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HAPLODIMERINE - A NEW TYPE OF DIMERIC QUINOLINE ALKALOIDS

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A base, which has been called haplodimerine, has been isolated from the fruit of the plant <u>Haplophyllum foliosum</u> Vved. It has been established by x-ray structural analysis that haplodimerine includes fragments of the known alkaloids skimmianine and flindersine attached to one another through the double bonds of furan and dimethylpyran rings with the formation of a four-membered ring.

In an investigation of the fruit of the plant of <u>Haplophyllum foliosum</u> Vved. (family Rutaceae) growing in the environs of Alimtai (TadzhSSR), in addition to known alkaloids [1] we have isolated a minor base with the composition  $C_{28}H_{26}N_2O_6$  (M<sup>+</sup> 486.1706 HRMS), mp 292-293°C, which we have called haplodimerine (I). The substance is optically inactive and sparingly soluble in organic solvents, water, and dilute alkali. It dissolves in mineral acids and gives the reaction for alkaloids with tungstosilicic acid.

The structure of the base isolated was first studied by the methods of IR, UV, NMR, and mass spectroscopy. The spectral material taken all together enabled us to determine the following fragments as components of the alkaloid (I): unsubstituted and ortho-substituted benzene rings, one of which formed part of a 2-quinolone nucleus, and three methoxy and two C-CH<sub>3</sub> groups [2, 3].

However, the spectral characteristics proved to be insufficient to determine the structure of haplodimerine. We performed an x-ray structural investigation which showed that the base isolated had structure (I), i.e., the haplodimerine molecule includes fragments of skimmianine (II), and flindersine (III) linked with one another through the double bonds of furan and dimethylpyran rings with the formation of a four-membered ring.



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Fig. 1. Structure of one of the molecules (Ic) of haplodimerine.

TABLE 1. Characteristic Torsional Angles in the Structure of (I) [for comparison, the theoretical values of an unsubstituted cyclopentane ring (envelope) and of a cyclohexane ring (sofa) are given]

	Fragment	<sup>φ</sup> Ia	<sup>φI</sup> Ъ	<sup>φI</sup> c	<sup>¢</sup> theor
Furan ring	01C7C20C21 C7C20C21C6 C20C21C601 C21C601C7 C601C7C20	15,7 11,0 1,7 8,9 15,4	$ \begin{array}{c c} 14,4 \\ -8.2 \\ -1,4 \\ 10,9 \\ -15,7 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c c} 14.3 \\ -10.2 \\ 2.4 \\ 7.1 \\ -13.4 \end{array} $	46,1 28,6 0,0 28,6 46,1
Pyran ring	C8C9O2C10 C9O2C10C18 O2C10C18C19 C10C18C19C8 C18C19C8C9 C19C8C9O2	44,0 20,5 5,2 3,6 22,9 45,7	$ \begin{array}{r} 48,3\\-30,8\\4,5\\1,1\\18,9\\-42,0\end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 48.9 \\ -27,1 \\ -2.7 \\ 6.4 \\ 18,9 \\ -44.8 \end{array} $	60.0 30 0 0,0 0,0 30,0 60,0
Methyl groups	C24O3C3C2 C24O3C3C4 C25O4C4C3 C25O4C4C5 C28O6C22C21 C28O6C22C21 C28O6C22C23	$12.3 \\ -169.9 \\ -89,6 \\ 95.4 \\ -11.5 \\ 168,4$	$\begin{array}{r} 6.2 \\ -171,8 \\ 65,9 \\ -122,4 \\ -11,2 \\ 167,9 \end{array}$	-1,3 -179.3 -89,4 92,1 -14,5 164,3	

\*The torsional angles are given for the inverted (Ib) molecule (i.e., that connected with the basic center of symmetry); the torsional angles  $\varphi_{Ia}$  and  $\varphi_{Ib}$  are given for the basic molecules (Table 4).

