STRUCTURE OF POLYGONATOSIDE B^3 FROM THE ROOTS OF *Polygonatum stenophyllum*

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We have previously reported the structure of polygonatosides C^1 and C^2 – steroid glycoside from the roots of the plant *Polygonatum stenophyllum* Maxim. [1]. By the TLC method, we have also detected in a n-butanolic extract from the roots a small amount of less polar glycosides (polygonatosides A^1, A^2, B^1, B^2, and B^3). With the aid of chromatography on silica gel in the chloroform–ethanol (1:0→1:1) system we have isolated polygonatoside A^1 (I), mp 280-282°C and B^3 (II), mp 214-224°C (semicrystalline), $[\alpha]_D^{18}$ −124, 75° (c 0.82; pyridine). The complete coincidence of the ^{13}C NMR spectra of (II) and a progenin [2] permits the statement that (II) is pennogenin 3-O-[O-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1→2)-β-D-glucopyranoside] and is identical with glycoside Tb from *Trillium kamchaticum* Pall. [3] and glycoside (18) from *Paris polyphylla* Sm [4].

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