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## Alkaloids from the Mangrove-Derived Actinomycete *Jishengella endophytica* 161111

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**Abstract:** A new alkaloid, 2-(furan-2-yl)-6-(2*S*,3*S*,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine (**1**), along with 12 known compounds, 2-(furan-2-yl)-5-(2*S*,3*S*,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine (**2**), (*S*)-4-isobutyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**3**), (*S*)-4-isopropyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**4**), (4*S*)-4-(2-methylbutyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**5**), (*S*)-4-benzyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**6**), flazin (**7**), perlolyrine (**8**), 1-hydroxy- $\beta$ -carboline (**9**), lumichrome (**10**), 1*H*-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (**11**), 2-hydroxy-1-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethanone (**12**), and 5-(methoxymethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**13**), were isolated and identified from the fermentation broth of an endophytic actinomycetes, *Jishengella endophytica* 161111. The new structure **1** and the absolute configurations of **2–6** were determined by spectroscopic methods, *J*-based configuration analysis (JBCA) method, lactone sector rule, and electronic circular dichroism (ECD) calculations. Compounds **8–11** were active against the influenza A virus subtype H1N1 with  $IC_{50}$  and selectivity index (*SI*) values of 38.3( $\pm$ 1.2)/25.0( $\pm$ 3.6)/39.7( $\pm$ 5.6)/45.9( $\pm$ 2.1)  $\mu$ g/mL and 3.0/16.1/3.1/11.4, respectively. The  $IC_{50}$  and *SI* values of positive control, ribavirin, were 23.1( $\pm$ 1.7)  $\mu$ g/mL and 32.2, respectively. The results

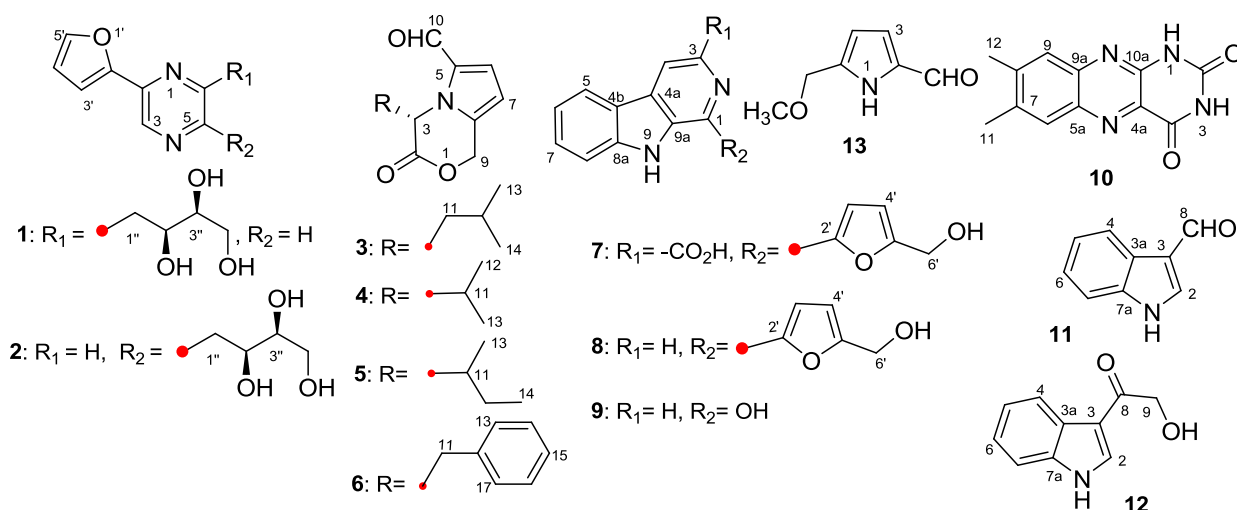
showed that compound **9** could be a promising new hit for anti-H1N1 drugs. The absolute configurations of **2–5**,  $^{13}\text{C}$  nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) data and the specific rotations of **3–6** were also reported here for the first time.

