lines at a concentration of 50 μ M.

Experimental section

General experimental procedures

IR data were recorded on a Nicolet 5DX-FTIR (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc., Hudson, NH, USA), in KBr discs. UV data were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-240 spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan). Optical rotations were measured on

a Bellingham-Stanley ADP 440+ polarimeter at 25 °C. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz), ¹³C NMR (125 MHz), and 2D NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AVANCE-500 (Bruker BioSpin Corporation, Billerica, MA, USA) using TMS as an internal reference. ESIMS were acquired on a Thermofisher LTQ Orbitrp Elite LC-MS spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc., Hudson, NH, USA), and the HRESIMS data were measured on a Micro Mass Q-TOF spectrometer (Waters Corporation, Milford, MA, USA). TLC analysis was carried out on silica gel plates (Marine Chemical Ltd., Qingdao, China). The chiral HPLC separation was accomplished over an S-Chiral A column (column size: 10×250 mm 5 µm; Acchrom Technologies Co., Ltd., Beijing, China). RP-C18 silica gel (Fuji, 40-75 µm, Fuji Silysia Chemical Ltd., Kasugai, Japan), silica gel (200-300 mesh, Marine Chemical Ltd., Qingdao, China), high silica gel (H, Marine Chemical Ltd., Qingdao, China), and Sephadex LH-20 (GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences AB, Stockholm, Sweden) were used for column chromatography (CC). RAW264.7 cells were gifted from Professor Jiake Xu from the School of Pathology and laboratory Medicine, the University of Western Australia. Human breast cancer cell line MDA-MB-435 and immortalized non-cancer breast epithelial cells MCF10A were purchased from the cell bank of Chinese Academy of Sciences (Shanghai, China). Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM), fetal bovine serum (FBS), 2 mM L^{-1} glutamine, 100 units mL^{-1} penicillin, and 100 µg mL^{-1} streptomycin were obtained from Invitrogen-Gibco (Grand Island, NY, USA). RANKL was purchased from Peprotech EC Ltd. (London, UK). 3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide (MTT) reagent was purchased from Genview (Houston, TX, USA). 4-Methyl-N1-(3-phenylpropyl)-1,2benzenediamine (JSH-23, >98%) was purchased from Sigma (Buchs, Switzerland), and all other chemicals were obtained from Sigma (St. Louis, USA).

Fungal material

The fungal strain SKS019 was isolated from the branches of the mangrove plant *Acanthus ilicifolius* collected from Shankou in Guangxi province, China. The fungus was identified by our team as *Diaporthe phaseolorum* SKS019, according to a molecular biological protocol by DNA amplification and sequencing of the ITS region (deposited in GenBank, accession no. KX815357). A voucher strain was deposited in School of Chemistry, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, with the access code, 2016-SKS019.

Fermentation, extraction and isolation

The fungus *Diaporthe phaseolorum* SKS019 was grown on a solid autoclaved rice substrate medium (sixty 500 mL Erlenmeyer flasks, each containing 50 g of rice and 50 mL of 0.3% of saline water) for 28 days at room temperature. The mycelia and solid rice medium were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. The organic solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure to yield a crude extract (26.3 g), then chromatographed on silica gel column (100 g, 100–200 mesh, 6 × 50 cm) eluting with a step gradient of petroleum ether (PE)–ethyl acetate (EA) (100 : 0; 9 : 1; 8 : 2; 7 : 3; 6 : 4; 5 : 5; 4 : 6; 3 : 7; 0 : 100, v/v, each 500 mL)

