

## LUTEOLIN 7-GLUCOSIDE FROM *Torilis arvensis*

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*Torilis arvensis* (Huds), Link., family Umbelliferae, is widely distributed in the northern Caucasus. There is no information in the literature on the flavonoid composition of this plant.

We treated the air-dried herb successively with chloroform and methanol-ethanol (1:1). The alcoholic extracts were combined, and the solvent was distilled off to small bulk, the residue then being diluted with water (to 0.5 liter). The cooled solution deposited a dirty-yellow precipitate giving a positive cyanidin reaction. Chromatographic analysis showed the presence in it of only one substance of flavonoid nature, which, after recrystallization from ethanol, had the composition  $C_{21}H_{20}O_{11}$ , mp 257-259°C.

UV spectroscopy with ionizing and complex-forming additives showed that the substance is a tetrahydroxyflavone derivative glycosidated at C<sub>7</sub> with D-glucose. The aglycone was identified by its melting point, elementary analysis, and IR spectrum as luteolin. Enzymatic hydrolysis showed the presence of a β-glycosidic bond in the substance.

Thus, the substance that we isolated has been identified as luteolin 7-O-glycopyranoside.

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