**Keywords:** mangrove; actinomycete; *Jishengella endophytica* 161111; pyrazine derivative; anti-H1N1 virus activity

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## 1. Introduction

Mangroves, unique forest ecosystems found mainly in the tropical and subtropical intertidal regions, represent a rich biological diversity and a high population of actinomycetes [1,2]. From these actinomycetes, many bioactive compounds such as cytotoxic streptocarbazoles A and B have been obtained [3]. In addition, there is also evidence that the mangrove ecosystem is a largely unexplored source for novel actinomycetes with the potential to produce biologically active secondary metabolites [4]. In order to pursue bioactive products from mangrove actinomycetes, a novel endophytic actinomycetes, identified as *Jishengella endophytica* 161111, had been isolated from the root of the mangrove plant, *Xylocarpus granatum* (Meliaceae) [5]. *J. endophytica* 161111 was found to produce alkaloids in a saline culture medium by thin layer chromatography (TLC) visualizing with Dragendorff's reagent. Chemical investigations on the ethyl acetate (EtOAc) extract of fermentation broth of strain 161111 resulted in the isolation and identification of three pyrazine derivatives, 2-(furan-2-yl)-6-(2*S*,3*S*,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine (**1**) and 2-(furan-2-yl)-5-(2*S*,3*S*,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine (**2**) [6] and lumichrome (**10**) [7]; four pyrrololactones, (*S*)-4-isobutyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**3**) [8], (*S*)-4-isopropyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**4**) [8], (4*S*)-4-(2-methylbutyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**5**) [8,9] and (*S*)-4-benzyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**6**) [10]; three  $\beta$ -carboline, flazin (**7**) [11], perlolyrine (**8**) [12] and 1-hydroxy- $\beta$ -carboline (**9**) [13]; along with 1*H*-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (**11**) [14,15], 2-hydroxy-1-(1*H*-indol-3-yl) ethanone (**12**) [14,15], and 5-(methoxymethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**13**) [16] (Figure 1). Compounds **8–11** showed anti-influenza A (H1N1) virus activity with the half maximal inhibitory concentration ( $IC_{50}$ ) and selectivity index ( $SI$ ) values of 38.3( $\pm$ 1.2)/25.0( $\pm$ 3.6)/39.7( $\pm$ 5.6)/45.9( $\pm$ 2.1)  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  and 3.0/16.1/3.1/11.4, respectively. Pyrazine alkaloids from marine organisms exhibited cytotoxic and antimicrobial activities [17–21], three of which were identified from the mangrove plant [22] and fungi [23,24].  $\beta$ -Carbolines, as a type of natural indol alkaloids, displayed cytotoxic [25], antiviral [26,27], antimicrobial [28], antiparasitic [29], and antithrombotic activities [30]. Apart from the terrestrial organisms, marine organisms, including mangrove fungi [24,31], are also a major source of  $\beta$ -carboline [32–40]. Pyrrololactones that had been reported as the volatile components of the roasted roots of *Cichorium intybus* [8] were not identified from the marine organisms.

**Figure 1.** Chemical structures of compounds 1–13 from *J. endophytica* 161111.

## 2. Results and Discussion

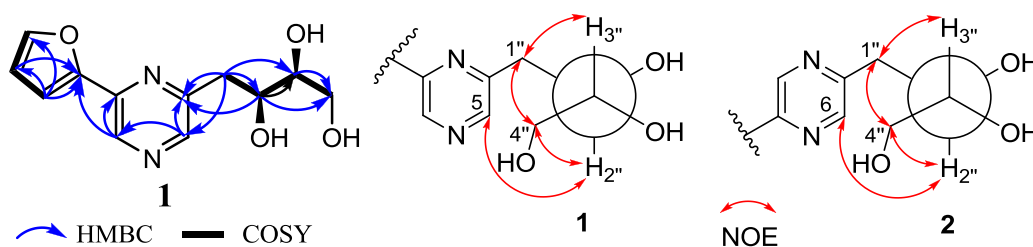
### 2.1. Structure Elucidation

The EtOAc extract of the fermentation broth of *J. endophytica* 161111 was subjected to extensive chromatographic separations over silica gel, RP-18, Sephadex LH-20 and high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) to yield the new compound **1** and the known compounds **2–13**.

