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Tadzhiferin (I) and tadzhikorin (II) have been isolated previously from the fruit of Ferula tadshikorum M. Pimen [1].

An acetone extract of the roots of F. tadshikorum yielded by column chromatography on silica gel L 40/100 in petroleum ether—ethyl acetate not only umbelliferone (mp 230-232°C), tadzhiferin (I) ( $C_2 H_{30} O_4$ , mp 66-70°C), and tadzhikorin ( $C_2 G_{32} O_6$ , liquid identified on the basis of its IR and PMR spectra), but also a terpenoid coumarin  $C_2 H_{30} O_5$ ,  $M^+$  398, mp 64-66°C. The IR spectrum of the substance had a broad hydroxyl band at 3300 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The PMR spectrum (Varian, HA-100D, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 0 - TMS) showed the signals of the following functional groups ( $\delta$ , ppm): 4  $CH_3$ —C=C (1.61, s, 1.81, s, 2 H, 1.69, s, 6 H); 2  $CH_2$ —C=C (2.05-2.35, m, 4 H); 2  $H_3$ = $H_3$ 

On the basis of these results, the substance can be ascribed the structure of deacetyltadzhikorin (IV), which has been obtained previously [1] by the hydrolysis of (II).

A comparison of the IR and PMR spectra of this substance isolated and (IV) showed their complete identity. The acetylation of the compound isolated with  $(CH_3CO)_2O$  in pyridine gave the diacetate (V),  $C_{28}H_{34}O_7$ , identical according to IR and PMR spectroscopy with tadzhikorin [1].

RO 
$$H_3C$$
  $CH_2$   $CH_3$   $OR$   $H_3C$   $CH_3$   $OR$   $IV. R = H$   $V. R = COCH_3$ 

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