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COMPONENTS OF *Tanacetopsis mucronata*

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We have continued the separation of the combined nonpolar sesquiterpene lactones from the epigeal part of *Tanacetopsis mucronata* (Regel et Schmalh.) S. Kovalevsk. [1, 2].

On the chromatographic separation of the nonpolar fraction of the chloroform extract on a column of silica gel (1:30) with elution by hexane-ethyl acetate (93:7), from fractions 30-40 we isolated acicular crystals with mp 108°C (from hexane-ethyl acetate), with the composition $C_8H_8O_2$ (I), M^+ 136, R_f 0.75 [Silufol UV-254 plates, ethyl acetate-hexane (3:2) system].

The IR spectrum of (I) (ν_{max} , KBr) had absorption bands of a conjugated carbonyl (1672 cm^{-1}), of a hydroxy group (3400 cm^{-1}), and of an aromatic ring (1610, 1590 cm^{-1}).

The PMR spectrum of (I) (δ scale, JNM-4-H-100 MHz, D_6 -DMSO, deuteropyridine) showed the signals of the protons of a methyl group (singlet, 2.36 ppm) and of aromatic protons (doublets at 6.69 and 7.87 ppm).

On the basis of the results obtained and also of its mass-spectrometric fragmentation, substance (I) was identified as p-hydroxyacetophenone [3].

The mother solutions from mucrin [2] were chromatographed on a column of silica gel (1:30). On elution with the hexane-methyl ethyl ketone (9:1) system, fractions 35-37 deposited crystals with mp 204°C (from a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate); composition $C_{10}H_8O_4$ (II), M^+ 192, R_f 49. IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 3350 (OH), 1715 (C=O), 1640 (C=C), 1620 and 1575 (aromatic ring).

Substance (II) proved to be identical with the coumarin scopoletin [4].

Fractions 39-54 yielded mucronin, and fractions 58-67 a substance (III) with mp 167°C (from a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate) with the composition $C_{15}H_{18}O_4$, M^+ 262, R_f 0.40.

The IR spectra of (III) showed the absorption bands of a hydroxy group (3550 cm^{-1}), of the carbonyl of a γ -lactone ring (1760 cm^{-1}), and of a ketone carbonyl (1680 cm^{-1}).

The properties and analysis of the spectral characteristics of substance (III) showed its identity with the sesquiterpene lactone tamirin [5].

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