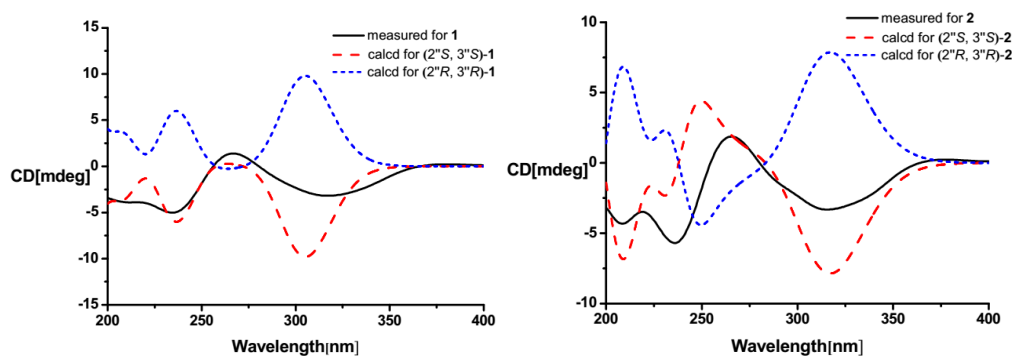
Compound **1** was obtained as brown oil. Its molecular formula was determined as  $C_{12}H_{14}N_2O_4$  on the basis of high resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrum (HRESIMS) peak at  $m/z$  273.0849  $[M + Na]^+$  (calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{14}N_2O_4Na$  273.0846). The similarity of 1D- and 2D-NMR data (Table S2 in Supplementary Information) between **1** and the known crotonine (**2**) [6] indicated the similar planar structure. The signals at  $\delta_H$  7.23 (1H, d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 6.63 (1H, dd,  $J = 2.1, 4.0$  Hz) and 7.72 (1H, d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz) revealed the presence of a  $\alpha$ -substituted furan moiety, which was further identified by the  $^1H$ - $^1H$  correlation spectroscopy (COSY) of H-3'/H-4'/H-5' and the key heteronuclear multiple bond correlations (HMBC) of H-3' ( $\delta$  7.23) to C-2' ( $\delta$  151.1), C-4' ( $\delta$  112.0) and C-5' ( $\delta$  144.6), of H-4' ( $\delta_H$  6.63) to C-2', C-3' ( $\delta$  110.5) and C-5', and of H-5' ( $\delta$  7.72) to C-2' and C-3'. The existence of 2,3,4-trihydroxybutyl moiety was deduced from the  $^1H$ - $^1H$  COSY correlations of H-1''/H-2''/H-3''/H-4'' along with the key HMBC correlations of H-1'' ( $\delta$  3.24/2.93) to C-2'' ( $\delta$  71.5) and C-3'' ( $\delta$  74.8), H-2'' ( $\delta$  4.03) to C-3'' and C-4'' ( $\delta$  63.2), H-3'' ( $\delta$  3.58) to C-1'' ( $\delta$  38.4), C-2'' and C-4'', and H-4'' ( $\delta$  3.80/3.65) to C-2'' and C-3''. The remainder  $C_4H_2N_2$  displayed two  $sp^2$  methine signals at  $\delta_{H/C}$  8.78/136.7 and 8.38/142.7, and two  $sp^2$  quaternary carbon signals at  $\delta_C$  144.2 and 155.3, which were ascribable to a disubstituted pyrazine nucleus [41]. The obvious HMBC correlations from H-3 ( $\delta$  8.78) to C-2 ( $\delta$  144.2) and C-2', H-5 ( $\delta$  8.38) to C-3 ( $\delta$  136.7) and C-6 ( $\delta$  155.3), and from H-2'' to C-5 ( $\delta$  142.7) and C-6 indicated that the  $\alpha$ -substituted furan moiety and the 2,3,4-trihydroxybutyl moiety were linked onto C-2 and C-6 of the pyrazine nucleus, respectively. The relative configuration of **1** was determined by *J*-based configuration analysis (JBCA) method [42]. The low temperature NMR ( $-4$  °C) of **1** revealed a large coupling constant between H-2'' and H-3'' ( $J = 7.2$  Hz), indicating an *anti*-relationship between the two protons. In addition, low temperature NMR ( $-4$  °C) of **1** also

displayed nuclear Overhauser effect spectroscopy (NOESY) of H-1''/H-3'', H-1''/H-4'', and H-4''/H-2''. These data indicated *threo*-configuration between C-2'' and C-3'' (Figure 2). The absolute configuration of **1** was determined by use of quantum chemical ECD calculation [43]. The preliminary conformational distribution search was performed by HyperChem 7.5 software. The corresponding minimum geometries were further fully optimized by using density functional theory (DFT) at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level as implemented in the Gaussian 03 program package. The stable conformers obtained were submitted to ECD calculation by the time-dependent DFT (TDDFT) (B3LYP/6-31G(d)) method. The overall predicted ECD spectrum of **1** was subsequently compared with the measured one [43]. The measured circular dichroism (CD) curve of **1** showed Cotton effect at  $\lambda_{\max}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 310 (−0.14), 284 (+0.12) and 237 (−1.3) nm, matching well with the calculated ECD curve of (2''*S*,3''*S*)-**1** (Figure 3). Thus, the new structure, **1**, was established as 2-(furan-2-yl)-6-(2*S*,3*S*,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine.

**Figure 2.** Selected 2D NMR correlations for **1** and Newman projections showing NOESY correlations and  $^3J_{H-2'',H-3''}$  values of **1** and **2**.



**Figure 3.** CD and calculated ECD spectra for **1** and **2**.

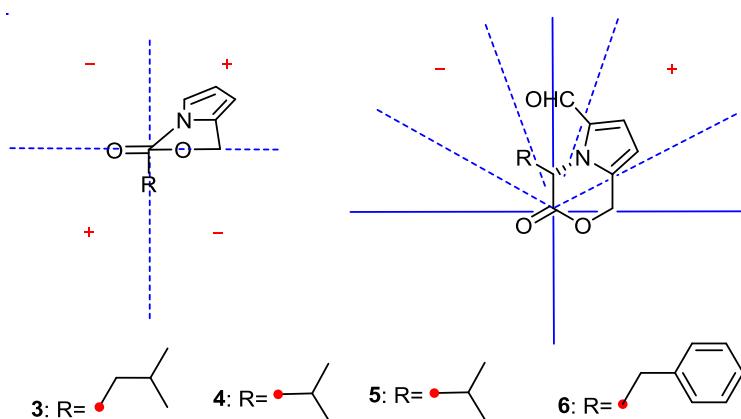


Although the planar structures of **2–5** had reported in the literatures [6,8,9], their absolute configurations have not been resolved yet. The planar structures of **2** and **6** here were elucidated by comparison of their NMR data with those reported [6,10]. Then, the same methods as **1** were used to resolve the relative and absolute configurations of **2**. The large  $^3J_{H-2'',H-3''}$  value (7.1 Hz) and the NOESY correlations of H-1''/H-3'' and H-1''/H-4''/H-2'' in the low temperature NMR (−4 °C) of **2** revealed the same *threo*-configuration of two hydroxy groups at C-2'' and C-3'' (Figure 2). Compound **2** showed a CD Cotton effect at  $\lambda_{\max}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 316 (−0.54), 267 (+0.35) and 235 (−1.0) nm, matching with the calculated ECD curve of (2''*S*,3''*S*)-**2** (Figure 3). Thus, compound **2** was determined as 2-(furan-2-yl)-5-(2*S*,3*S*,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine.

