

C-GLYCOSIDES OF SPECIES
OF Dipsacaceae. II.

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We have previously reported that plants of the family Dipsacaceae contain C,O-glycosides of flavones [1].

From the freshly gathered leaves of *Knautia montana* (MB) D. C., by extraction with methanol and purification by recrystallization from 80% methanol we have obtained a substance 2 with the composition $C_{28}H_{33}O_{16}$, mp 245–248°C. Its IR spectrum showed the absorption bands characteristic for C-glycosides ($1010\text{--}1040\text{ cm}^{-1}$) [2]. IR spectrum: λ_{\max} CH₃ OH 350, 262, 270 nm; CH₃COONa 350, 270 nm; H₃BO₃ + CH₃COONa 350, 270 nm; AlCl₃ 385, 278 nm; C₂H₅ONa 403, 273 nm. Substance 2 has no hydroxy group at C₇ as is shown by the absence of bathochromy with sodium acetate.

For exhaustive hydrolysis we used a mixture of 30% solutions of sulfuric and acetic acids. After hydrolysis for 10 h, the aglycone, D-glucose, and L-arabinose had been formed. According to UV spectroscopy, alkaline degradation, demethylation with hydriodic acid, and a mixed melting point with an authentic sample, the aglycone was chrysoeriol.

When substance 2 was hydrolyzed with 5% sulfuric acid, during the first hour D-glucose was split off with the formation of substance 2a having mp 230–232°C (from 80% methanol) and the composition $C_{22}H_{22}O_{11}$. Analysis of the UV spectrum showed the presence in substance 2a of free hydroxy groups at C₇ and C₅. In the IR spectrum, absorption bands in the $1000\text{--}1100\text{-cm}^{-1}$ region corresponded to vitexin and bands in the $2800\text{--}3600\text{-cm}^{-1}$ region to a C-glycoside of luteolin. Acetylation with acetic anhydride in the presence of anhydrous pyridine took place incompletely. The hydroxy group at C₅ did not undergo acetylation, which is characteristic for C-glycosides [3]. The melting point of the acetyl derivatives was 145–147°C. UV spectrum: λ_{\max} 258, 300 nm.

The NMR spectrum of the acetyl derivative had the following chemical shifts (CDCl₃, 32°C): in the 1.7–2.5-ppm region – the signals of the protons of aliphatic acetyl groups (12 H); 2.28–2.48 ppm – the signals of the protons of aromatic acetyl groups (9 H); 3.98 ppm – the signal of an OCH₃ group; the proton at C₁" of the glucose appeared in the form of a doublet at 4.75 ppm ($J = 6\text{ Hz}$); 3.90–5.28 ppm – the signals of the H-5", H-4", H-3", and H-2" protons of glucose; 6.48 ppm H-3; 6.78 ppm (doublet) ($J = 4\text{ Hz}$) H-5; 7.46 ppm H-2"; and in the 7.68 ppm region a doublet ($J = 2\text{ Hz}$) representing the signal of the H-6' proton. The absence of the signal of a C₈ proton showed that this compound is an 8-C-glucoside, the glucose being present in it in the pyranose form. The spin-spin coupling constant of the proton at C₁" is smaller than that observed for the β anomer [4, 5]. Consequently, the glucose may be present in the α form. An 8-C-glucoside of chrysoeriol has already been described in the literature under the name of scoparin [5]. Substance 2a may be considered its isomer; we have called it episcoparin, and the substance 2 isolated from *Knautia montana* is a new glycoside – 4',5'-dihydroxy-3'-methoxyflavone 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside -8-C- α -D-glucopyranoside, or episcoparin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside, which we have called knautinoside.

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