Analysis of literature information permitted us to conclude that haplodimerine is the first representative of a new type of dimeric quinoline alkaloids [4-6].

Alkaloid (I) crystallizes in the form of a racemate with three molecules (Ia, Ib, and Ic) in the independent part of the elementary cell which also contains one molecule of water, i.e., the crystals represent a 1/3-hydrate.

Figure 1 shows one of the independent molecules (Ic) in a projection on the mean-square plane of the cyclobutane ring. As can be seen from Fig. 1, the dihydrofuranoquinoline (Cl-C7, C20-C25, C28, N1, Ol, O3, O4, and O6 atoms) and the dihydropyrano-2-quinolone (the C8-C19, C26, C27, N2, O2, and O5 atoms) parts of the molecule have the mutual cis-arrangement relative to the plane of the cyclobutane ring (the C7, C8, C19, and C20 atoms), although the mutual trans arrangement would apparently be energetically favorable. In the structures of (I), the quinoline and quinolone nuclei have planar conformations, and, therefore, Table 1 gives the torsional angles of the dihydrofuran and dimethyldihydropyran rings, which determine the conformations of these rings, and also the angles characterizing the rotation of

TABLE 2. Bond Lengths (r, Å) in Structure (I) (the errors of determination do not exceed 0.012 Å)

) Distance	ria	rib	<sup>r</sup> ic	Distance	r <sub>Ia</sub>	/IB	rı <sub>c</sub>
$\begin{array}{c} C1 - C2 \\ C1 - C23 \\ C2 - C3 \\ C3 - C4 \\ C3 - C4 \\ C3 - O3 \\ C4 - C5 \\ C4 - O4 \\ C5 - N1 \\ C5 - C23 \\ N1 - C6 \\ C6 - O1 \\ C6 - C21 \\ O1 - C7 \\ C7 - C8 \\ C7 - C20 \\ C8 - C9 \\ C8 - C19 \\ C9 - O2 \\ C9 - C26 \\ C9 - C27 \\ O2 - C10 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1 & 35 \\ 1 & 42 \\ 1 & 38 \\ 1 & 39 \\ 1 & 39 \\ 1 & 39 \\ 1 & 39 \\ 1 & 39 \\ 1 & 39 \\ 1 & 29 \\ 1 & 40 \\ 1 & 40 \\ 1 & 40 \\ 1 & 40 \\ 1 & 53 \\ 1 & 51 \\ 1 & 53 \\ 1 & 5$	1,37 $1,37$ $1,39$ $1,36$ $1,42$ $1,35$ $1,38$ $1,42$ $1,30$ $1,38$ $1,42$ $1,30$ $1,38$ $1,42$ $1,53$ $1,53$ $1,50$ $1,57$ $1,48$ $1,52$ $1,51$ $1,37$	1, 37 $1, 39$ $1, 42$ $1, 39$ $1, 38$ $1, 40$ $1, 42$ $1, 31$ $1, 36$ $1, 44$ $1, 54$ $1, 54$ $1, 54$ $1, 54$ $1, 54$ $1, 54$ $1, 54$ $1, 51$ $1, 53$ $1, 36$	$\begin{array}{c} C10-C11\\ C10-C12\\ C11-C12\\ C11-C16\\ C12-C13\\ C13-C14\\ C14-C15\\ C15-C16\\ C16-N2\\ N2-C17\\ C17-C18\\ C17-C18\\ C17-C18\\ C17-C5\\ C18-C19\\ C19-C20\\ C20-C21\\ C21-C22\\ C22-C23\\ C22-C23\\$	1,44 1,39 1,41 1,37 1,37 1,38 1,40 1,40 1,40 1,37 1,44 1,42 1,57 1,51 1,34 1,42 1,37 1,39 1,44	1,43 1,35 1,40 1,39 1,36 1,41 1,39 1,39 1,40 1,37 1,46 1,51 1,58 1,50 1,35 1,44 1,37 1,36 1,39 1,44	1.44 1,35 1,38 1,38 1,38 1,38 1,38 1,38 1,38 1,38