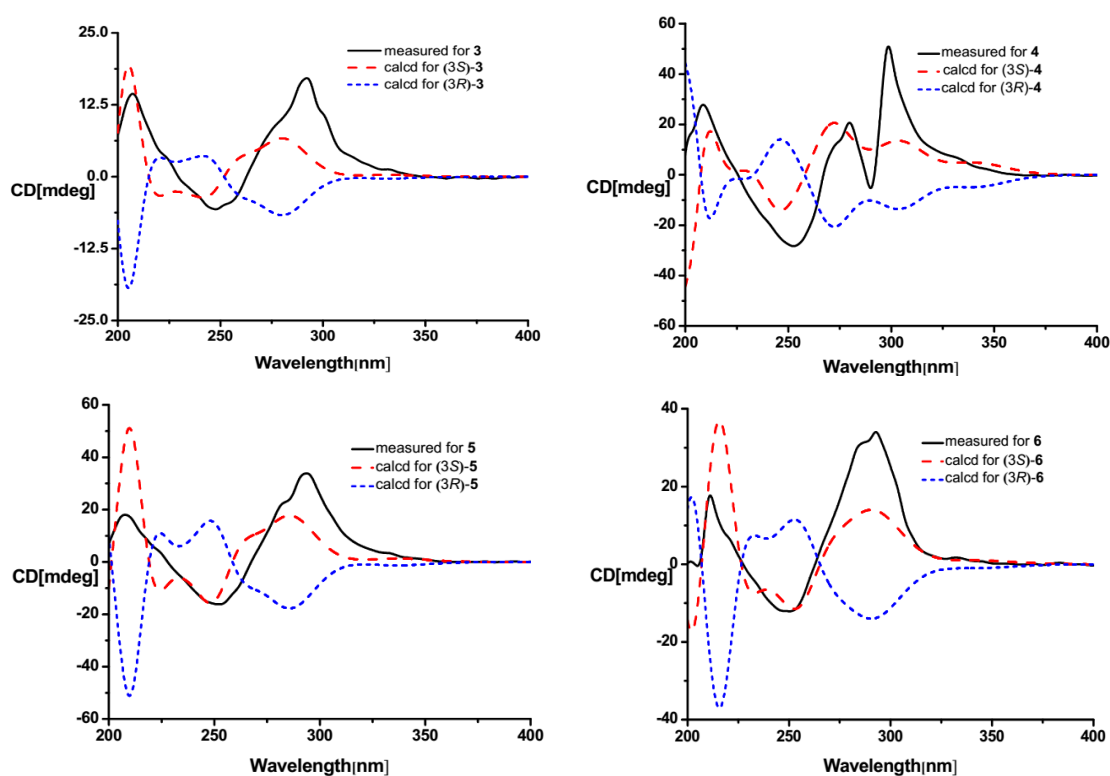
Though absolute structure **6** had been presented in the literature [10], no reference data on absolute configuration, such as CD and specific rotation of **6**, could be used. Lactone sector rule [44] could be

used to determine the absolute configuration of **6**. The molecule was viewed from the line on the plane of the ester group along the bisectrix of the O–C=O angle, *i.e.*, the line from C-2 to C-3 as shown in Figure 4 for (3*S*). The functional group at C-3 lying in the back upper left sector was responsible for the positive CD Cotton effect resulted from  $n\text{-}\pi^*$  transition of lactone, which was well in accordance with the positive Cotton effect at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  293 nm of **6** (Figure 4). The deduction was further confirmed by ECD quantum chemical calculations using the TDDFT method at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level in Gaussian 03 [43]. The measured CD curve of **6** showed Cotton effect at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 293 (+13.1), 249 (−4.7), 211 (+6.8) nm, matching with the calculated ECD curve of (3*S*)-**6** and opposite to that of (3*R*)-**6** (Figure 5). Thus, the absolute configuration of **6** was unambiguously determined as *S*-, that is (3*S*)-4-benzyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde.

