

## 1228-1 (Sesquiterpene)

Name: Isoobtusol<sup>(1)</sup>; Iso-obtusol<sup>(4)</sup>

{2,9-Dibromo-8-chloro-1,1,9-trimethyl-5-methylene-spiro[5.5]undecan-3-ol}

Origin: *Laurencia obtusa* (Canary Islands, Spain)<sup>(1,2,3)</sup>;

*Laurencia obtusa* (Negril, Jamaica)<sup>(4)</sup>;

*Laurencia majuscula* (Woodman Point, ca 30 km south of Perth, Western Australia)<sup>(4\*)</sup>;

*Laurencia majuscula* (Geoffrey Bay, Magnetic Island, Australia)<sup>(6)</sup>;

*Laurencia majuscula* (Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain)<sup>(7)</sup>;

*Laurencia majuscula* (Pulau Satang Besar, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia)<sup>(8)</sup>;

*Laurencia majuscula* (Pulau Tikus and Plau Bankawan, Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia)<sup>(9)</sup>;

*Laurencia majuscula* (atoll of Spratory Island, Terumbu, Layang-Layang, Malaysia)<sup>(10)</sup>;

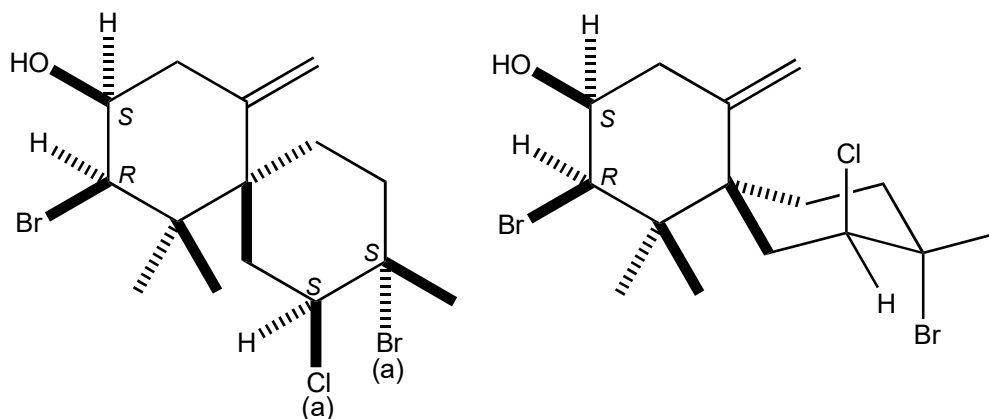
*Aplysia dactylomela* (the beach wrack of San Juan de la Rambla and Punta del Hidargo, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain)<sup>(11)</sup>;

Formula: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>ClO

Mol. Wt.: 414.60

Opt. Rot.: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> +33<sup>(1)</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> +24.8 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)<sup>(7)</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> +24.6 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)<sup>(8)</sup>

Mp.: 118-120<sup>(1)</sup>; 109-113<sup>(7)</sup>; 109-114<sup>(8)</sup>



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(together with laurencenones A-D, deschloroelatol, elatol, iso-obtusol)

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