TABLE 3. Valence Angles ( $\omega$ , deg) in Structure (I) (errors not greater than 0.7°)

Angle	∞ia	ωīρ	<sup>ω</sup> IC	Angle	∞ia_	ωI.p	ωIC
C2C1C23 C1C2C3 C2C3C4 C2C3O3 C4C3O3 C3C4C5 C3C4O4 C4C5N1 C4C5C23 N1C5C23 C5N1C6 N1C6O1 N1C6C21 O1C6C21 C6O1C7 O1C7C8 O1C7C20 C7C8C9 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C20 C7C8C20 C7C8C20 C7C8C9 C7C8C20 C7C8C9 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C19 C7C8C20 C7C9C20 C7C8C20 C7C9	120,4 121,6 119,9 125,3 114,8 119,5 120,3 118,9 116,5 12),0 123,3 112,1 116,8 131,1 112,2 108,9 115,4 104,6 90,3 122,6 89,7 117,8 110,1 110,9 113,3 106,6 105,2 110,5 117,0 113,3 123,2 123,4 125,9 115,3	121.5 $120,9$ $119,4$ $124,4$ $116,2$ $119,5$ $121,7$ $118.3$ $118,6$ $119,5$ $121,9$ $114,4$ $116,5$ $131,1$ $112,4$ $113,6$ $106,3$ $91,7$ $122,9$ $89,5$ $117,5$ $110,5$ $111,7$ $111,3$ $103,7$ $106,4$ $112,8$ $117,6$ $114,4$ $121,5$ $123,5$ $116,5$	122.6 $117.2$ $122.2$ $123.1$ $114.7$ $118.7$ $121.2$ $116.6$ $119.8$ $123.6$ $114.4$ $117.9$ $128.9$ $113.1$ $108.1$ $113.8$ $106.7$ $90.4$ $123.5$ $89.9$ $117.3$ $109.1$ $111.6$ $113.3$ $107.3$ $102.7$ $112.3$ $106.2$ $114.2$ $124.3$ $121.5$ $122.6$ $118.0$	$\begin{array}{c} C12C11C16\\ C11C12C13\\ C12C13C14\\ C13C14C15\\ C14C15C16\\ C11C16C15\\ C11C16N2\\ C15C16N2\\ C15C16N2\\ C15C16N2\\ C16N2C17\\ N2C17C18\\ N2C17O5\\ C18C17O5\\ C18C17O5\\ C18C17O5\\ C10C18C19\\ C17C18C19\\ C10C18C19\\ C10C$	$\begin{array}{c} 118,7\\ 120,8\\ 120,9\\ 119,9\\ 120,5\\ 119,1\\ 122,6\\ 118,3\\ 119,2\\ 120,9\\ 118,1\\ 121,0\\ 118,2\\ 123,7\\ 118,1\\ 111,0\\ 89,2\\ 116,2\\ 87,7\\ 104,3\\ 118,1\\ 111,0\\ 89,2\\ 116,2\\ 87,7\\ 104,3\\ 118,1\\ 115,0\\ 137,4\\ 120,2\\ 127,1\\ 112,3\\ 118,3\\ 123,6\\ 118,1\\ 116,3\\ 112,4\\ 121,1\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 119,7\\ 120,3\\ 120,2\\ 119,6\\ 120,2\\ 119,8\\ 121,0\\ 119,2\\ 121,4\\ 119,3\\ 118,3\\ 122,3\\ 117,6\\ 124,7\\ 117,5\\ 110,6\\ 88,1\\ 116,2\\ 89,3\\ 104,0\\ 119,4\\ 107,1\\ 113,3\\ 139,5\\ 121,3\\ 139,5\\ 121,3\\ 139,5\\ 121,3\\ 139,5\\ 121,3\\ 139,5\\ 122,9\\ 112,8\\ 118,9\\ 122,9\\ 118,1\\ 119,2\\ 115,4\\ 119,4\\ 110,6\\ 120,$	119,3 119,7 119,1 122,1 118,9 120,4 117,7 120,4 117,7 120,4 117,7 120,4 119,1 122,1 119,5 124,1 112,1 112,1 112,1 115,5 124,11