**Figure 4.** Application of lactone sector rule to **3–6**.



**Figure 5.** CD and calculated ECD spectra of **3–6**.



Compounds **3–5** were found to have the molecular formulas of  $C_{12}H_{15}NO_3$ ,  $C_{11}H_{13}NO_3$ , and  $C_{12}H_{15}NO_3$  by HRESI-MS peaks at  $m/z$  222.1131  $[M + H]^+$ , 208.0974  $[M + H]^+$ , and 222.1129  $[M + H]^+$  (calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{16}NO_3$  222.1125,  $C_{11}H_{14}NO_3$  208.0968,  $C_{12}H_{16}NO_3$  222.1125), respectively. The similarity of ultraviolet (UV) and NMR spectra between **3–5** and **6** indicates compounds **3–5** contain the same 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde nucleus. The remaining moieties of  $C_4H_9$ ,  $C_3H_7$  and  $C_4H_9$  for **3–5** could be deduced as isobutyl, isopropyl, and *sec*-butyl, respectively, from their 1D NMR data (Table 1). Thus, the planar structures of **3–5** were 4-isobutyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde [8], 4-isopropyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde [8], and 4-(2-methylbutyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo [2,1-*c*] [1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde [8,9], respectively. The planar structure **3** was further supported by  $^1H$ - $^1H$  COSY correlations of H-14/H-13/H-12/H-11/H-3 and H-6 ( $\delta_H$  7.14) to H-7 ( $\delta_H$  6.31) combined with the key HMBC correlations from H-11 ( $\delta_H$  2.00, 1.60) to C-2 ( $\delta_C$  167.5), C-3 ( $\delta_C$  56.4), C-13 ( $\delta_C$  21.6), and C-14 ( $\delta_C$  23.3), from H-9 ( $\delta_H$  5.70, 5.51) to C-2, C-7 ( $\delta_C$  107.2), and C-8 ( $\delta_C$  132.5), from H-3 ( $\delta_H$  5.65) to C-2, C-8, C-12 ( $\delta_C$  24.7), of H-7 ( $\delta_H$  6.31) to C-5 ( $\delta_C$  130.7), C-6 ( $\delta_C$  125.2), of H-6 to C-7, C-8, and C-10 ( $\delta_C$  180.1). The same lactone sector rule and ECD quantum chemical calculation used in **6** were also applied to elucidate the absolute configurations of **3–5**. Thus, the same (3*S*)-configurations of **3–5** could be deduced from the same negative sign of the specific rotations and the positive CD Cotton effects at the long wave length along with concordance of CD with the calculated ECD of (3*S*)-isomer and opposition to ECD of (3*R*)-isomer (Figure 5).

**Table 1.**  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR data for **3–6** ( $\delta$  in ppm).

Position	3		4		5		6	
	$\delta_C$ , Type	$\delta_H$ , Mult. ( <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_C$ , Type	$\delta_H$ , Mult. ( <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_C$ , Type	$\delta_H$ , Mult. ( <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_C$ , Type	$\delta_H$ , Mult. ( <i>J</i> in Hz)
2	167.5, qC		166.7, qC		166.5, qC		167.2, qC	
3	56.4, CH	5.65, dd, (5.7, 10.2)	63.1, CH	5.36, d, (8.0)	62.0, CH	5.46, d, (6.9)	59.0, CH	5.84, t, (5.6)
5	130.7, qC		131.4, qC		131.2, qC		130.7, qC	
6	125.2, CH	7.14, d, (4.0)	125.4, CH	7.17, d, (4.0)	125.6, CH	7.2, d, (3.8)	125.4, CH	7.19, d, (4.0)
7	107.2, CH	6.31, d, (4.0)	107.2, CH	6.34, d, (4.0)	107.1, CH	6.34, d, (3.8)	106.4, CH	6.17, d, (4.0)
8	132.5, qC		132.7, qC		132.8, qC		132.4, qC	
9	63.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.70, d, (15.2) 5.51, d, (15.2)	64.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.64, d, (15.5) 5.53, d, (15.5)	64.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.64, d, (15.6) 5.54, d, (15.6)	63.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.24, d, (15.1) 4.06, d, (15.1)
10	180.1, CH	9.49, s 2.00, ddd, (4.3, 10.2, 13.4)	180.2, CH	9.51, s	180.0, CH	9.5, s	179.9, CH	9.51, s
11	41.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.60, ddd, (5.7, 9.3, 13.4)	32.4, CH	2.33, m	39.3, CH	2.08, m	39.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.33, m
12	24.7, CH	1.66, m	19.3, CH <sub>3</sub>	0.97, d, (6.8)	25.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.39, m; 1.25, m	135.1, qC	
13	21.6, CH <sub>3</sub>	1.00, d, (6.4)	18.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	0.92, d, (6.8)	15.5, CH <sub>3</sub>	0.90, d, (7.0)	129.8, CH	6.85, d, (7.3)
14	23.3, CH <sub>3</sub>	0.89, d, (6.4)			11.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	0.91, t, (7.1)	129.1, CH	7.25, t, (7.3)
15							128.2, CH	7.29, t, (7.3)
16							129.1, CH	7.25, t, (7.3)
17							129.8, CH	6.85, d, (7.3)