to give nine fractions (F1-F9). F4 (1.5 g) was subjected to a silica gel column (5.0 \times 30 cm), eluting with gradient of CH₂Cl₂/ MeOH (100:1) to yield five subfractions (F401-F405). F401 (0.5 g) was further fractionated on Sephadex LH-20 (110 g, 110×3 cm) eluting with CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH (1 L, 1 : 1, v/v) to give two sets of mixtures F401a (13 mg) and F401b (9 mg). After evaluation by the ¹³C NMR analysis, F401a and F401b both contained two sets of diastereoisomers. And then F401a was purified by HPLC on an S-Chiral A column, using hexane/2-propanol (70:30, v/v, flow rate: 1.5 mL min⁻¹) as the solvent system, to yield 1 $(5 \text{ mg}, t_{\text{R}} = 11.5 \text{ min})$ and 2 $(3 \text{ mg}, t_{\text{R}} = 13.0 \text{ min})$, and F401b was also purified by HPLC on an S-Chiral A column, using hexane/2propanol (90 : 10, v/v, flow rate: 1.5 mL min⁻¹) as the solvent system, to obtain 3 (4 mg, t_R = 34.9 min) and 4 (3 mg, t_R = 38.8 min). F402 (200 mg) was purified by HPLC on a semipreparative SB-C₁₈ column, using MeOH-H₂O (45 : 55, v/v, flow rate: 1.0 mL min^{-1}) as the solvent system, to afford F402-3 (5a/5b, 25 mg), F402-4 (6a/6b, 20 mg), and 7 (4 mg). F402-3 and F402-4 were further separated by chiral HPLC using an S-Chiral A column to yield 5a (8 mg) and 5b (10 mg), 6a (9 mg) and 6b (7 mg), respectively.

Diaporchromanone A (1). Brown powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 23$ (*c* 0.20, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 216 (4.4), 240 (4.1), 279 (4.1), 320 (4.0) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 215 (+3.3), 242 (+4.2), 329 (+2.0) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3367, 2936, 1732, 1620, 1306, 1166 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, Table 1; (-)-ESIMS *m*/*z* 307.1 [M – H]⁻; (-)-HRESIMS at *m*/*z* 307.0818 [M – H]⁻ (calcd for C₁₅H₁₅O₇ 307.0818).

Diaporchromanone B (2). Brown powder; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 18$ (*c* 0.10, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 216 (4.4), 240 (4.1), 279 (4.1), 320 (4.0) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 240 (-2.8), 318 (-5.2) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3356, 2948, 1716, 1604, 1300, 1160 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, Table 1; (-)-ESIMS *m/z* 307.1 [M - H]⁻; (-)-HRESIMS at *m/z* 307.0810 [M - H]⁻ (calcd for C₁₅H₁₅O₇ 307.0818).

Diaporchromanone C (3). Brown powder; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 25$ (*c* 0.22, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 216 (4.4), 240 (4.1), 279 (4.1), 320 (4.0) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 215 (+3.3), 242 (+4.2), 329 (+0.7) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3503, 2925, 1725, 1600, 1292, 1150 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, Table 2; (-)-ESIMS *m/z* 321.1 [M – H]⁻; (-)-HRESIMS at *m/z* 321.0970 [M – H]⁻ (calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₇ 321.0974).

Diaporchromanone D (4). Brown powder; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 15$ (*c* 0.16, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 216 (4.4), 240 (4.1), 279 (4.1), 320 (4.0) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 240 (-6.0), 318 (-8.6) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3458, 2950, 1739, 1610, 1298, 1158 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, Table 2; (-)-ESIMS *m/z* 321.1 [M - H]⁻; (-)-HRESIMS at *m/z* 321.0973 [M - H]⁻ (calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₇ 321.0974).

(-)-Phomopsichin A (5a). White powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 12$ (*c* 0.3, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 218 (4.4), 290 (4.0) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\varepsilon$) 211 (-8.6), 233 (+6.3), 248 (+4.3), 284 (+6.1), 314 (-10.5) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3410, 2925, 1744, 1655, 1287, 1225 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, Table 3; (-)-ESIMS *m*/*z* 319.1 [M - H]⁻; (-)-HRESIMS at *m*/*z* 319.0818 [M - H]⁻ (calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₇ 319.0818).

(+)-Phomopsichin B (6a). White powder; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +16 (*c* 0.4, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 238 (4.4), 299 (3.8) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 224 (-6.6), 250 (-3.0), 265 (-2.6), 318 (+3.1) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3421, 2944, 1726, 1658, 1429, 1357, 1110 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, Table 3; (-)-ESIMS *m/z* 349.1 [M - H]⁻; (-)-HRESIMS at *m/z* 349.0921 [M - H]⁻ (calcd for C₁₇H₁₇O₈ 349.0923).