the method groups relative to the C-O bonds. It is apparent from the values of the torsional angles that in the three molecules (Ia), (Ib), and (Ic) the dihydrofuran ring assumes the form of a highly flattened envelope, while the dimethyldihydropyran ring has the rarely encountered "sofa" conformation (with the departure of the C9 atom from the plane of the other five atoms). Both rings retain their intrinsic  $C_S$  symmetry. A comparison of the majority of the torsional angles in the molecules of (Ia)-(Ic) shows differences by 4-5° on an average, which is apparently connected with packing effects. These effects are clearly pronounced in the molecule of (Ib) in the rotation of the methyl group relative to the O4-C4 bond.

Coordinates of the Atoms  $(\times 10^4)$  in the Structure of Haplodimerine Hydrate TABLE 4.



Fig. 2. Packing of the molecules.

The geometric parameters (bond lengths and valence angles) of structure (I) are given in Tables 2 and 3. A comparative analysis of chemically identical interatomic distances and valence angles of the (Ia)-(Ic) molecules reveals no anomalous deviations and shows good agreement of their averaged values with the standard values [8]. The observed tendency to a decrease in the length of the C17=05 and C10=C18 bonds (1.26 Å and 1.35 Å, respectively) and to a decrease in the length of the C17-C18 and C10-C11 bonds (1.45 Å and 1.44 Å, respectively) indicates the existence of conjugation in the quinolone nucleus in structure (I).

<u>The packing of the molecules</u> in the structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 2 in a projection in the AB plane. As can be seen from Fig. 2, the molecules of (Ia), transformed by a (0, 1/2, 0) and (1/2, 1/2, 0) center of symmetry are linked by pairs of H bonds of the N-H···O type (the N2<sub>Ia</sub>...05<sub>Ia</sub> distance is 2.74 Å) forming chains. The initial molecules (Ib) and (Ic) interact by similar H-bonds and analogous sections (the N2I<sub>c</sub>...05<sub>Ib</sub> distance is 2.85 Å), but here the molecule of water of crystallization is an intermediate link for the establishment of these interactions (the O<sub>W</sub>...N2<sub>Ib</sub> distance is 2.89 Å and the O<sub>W</sub>...O5<sub>Ic</sub> distance is 2.86 Å). Furthermore, one of the H atoms of the water molecule possibly interacts weakly with the unshared pairs of electrons of N1<sub>Ic</sub> or O4<sub>Ic</sub> (the O<sub>W</sub>...N1<sub>Ic</sub> and O<sub>W</sub>...O4<sub>Ic</sub> distances are, respectively, 3.20 and 3.12 Å).

The structure of (I) determined by the x-ray structural method does not contradict the results of IR and UV spectroscopy and permits the four unresolved one-proton signals in the PMR spectrum of haplodimerine to be assigned to the protons of the cyclobutane ring. It also well explains the mass spectrum of haplodimerine, in which the fragmentation of the intensive peak of an ion with m/z 259 resembles the breakdown of the molecular ion of skimmianine (peaks of ions with m/z 258, 256, 244, 230, 216) [9]. These ion peaks are not shifted in the mass spectrum of the deutero analog of haplodimerine. Shifts of the peaks by 1 m.u. are observed for the fragments with m/z 227 and 212. The formation of the peak of an ion with m/z 212, one of the most intensive in the spectrum of (I) is typical for the breakdown of the molecular ion of flindersine [10].