## 2.2. The Bioactivities of Compounds 1–13 from *J. endophytica* 161111

Compounds 1–13 were tested for antiviral effects on H1N1 by the cytopathic effect (CPE) inhibition assay [45,46] and ribavirin was used as the positive control with an  $IC_{50}$  value of  $23.1 \pm 1.7 \mu\text{g/mL}$ . The results (Table S1 in Supplementary Information) showed that compounds 8–11 showed moderate anti-H1N1 activity with  $IC_{50}$  values of  $38.3 \pm 1.2$ ,  $25.0 \pm 3.6$ ,  $39.7 \pm 5.6$ , and  $45.9 \pm 2.1 \mu\text{g/mL}$ , respectively. In addition, the cytotoxic effects of 8–11 on Madin-Darby canine kidney (MDCK) normal cells were also evaluated by 3-(4,5-dimethyl-2-thiazolyl)-2,5-diphenyl-2-*H*-tetrazolium bromide (MTT) [47]. The results showed that compounds 8–11 and ribavirin exhibited very weak cytotoxicities against MDCK normal cell with the half maximal cytotoxic concentration ( $CC_{50}$ ) values of  $116.3 \pm 12.1$ ,  $403.2 \pm 31.4$ ,  $124.1 \pm 10.5$ ,  $522.5 \pm 24.5$ , and  $744.2 \pm 18.5 \mu\text{g/mL}$ , respectively. The  $SI$  values of compounds 8–11 and ribavirin were 3.0, 16.1, 3.1, 11.4, and 32.2, respectively.

Both naturally occurring and chemically synthesized  $\beta$ -carbolines exhibited good activities against a set of virus, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) [26,48], herpes simplex virus (HSV) [27,49], vaccinia virus [50], vesicular stomatitis virus [50,51], poliovirus [49], and influenza A and B virus [51]. It was reported that the derivatives with the oxathiazepine 7-membered ring showed potential activities against influenza A and B [51]. This study showed that the simple  $\beta$ -carboline alkaloids were active against H1N1 virus and the unsubstituted H-3 is essential for the anti-H1N1 activity of this kind of compounds. In addition, the compound 9 could be a promising new hit for anti-H1N1 drugs. In addition, further chemical modifications are necessary to improve the anti-H1N1 virus activity.

## 3. Experimental Section

### 3.1. General Experimental Procedures

Specific rotations were obtained on a JASCO P-1020 digital polarimeter. UV spectra were measured on a Beckman DU 640 spectrophotometer. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Nexus 470 spectrophotometer as KBr disks. CD spectra were collected using a JASCO J-715 spectropolarimeter. NMR data of 7, 8, 11, and 13 were measured on a JEOL JNM-ECP 600 spectrometer, while NMR of 1, 2, 3–6, 9, 10, and 12, and all NOESY spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 spectrometer. Electrospray ionization mass spectra (ESIMS) and HRESIMS measurements were taken on a Q-TOFULTIMA GLOBAL GAA076 LC mass spectrometer. Semipreparative HPLC was performed using an octadecylsilyl (ODS) column (YMC-pak ODS-A, Allentown, PA, USA,  $10 \times 250 \text{ mm}$ ,  $5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $4.0 \text{ mL/min}$ ) and  $C_3$  column (Agilent Zorbax StableBond  $C_3$ , Palo Alto, CA, USA,  $4.6 \times 150 \text{ mm}$ ,  $5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $1.0 \text{ mL/min}$ ). TLC and column chromatography ( $CC$ ,  $2.5 \times 103 \text{ cm}$ ) were performed on plates pre-coated with silica gel GF<sub>254</sub> ( $10\text{--}40 \mu\text{m}$ , Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory, Qingdao, China), and over Sephadex LH-20 (Amersham Biosciences, Uppsala, Sweden), respectively. Vacuum-liquid chromatography (VLC,  $6 \times 24 \text{ cm}$  and  $3.6 \times 30 \text{ cm}$ ) utilized silica gel ( $200\text{--}300 \text{ mesh}$ , Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory, Qingdao, China) and RP-18 ( $40\text{--}63 \mu\text{m}$ , Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). Glucose (Shanghai Huixing Biochemical Reagent Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China); yeast extract and peptone (Beijing Shuangxuan Microbe Culture Medium Products Factory,

Beijing, China); CaCO<sub>3</sub> (Tianjin Bodi Chemical Co., Ltd., Tianjin, China); KNO<sub>3</sub> (Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China); NaCl (Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China).

### 3.2. Actinomycetes Material

*Jishengella endophytica* 161111 was isolated and identified from the healthy roots of the mangrove plant, *Xylocarpus granatum*, collected from the mangrove reserve zone in Hainan Province, China [5]. The producing strain was prepared on oatmeal agar (ISP3) medium and stored in Hong's Lab. at 4 °C.

### 3.3. Fermentation and Extraction

The spores of *J. endophytica* 161111 were directly cultured in 1000 mL Erlenmeyer flasks containing 200 mL fermentation media consisted of glucose 2%, yeast extract 0.5%, peptone 0.5%, KNO<sub>3</sub> 1.5%, CaCO<sub>3</sub> 0.4%, and NaCl 0.4% (pH 7.2). The cultures were incubated on a rotatory shaker at 220 rpm at 28 °C for 30 days. The whole fermentation broth (100 L) was divided into three equal parts and extracted three times with equal volumes of EtOAc separately. The whole EtOAc solutions were combined and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a dark brown gum (10 g).

