The Chemistry of Brazilian Lauraceae
LXXI. Styrylpyrones of Aniba panurensis and A. permollis

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The present series (for part LXX see Santos, 1982) includes the chemical registry of samples attributed to particular *Aniba* species. The identification of all the specimens used in these studies has now been critically examined, and confirmed, corrected or placed in doubt (Gottlieb & Kubitzki, 1981a). Two of the corrections referred to *A. mas* Kosterm. (voucher Herbarium INPA 42207) (Diaz *et al.*, 1977) and to *A. permollis* (Nees) Mez (Rezende *et al.*, 1971). Both specimens were reported to contain 4-methoxy-6-(3',4'-methylenedioxyphenyl)-2-pyrone,4-methoxy-6-(E)-styryl-2-pyrone,4-methoxy-6-(E)-(3',4'-methylenedioxystyryl-2-pyrone and 4-methoxy-6-(E)-(3',4'-dimethoxystyryl)-2-pyrone. The analysed samples are now attributed to *A. panurensis* (Meissn.)' Mez and it is this pan-Amazonian (Gottlieb & Kubitzki, 1981b) species which must be considered to possess the indicated chemical composition.

The re-assignment of identities opens the question concerning the chemical compositions of *A. mas* and of *A. permollis*. A specimen of the latter species (voucher Herbarium INPA 84469), collected at Tefé, Amazonas State, Brazil, was examined and found to contain, besides benzyl benzoate and methyleugenol, 6-(E)-(3',4'-methylenedioxystyryl)-2-pyrone and 6-(E)-3',4'-dimethoxystyryl)-2-pyrone. Strangely enough 6-(E)-styryl-2-pyrone was not detected. If present at all it is certainly a minor component. In opposition it is precisely this 3',4'-unsubstituted derivative which vastly predominates over the dioxygenated derivatives in *A. cylindriflora* Kosterm. (Diaz *et al.*, 1977). It is deemed probable that a specimen of identical composition previously considered to represent *A. parviflora* (Meissn.) Mez (Rezende *et al.*, 1971; Bittencourt *et al.*, 1971) in fact represents *A. cylindriflora* (Gottlieb & Kubitzki, 1981a).

Thus 6-styryl-2-pyrones without a substituent at position 4, having been found so far only in *A. cylindriflora* and *A. permollis*, are seemingly less widespread in the genus than 4-methoxy-6-styryl-2-pyrones, located in *A. panurensis* and additionally in *A. canelilla* (H.B.K.) Mez (Rezende *et al.*, 1971), *A. kappleri* Mez (Santos *et al.*, 1982), *A. heringerii* Vattimo (Mors *et al.*, 1962) and *A. firmula* (Nees et Mart.) Mez (Gottlieb & Mors, 1959), the latter species now considered (Gottlieb & Kubitzki, 1981a) to incorporate *A. gardneri* (Meissn.) Mez (Bülow & Gottlieb, 1968; Mascarenhas & Gottlieb, 1977).

RESUMO

Amostras das madeiras de **Aniba panurensis** (Meissn.) Mez e de **A. permollis** (Nees) Mez (família Lauraceae) contém 6-estiril-2-pironas, as quais são respectivamente, o composto não substituído e seu derivado metoxilado na posição 4.

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