## EXPERIMENTAL

The spectra of the substances were obtained on the following instruments: Hitachi EPS-3T (ethanol) and UR-20 (KBr); MKh-1310; and JNM-4H-100/100 MHz ( $\delta$  scale, CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, 0 - HMDS).

<u>Isolation of the Alkaloids.</u> The extraction of the plant raw material and the working up of the combined alkaloids were described in [1]. The combined chloroform eluates (30 g) obtained on the separation of the chloroform-extracted nonphenolic alkaloids [1] were rechromatographed on alumina. Ethereal eluates yielded skimmianine, and chloroform eluates 150 mg of technical haplodimerine (0.001% on the weight of the dry raw material).

<u>Haplodimerine</u>, colorless prisms, mp 292-293°C (from ethanol) giving on TLC (silica gel) in the toluene-ethyl acetate-formic acid (5:4:1) system a spot having a bright blue fluorescence in UV light and being revealed by the Dragendorff reagent.

IR spectrum:  $v_{max}^{KBr}$ , 3165, 1645 cm<sup>-1</sup> (NHCO), 1620, 1587, 1520, and 1490 cm<sup>-1</sup> (aromatic system).

UV spectrum:  $\lambda_{\max}^{C_2H_5OH}$  219, 228, 243.5 inflection, 278, 286.5, 315, 325 nm (log  $\epsilon$  4.68, 4.69, 4.59, 3.94, 3.96, 3.94, 3.93).  $\lambda_{\max}^{C_2H_5OH+H^+}$  220, 252.5, 273, 285, 325 nm (log  $\epsilon$  4.67, 4.51, 3.90, 3.88, 4.06).

Mass spectrum: m/z (%) 486 (M<sup>+</sup> 1.1), 485 (1.6), 260 (20), 259 (100), 258 (20), 256 (1.6), 245 (17), 244 (75), 230 (40), 229 (14), 228 (14), 227 (15), 216 (10), 213 (25), 212 (50).

NMR spectrum (ppm): 7.81 (dd, 1H, J = 8 and 2 Hz, H-12); 7.42-6.87 (3H, m, H-13, 14, 15), 7.53 and 6.85 (d, 1H each, J = 9.5 Hz, H-1.2), 5.58, 4.85, 4.00, 3.25 (m, 1H each, H-y, 20, 19, 8), 4.20, 3.57, 3.21 ( $30CH_3$ ), 1.50 and 1.03 [ $C(CH_3)_2$ ].

<u>The x-ray structural analysis</u> was performed on a Hilger-Watts automatic four-circle diffractometer ( $\lambda \ MoK_{\alpha} \ \theta/2\theta \ scanning, \ \theta \le 24^{\circ}$ ),  $\alpha = 29.363$  (3), b = 23.234 (3), c = 10.765 (1) Å,  $\beta = 96.90$  (1)°,  $d = 1.317 \ g/cm^3$ ; space group P2<sub>1</sub>/c; z = 12. In the interpretation and refinement of the structure 2875 reflections with I  $\ge 2\sigma$  were used. The structure was deciphered by the direct method using the MULTAN program and was refined by the full-matrix least-square method in the anisotropic approximation for all the nonhydrogen atoms. In the refinement, the theoretically calculated positions of the H atoms attached to carbon atoms were included in the calculation. The final values of the divergence factors were R<sub>1</sub> = 0.059, R<sub>2</sub> = 0.037. All the calculations were performed on an Eclipse S/200 computer by means of INEXTL programs [11]. The coordinates of the nonhydrogen atoms of the molecule of (I) are given in Table 4.

## CONCLUSIONS

A new dimeric alkaloid with the composition  $C_{28}H_{26}N_2O_6$  has been isolated from <u>Haplo-phyllum foliosum</u> Vved. and has been called haplodimerine. It has been established by x-ray structural analysis that haplodimerine has structure (I), which includes fragments of the alkaloids skimmianine and flindersine linked with one another through the double bonds of the furan and dimethylpyrone rings with the formation of a four-membered ring.

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