The percentage of DOCSA was determined from the formula

$$C = \frac{D \cdot 1250 \cdot C_0}{D_0 \cdot p \cdot l \cdot 1},$$

where D is the optical density of the solution being analyzed at 445 nm;

 D_0 is the optical density of the solution of the standard sample of DOCSA;

 C_0 is the concentration of the standard sample (0.000024 g/ml);

p is the weight of the sample, g; and

 ℓ is the layer thickness, cm.

The results of the determination at p = 0.95 and n = 6 are given in the form of the following metrological characteristics: X = 99.93%, S = 0.4575, $S_r = 0.00458$, $S_r = \pm 1.18$, $X \pm S_r = 99.93 \pm 1.18$.

In comparison with known methods, the method developed is characterized by high sensitivity and simplicity of performance. The time of an analysis is 15-20 min.

A method has been developed on the basis of this procedure for the quantitative determination of DOCSA in 0.5% solution for injection.

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NEW APPROACH TO SYNTHESIS OF TRENBOLONE

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In recent years, the anabolic steroid 17β -hydroxyestra-4,9,11-trien-3-one (trenbolone), obtained by the scheme for the total synthesis of steroids proposed by Velluz [1] has been widely used in veterinary medicine. In the present paper we describe a new variant of the synthesis of trenbolone which is an extension of the Amanchenko-Torgov scheme for the total synthesis of esterone [2]. The key stage of the synthesis of trenbolone is the reduction of the known methyl ether of 11α -hydroxyestradiol [3] under the conditions of the Birch reaction [4].

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For this purpose, the methyl ether (I) was treated with 44 equivalents of lithium in the presence of methanol in liquid ammonia at - 70°C, and the methoxydiene (II) was obtained (yield 68%). The hydrolysis of (II) with acetic acid in methanol led to the ketone (III) (yield 70%). The latter, on bromination-dehydrobromination with one equivalent of pyridine bromide-perbromide in pyridine formed the diene (IV), the dehydration of which with HCl in chloroform led to trenbolone (V).

17β-Hydroxyestra-4.9.11-trien-3-one (V): mp 184-186°C. UV spectrum, λ_{max} : 343 nm (log ε 4.41). IR spectrum ($\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$ cm⁻¹): 3350 (OH), 1640 (C=O): 1570, 1560, 1540 (C=C). PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm 0 - HMDS): 0.91 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.90, (t, 1H, H-17), 5.78 (s, 1H, H-4), 6.42 and 6.47 (d, 1 H each, 1 H, J = 10 Hz, H-11 and H-12). Mass spectrum (m/z, %): 270 $(M^+, 100), 258 (M-H_2O, 26).$

The intermediate compounds (III) and (IV) exhibit anabolic effects.

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GLYCOSYLATION OF TRITERPENOIDS OF THE DAMMARANE SERIES.

VIII. DAMMARANE HYDROXYKETONE β-D-GLYCOPYRANOSIDES

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To study structure-activity relationships, we have obtained glucosides from one of the components of the triterpene fraction from birch leaves - 12β,20(s)-dihydroxydammar-24-en-3one (I) [1] - and also of the 3-ketodammarane alcohols (II) and (III). Glycosylation was

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1. $R_1 = R_2 = H$ 1V. $R_1 = Glc(OAc)_4$; $R_2 = H$ V. $R_1 = H$; $R_2 = Glc(OAc)_4$

II. $R_1=OH$; $R_2=H$ III. $R_1 = R_2 = H$ VII. $R_1 = OGlc (OAc)_4$; $R_2 = H$ VIII. $R_1 = OGlc (OAc)_4$; R_2 =Glc (OAc)₄ VI. R_1 =Ac; R_2 =Glc (OAc)₄ IX. R_1 =H; R_2 =Glc (OAc)₄

effected with α -acetobromoglucose in the presence of silver oxide by a method described previously [2]. The results are given below (α -ABG - α -acetobromoglucose):

Initial substances, mmole			Posstion products	Recovery of the initial
hydroxyke- tone	α-ABG	Ag ₂ O	Reaction products	substances, %
I, (I)	8	3	39.1% (IV): (V) = 3:1	31.5
II, (I)	3	3	59.9% (VII); 9.9% (VIII)	25.0
III, (I)	3	3	13.9% (IX)	75.2

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