### 3.4. Purification and Identification

The EtOAc extract (10 g) was subjected to SiO<sub>2</sub> VLC, eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–petroleum ether (0%~100%) and then with MeOH–CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0%~50%), to give nine fractions (Fr.1–Fr.9). Fraction 3 (1.31 g) was separated into three subfractions by CC over Sephadex LH-20, eluted with MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:1). Fraction 3-3 (351 mg) was further subjected to HPLC separation eluted with 50% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O to yield **3** (2 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 9.93 min) and **6** (1 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 10.74 min). Compound **7** (25 mg) was purified from the precipitate of fraction 5 (512 mg) after washing with MeOH, and the filtrate of fraction 5 was separated into five parts (Fr.5-1–Fr.5-4) by Sephadex LH-20 with CH<sub>3</sub>OH. Compound **11** (3 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 6.46 min) was obtained from Fr.5-4 (71 mg) by HPLC purification eluting with 60% MeOH. Fraction 4 (413 mg) was separated by CC over RP-18 to afford four subfractions (Fr.4-1–Fr.4-5), and compounds **9** (3 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 7.3 min) and **10** (3 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 9.7 min) were obtained from Fr.4-4 (93 mg) by HPLC purifications eluted with 60% MeOH and 50% MeOH, respectively. Fr.4-2 (87 mg) and Fr.4-3 (77 mg) were both further separated into four parts (Fr.4-2-1–Fr.4-2-4 and Fr.4-3-1–Fr.4-3-4) by Sephadex LH-20 with MeOH. Compounds **12** (4 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 8.97 min) and **13** (5 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 7.6 min) were purified from Fr.4-2-2 (21 mg) and Fr.4-2-3 (17 mg) by HPLC eluting with 40% and 60% MeOH, respectively. And Fr.4-3-2 (16 mg) and Fr.4-3-3 (10 mg) were purified by HPLC eluting with 70% MeOH to give **4** (2 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 5.3 min) and **5** (2 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 5.0 min), respectively. Fraction **7** (414 mg) gave four parts (Fr.7-1–Fr.7-4) after subjection to CC over Sephadex LH-20 with MeOH. Fr.7-2 (92 mg) was further purified by HPLC, with 30% MeOH, to yield the mixture (3 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 12.33 min) of **1** and **2** by ODS column. The mixture was further purified by HPLC over C<sub>3</sub> column with 25% MeOH to give pure **1** (2 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 10.08 min) and **2** (1 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 11.98 min). Compound **8** (7 mg, *t<sub>R</sub>* 8.68 min) was obtained from Fr.7-3 (133 mg) by HPLC with 50% MeOH.



**2-(Furan-2-yl)-6-(2S,3S,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine (1):** A brown oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -11.5$  (*c* 0.05, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 240 (3.4), 273 (3.6), 328 (3.4) nm; CD (*c* 0.05, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{ext}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 310 (−0.14), 284 (+0.12), 237 (−1.3) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*<sub>4</sub>) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, MeOH-*d*<sub>4</sub>), see Table 2; HRESIMS *m/z* 273.0849 [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na 273.0846).

**Table 2.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data for **1** and **2** ( $\delta$  in ppm).

Position	1			2		
	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , Type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , Mult. ( <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , Mult. ( <i>J</i> in Hz, −4 °C)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , Type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , Mult. ( <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , Mult. ( <i>J</i> in Hz, −4 °C)
2	144.2, qC			142.5, qC		
3	136.7, CH	8.78, s	8.79, s	138.7, CH	8.90, d, (0.7)	8.91, d, (1.0)
5	142.7, CH	8.38, s	8.38, s	153.4, qC		
6	155.3, qC			144.3, CH	8.50, d, (0.7)	8.50, d, (1.0)
2'	151.1, qC			151.0, qC		
3'	110.5, CH	7.23, d, (4.0)	7.25, d, 3.4	109.9, CH	7.18, d, (3.4)	7.19, d, (3.4)
4'	112.0, CH	6.63, dd, (2.1, 4.0)	6.64, dd, (1.7, 3.4)	111.9, CH	6.63, d, (1.7, 3.4)	6.64, dd, (1.7, 3.4)
5'	144.6, CH	7.72, d, (2.1)	7.74, d, (1.7)	144.6, CH	7.71, d, (1.7)	7.73, d, (1.7)
1"	38.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.24, dd, (3.1, 14.0)	3.24, dd, (2.9, 14.0)	38.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.22, dd, (2.8, 14.0)	3.22, dd, (2.8, 14.0)
		2.93, dd, (9.4, 14.0)	2.91, dd, (9.7, 14.0)		2.93, dd, (9.4, 14.0)	2.91, dd, (9.5, 14.1)
2"	71.5, CH	4.03, ddd, (3.1, 7.0, 9.4)	4.01, ddd, (2.9, 7.2, 9.7)	71.6, CH	3.97, ddd, (2.8, 7.0, 9.4)	3.95, ddd, (2.8, 7.1, 9.5)
3"	74.8, CH	3.58, ddd, (3.8, 7.0, 6.2)	3.57, ddd, (3.8, 7.2, 6.5)	74.8, CH	3.57, (3.7, 7.0, 6.5)	3.56, ddd, (3.7, 7.1, 6.5)
		3.80, dd, (3.8, 11.4)	3.80, dd, (3.8, 11.2)		3.79, dd, (3.7, 11.3)	3.78, dd, (3.7, 11.3)
4"	63.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.65, dd, (6.2, 11.4)	3.63, dd, (6.5, 11.2)	63.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.64, dd, (6.2, 11.3)	3.62, dd, (6.5, 11.3)

