

Isolation and Structure Determination of Phenazostatin D, a New Phenazine from a Marine Actinomycete Isolate *Pseudonocardia* sp. B6273*

Rajendra P. Maskey^a, Ines Kock^a, Elisabeth Helmke^b, and Hartmut Laatsch^a

^a Department of Organic Chemistry, University of Göttingen, Tammannstraße 2,
D-37077 Göttingen, Germany

^b Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Am Handelshafen 12,
D-27570 Bremerhaven, Germany

Reprint requests to Prof. Dr. H. Laatsch. Fax: +49(0)551-399660. E-mail: hlaatsc@gwdg.de

Z. Naturforsch. **58b**, 692 – 694 (2003); received February 20, 2003

A new phenazine derivative, phenazostatin D (**1a**), was isolated from an extract of the actinomycete isolate *Pseudonocardia* sp. B6273 via a TLC-guided chemical screening. The structure of the compound was assigned by spectroscopic methods and found to be the *meso*-form of phenazostatin B (**1b**). Phenazostatin D was inactive against the tested bacteria and fungi. The strain also produced the known phenazine antibiotic methyl saphenate (**2**).

Key words: Phenazostatin, Marine Actinomycetes, *Pseudonocardia*