MINOR GLYCOSIDES OF *Hedera cholchica*

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The isolation and pharmacological investigation of the main component of the total saponins of the leaves of *Hedera colchica* C. Koch, (Colchis ivy) — hederacolchiside E, a hexaoside of oleanolic acid — has been reported previously [1, 2]. By repeated partition chromatography of the purified total saponins on a column of silica gel we have now succeeded in isolating accompanying minor constituents of hederacolchiside E: a less polar glycoside, hederacholchiside D, with mp 198-200°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ −12.2° (c 1.41; methanol), and a more polar compound hederacholchiside F with mp 182-184°C, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 0° (c 1.12; methanol).

On complete acid hydrolysis (7% H_2SO_4, 100°C, 6 h), both glycosides split into hederagenin [3] and D-glucose, L-arabinose, and L-rhamnose. The presence of O-acyl glycosidic bonds in the glycosides obtained were shown by their alkaline hydrolysis (5% solution of KOH, 100°C, 3 h). This conclusion was also confirmed by treating the glycosides with diazomethane. The absence of furanose forms of the monosaccharides in both glycosides was shown by treating the saponins with 0.25 N oxalic acid. The recovery of the initial glycosides after this treatment showed that they contained only pyranose monosaccharide rings.

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