(±)-Diaporchromone A (7). White powder; $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$ 0 (*c* 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH) $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (log ε) 220 (4.4), 290 (4.0) nm; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3420, 2923, 1736, 1615, 1292, 1151 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, Table 3; (–)-ESIMS *m*/*z* 319.1 [M – H]⁻; (–)-HRESIMS at *m*/*z* 319.0811 [M – H]⁻ (calcd for C₁₆H₁₅O₇ 319.0818).

Determination of absolute configurations of the secondary alcohol in compounds 1–4

According to the published procedure,^{20,22} compounds 1–4 (0.5 mg) were dissolved in a dry solution of the stock $[Rh_2(OCOCF_3)_4]$ complex (1.5 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (200 µL). The first CD spectrum was recorded immediately after mixing, and its time evolution was monitored until stationary (about 10 min after mixing). The inherent CD was subtracted. The observed sign of the E band at 350 nm in the induced CD spectrum was correlated to the absolute configuration of the C-1' secondary alcohol.

Cytotoxicity assay

As our previous reported method.¹² Human breast cancer cell line MDA-MB-435 and immortalized non-cancer breast epithelial cells MCF10A were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA) supplemented with 5% fetal bovine serum (Hyclone, Logan, UT, USA), 100 μ g mL⁻¹ streptomycin, 2 mM L⁻¹ glutamine and 100 units mL⁻¹ penicillin (Invitrogen). The cultures were maintained at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂.

Cells were seeded in 96-well flat-bottom plates at a density of 1×10^4 cells per well and cultured in a humidified incubator for 24 h, followed by exposure to various concentrations of compounds for 48 h. Subsequently, 20 µL of 3-(4,5dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide (MTT) reagent (Genview, Houston, TX, USA) dissolved in phosphatebuffered saline (PBS) (pH 7.4) at a concentration of 5 mg mL⁻¹ was added to each well, and the cells were incubated for additional 4 h. The MTT-formazan crystals formed were dissolved in 150 µL DMSO (Sangon Biotech, Shanghai, China), and the absorbance was measured at 570 nm with a reference wavelength of 630 nm using a microplate reader. Cell growth inhibition was determined using the following formula according to a previously published method: growth inhibition $(\%) = (1 - OD \text{ of treated cells/OD of control cells}) \times 100\%$. The half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC50) was calculated from the dose-response curves with GraphPad Prism software.

Luciferase reporter gene activity assay

As previous reported method with slight modifications,²³ the effect of isolated compounds on RANKL-induced NF- κ B activation was conducted using RAW 264.7 cells stably transfected

with an NF-κB driven luciferase reporter gene construct (3*kB-Luc-SV*40). Various concentrations of isolated compounds (**1–6b**) were treated for 1 h followed by 100 ng mL⁻¹ RANKL for 6 h on RAW 264.7 cells stably transfected with an NF-κB-driven luciferase reporter gene. Luciferase activities were measured using a Promega Luciferase Assay System (Promega, Madison, WI, USA), and normalized to that of the vehicle control.

Conclusions

In summary, seven new (1–4, 5a, 6a, and 7) and two known metabolites (5b, 6b) were isolated and identified from the culture of the endophytic fungus *D. phaseolorum* SKS019. Diaporchromanones A–D (1–4) possessing 3-substituted-chroman-4-one nucleus are rarely found in natural sources. To the best of our knowledge, the first 3-substituted-chroman-4-one derivative, polivione, was described in 1985.¹⁰ Diaporchromanones A–D (1–4) descripted in this paper were the second example of the 3-substituted-chroman-4-one analogues. Furthermore, chromanone components are reported for the first time from the *Diaporthe* sp. Our findings would enrich chemical context of the genus *Diaporthe* and expand the chemical and biological diversity of chromanones. In bioactivity assays, compounds 3–6b exhibited moderate inhibitory effects by suppressing RANKL-induced NF- κ B activation using RAW 264.7 cell line.

Conflicts of interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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