

TABLE 1

Birch species, site and time of collection	Unsapo-nifiable part of the ethereal extract	Compound	Total amount of triterpenoids
<i>Betula krylovii</i> Kryl., collection of the botanical garden of the Ukrainian Division, USSR AS, July, 1985	1,83	I (0,18), II (0,002), III (0,01), IV (0,01), V (0,008), VI (0,02), VII (0,08), VIII (0,01)	0,32
<i>B. kirghisorum</i> Sav.-Rvcz., collection of the botanical garden of the Ukrainian Division, USSR AS, July, 1984	1,50	IX (0,08), X (0,1), XI (0,08), XII (0,1)	0,36
<i>B. nana</i> L., Sverdlovsk province, July, 1984	4,9	II (0,02), XIII (0,38), XIV (0,02), XV (0,03)	0,45
<i>B. microphylla</i> Bunge*, collection of the botanical garden of the Ukrainian Division, USSR AS, July, 1985	1,04	IX (0,28), X (0,06), XI (0,04), XII (0,03), XIII (0,01), XIV (0,02), XVII (0,02)	0,46
<i>B. kelleriana</i> Suk*, collection of the botanical garden of the Ukrainian Division, USSR AS, July, 1985	1,96	IX (1,38), X (0,05), XIV (0,04), XVII (0,05)	1,52
<i>B. rotundifolia</i> Spach., Gorno Altai AO, July, 1986	1,91	II (0,25), XIII (0,04), XVI (0,13)	0,42

*Population cultures, Gorno-Altai AO [Autonomous Province].

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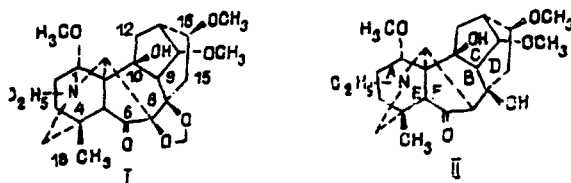
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STRUCTURE OF THE PRODUCT OF THE REACTION OF 6-DEHYDROELDELIDINE WITH SODIUM IN LIQUID AMMONIA

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In a study of the reaction of dehydroeldelidine (I) with sodium in liquid ammonia a product was obtained with the composition $C_{24}H_{37}NO_6$, mp 163-166°C (ether) for which structure (II) was suggested on the basis of spectral characteristics [1].



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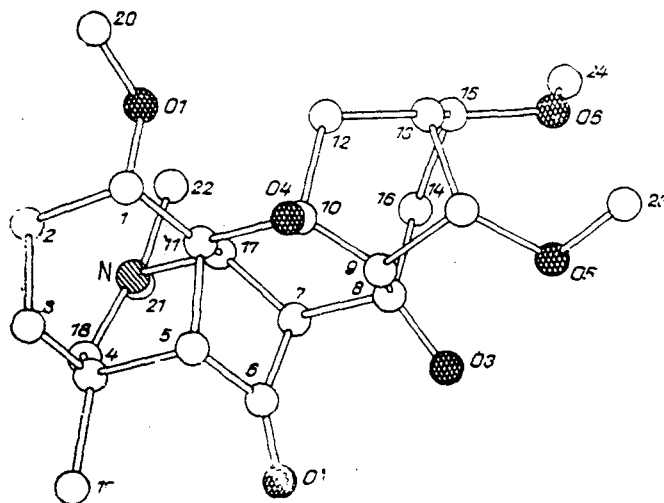


Fig. 1

TABLE 1. Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) of the Nonhydrogen Atoms of the Molecule (II)

АТОМ	x	y	z	АТОМ	x	y	z
C1	1612 (6)	3653 (5)	2638 (3)	C17	3780 (6)	3229 (4)	3446 (2)
C2	1905 (8)	4815 (5)	2395 (3)	C18	4616 (7)	5260 (4)	3516 (3)
C3	1601 ()	5623 (5)	2969 (3)	C19	2149 (8)	6263 (4)	4150 (3)
C4	2416 (7)	5339 (4)	3619 (3)	C20	1345 (10)	2819 (7)	1533 (3)
C5	1846 (6)	4235 (4)	3901 (3)	C21	6038 (6)	4169 (5)	3214 (3)
C6	2811 (6)	3903 (4)	4509 (2)	C22	6865 (7)	3223 (7)	2808 (3)
C7	3906 (5)	3090 (4)	4247 (2)	C23	1302 (8)	-0998 (5)	4974 (3)
C8	3424 (6)	1939 (4)	4475 (3)	C24	5338 (7)	-1345 (5)	3992 (4)
C9	1845 (6)	1833 (4)	4307 (2)	O1	2154 (4)	2879 (3)	2149 (2)
C10	1449 (5)	2230 (4)	3577 (2)	O2	2745 (4)	4260 (3)	5077 (2)
C11	2155 (5)	3318 (4)	3357 (2)	O3	3584 (4)	1904 (3)	5208 (2)
C12	1846 (6)	1196 (4)	3127 (3)	O4	-0059 (3)	2343 (3)	3530 (2)
C13	2122 (6)	0243 (4)	3635 (3)	O5	1805 (4)	0137 (3)	4919 (2)
C14	1382 (6)	0619 (4)	4295 (3)	O6	3912 (4)	-0927 (3)	4054 (2)
C15	3714 (6)	1115 (4)	3729 (3)	N	4490 (5)	4212 (4)	3177 (2)
C16	4397 (6)	1035 (5)	4151 (4)				

A comparison of the structures of (I) and (II) has shown that hydrogenolysis of the methylenedioxy group has taken place and a new hydroxy group has been formed at C8. In order to confirm the structure suggested previously, an x-ray structural investigation has been made of 8-hydroxy-7,8-demethylenedioxy-6-dehydroeldelidine, and Fig. 1 shows its structure in projection of the (100) crystallographic plane. The molecule consists of six rings the numbering of which is given in conformity with that of diterpene alkaloids of the aconitine type. The conformations of the rings are as follows: the cyclohexane rings A, D, and E - chair; the cyclopentane ring B - boat; and the cyclopentane rings C and F - slightly distorted envelope. The linkage of rings A/B is trans and those of rings B/C and B/D cis.

Thus, compound (II) is 8 β , 10 β -dihydroxy-1 α , 14 α , 16 β -trimethoxy-4 β -methyl-6-dehydroaconitine.

The lengths of the ordinary C-C bonds range between 1.51 and 1.56 Å (the error of the experiment was not more than 0.01 Å), which agrees with the standard values [2]. No anomalous deviations are observed in the values of the valence angles (error not more than 0.5°). The space group and the parameters of the elementary cell were established by the photographic method and were refined on a diffractometer using CuK α radiation $a = 9.458(3)$, $b = 12.226(3)$, $c = 19.433(2)$ Å; space group P2 $_1$ 2 $_1$ 2 $_1$; Z = 4. The calculations made use of 1760 reflections. The structure was interpreted by the direct method using the Rentgen-75 program [3] in the automatic regime and was refined by the method of least squares in the anisotropic approximation to R = 0.089. The coordinates of the basis atoms are given in Table 1.

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