

GLYCOSYLATED CARDENOLIDES.

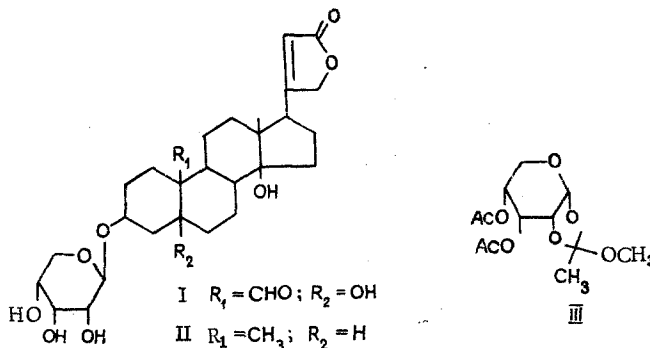
VI. RIBOSIDES OF STROPHANTHIDIN AND DIGITOXIGENIN

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Partial syntheses of ribosides of strophanthidin (I) and digitoxigenin (II) have been carried out by the orthoester method [1] by analogy with previous work [2]. 3,4-Di-O-acetyl- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose 1,2-(methyl orthoacetate) (III) was obtained by the method of Mazurek and Perlin [3]. The orthoester (III),  $C_{12}H_{18}O_8$ , had mp 82-84°C (from diethyl ether-petroleum ether),  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -7.7 \pm 2^\circ$  (c 1.78; chloroform). NMR spectrum ( $CDCl_3$ ), ppm: 1.75 (3 H at  $CH_3$ , s), 2.10 (6 H at 2 Ac, s), 3.28 (3 H at  $OCH_3$ , s). The NMR spectrum shows the exo position of the  $OCH_3$  group in compound (III) [3, 4].

The products of the interaction of the orthoester (III) with strophanthidin were saponified with a solution of ammonia in methanol. Subsequent chromatography on a column of  $SiO_2$  gave a 75.0% yield (calculated on the strophanthidin) of strophanthidin  $\beta$ -D-ribose (I),  $C_{28}H_{40}O_{10}$ , mp 226-230°C (decomp.) [from benzene-chloroform-methanol (5:5:2)],  $[\alpha]_D^{25} 0 \pm 3^\circ$  (c 1.18; methanol);  $\lambda_{max}^{C_2H_5OH}$ : 217 nm (log  $\epsilon$  4.18);  $\nu_{max}^{KBr}$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ : 3300-3500 (OH), 1780, 1740, 1720, 1632 (butenolide ring). NMR spectrum ( $C_5D_5N$ ), ppm: 0.85 (3 H at C-18, s), 4.92, 5.21 (2 H at C-21, q, centers of doublets,  $J = 18$  Hz), 5.25 (H at C-1', d,  $J = 5$  Hz), 6.00 (H at C-22, br. s), 10.27 (H at C-19, s).



In a similar manner we obtained digitoxigenin  $\beta$ -D-ribose (II),  $C_{28}H_{42}O_8$ , mp 222°C (from methanol-ether),  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -28.9 \pm 3^\circ$  (c 0.55; methanol),  $\lambda_{max}^{C_2H_5OH}$ : 218 nm (log  $\epsilon$  4.19);  $M^+ 506$ .  $\nu_{max}^{KBr}$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ : 3400-3500 (OH), 1785, 1750, 1625 (butenolide ring). NMR spectrum ( $C_5D_5N$ ), ppm: 0.74 (3 H at C-18, s), 0.89 (3 H at C-19, s), 4.91, 5.21 (2 H at C-21, q, centers of doublets,  $J = 18$  Hz), 5.12 (H at C-1', d,  $J = 5$  Hz), 5.99 (H at C-22, br. s). The configurations of the glycosidic bonds in compounds (I) and (II) were determined by the method of molecular rotation differences [5].

The NMR spectra were taken on a JNM-4H-100 instrument (100 MHz, HMDS,  $\delta$  scale, ppm).

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