**2-(Furan-2-yl)-5-(2S,3S,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine (2):** Brown oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -11.3$  (*c* 0.03, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 240 (3.2), 273 (3.4), and 328 (3.1) nm; CD (*c* 0.05, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{ext}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 316 (−0.54), 267 (+0.35), 235 (−1.0) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*<sub>4</sub>) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, MeOH-*d*<sub>4</sub>), see Table 2; HRESIMS *m/z* 273.0849 [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na 273.0846).

**(S)-4-Isobutyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (3):** A brown oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -32$  (*c* 0.05, acetone); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 254 (3.3), and 291 (3.9) nm; CD (*c* 0.08, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 292 (+2.9), 248 (−1.0), 207 (+2.5) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>), see Table 1; HRESIMS *m/z* 222.1131 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na 222.1125).

**(S)-4-Isopropyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (4):** A brown oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -88$  (*c* 0.12, acetone); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 254 (3.4) and 291 (4.03) nm; CD (*c* 0.02, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 298 (+16.1), 290 (−1.9), 280 (+6.6), 253 (−8.9), 208 (+8.8) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  (600 MHz,

DMSO- $d_6$ ) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ), see Table 1; HRESIMS  $m/z$  208.0974  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$  208.0968).

**(4S)-4-(2-Methylbutyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (5):** A brown oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $-57$  ( $c$  0.06, acetone); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 254 (3.6) and 291 (4.2) nm; CD ( $c$  0.08, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 293 (+5.8), 252 (−2.7), 208 (+3.1) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ), see Table 1; HRESIMS  $m/z$  222.1129  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$  222.1125).

**(S)-4-Benzyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (6):** A brown oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $-46$  ( $c$  0.1, acetone); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 257 (3.4) and 295 (3.8) nm; CD ( $c$  0.02, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 293 (+13.1), 249 (−4.7), 211 (+6.8) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) see Table 1; HRESIMS  $m/z$  256.0976  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$  256.0968).

### 3.5. Bioassays

The antiviral activity against H1N1 virus was evaluated by the CPE inhibition assay [45,46]. Confluent MDCK cell monolayers were firstly incubated with influenza virus (A/Puerto Rico/8/34 (H1N1), PR/8) at 37 °C for 1 h. After removing the virus dilution, cells were maintained in infecting media (RPMI 1640, 4  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  of trypsin) containing different concentrations of test compounds and ribavirin (positive control) at 37 °C. After 48 h incubation at 37 °C, the cells were fixed with 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of 4% formaldehyde for 20 min at room temperature. After removal of the formaldehyde, the cells were stained with 0.1% crystal violet for 30 min. The plates were washed and dried, and the intensity of crystal violet staining for each well was measured in a microplate reader (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA) at 570 nm. The  $IC_{50}$  was calculated as the compound concentration required inhibiting influenza virus yield at 48 h post-infection by 50%. Ribavirin was used as the positive control with an  $IC_{50}$  value of  $23.1 \pm 1.7$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ .

Cytotoxicity was assayed by the MTT [47]. In the MTT assay, MDCK normal cell line were cultured in RPMI-1640, supplemented with 10% FBS, under a humidified atmosphere of 5%  $\text{CO}_2$  and 95% air at 37 °C, cell suspensions with a density of  $4.6 \times 10^4$  cells/mL (198  $\mu\text{L}$ ) was plated in 96-well microtiter plates and incubated for 24 h. Then, the test solutions in MeOH (2  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were added to each well and further incubated for 36 h. The MTT solution (20  $\mu\text{L}$ , 5 mg/mL in RPMI-1640 medium) was then added to each well and incubated for 4 h. Old medium containing MTT (150  $\mu\text{L}$ ) was then gently replaced by dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) and pipetted to dissolve any formazan crystals formed. Absorbance was then determined on a Spectra Max Plus plate reader at 570 nm. Ribavirin was used as positive control ( $CC_{50}$   $744.2 \pm 18.5$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  for MDCK normal cell line).

## 4. Conclusions

A new pyrazine derivative, 2-(furan-2-yl)-6-(2S,3S,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine (1), was isolated and identified from the fermentation products of *Jishengella endophytica* 161111 endophytic with mangrove plant, *Xylocarpus granatum* (Meliaceae). The absolute configurations and the key reference data of  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}$ , CD and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2-(furan-2-yl)-5-(2S,3S,4-trihydroxybutyl)pyrazine (2),

(*S*)-4-isobutyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**3**), (*S*)-4-isopropyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**4**), and (4*S*)-4-(2-methylbutyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine-6-carbaldehyde (**5**) were reported here for the first time. In addition,  $\beta$ -carboline alkaloid **9** exhibited moderate anti-H1N1 virus activity and weak cytotoxicity.

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### Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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