## **COMPONENTS OF Haplophyllum bucharicum**

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Haplophyllum bucharicum Litv. (H. nigripes Nevski, Rutaceae) is a bushy perennial common in Kashkadar'inskii and Surkhandar'inskii districts [1]. The aerial part of the plant from two sites, near Dekhkanabad in Kashkadar'inskii district [2] and Derbent in Baisunskii region of Surkhandar'inskii district [3] has been previously studied. A total of 13 quinoline alkaloids were isolated from this plant [4]. The main component in both instances was bucharaine, the content of which was >90% of the alkaloids. The plant is atypical because it produces quinoline alkaloids with a terpene fragment (bucharaine, bucharidine, bucharaminol) [5] that are unique to this species within not only the genus but also the family.

Chromatographic investigation on Silufol UV-254 plates of the total alkaloids and the acidic and neutral fractions remaining after separation of bucharaine and other alkaloids and neutral compounds [3] revealed several spots belonging to components that previously had not been isolated from this plant.

Acid-insoluble mother liquors remaining after isolation and purification of bucharaine were dried (8.5 g) and treated with NaOH solution (4%). The alkali-soluble portion developed a precipitate (2.38 g) upon acidification by glacial  $CH_3CO_2H$  that was crystallized from ethylacetate after treatment with hot  $CHCl_3$ . Yield 1.5 g of diphyllin, mp 285-286 C [6]. The solid was washed with hot  $CH_3OH$  and crystallized from  $CH_3CO_2H$  (60%). Yield 0.23 g of 1. Bucharaine (3.8 g) was isolated from the alkali-insoluble part (5.1 g). The  $CHCl_3$ -soluble fraction was chromatographed on a silica-gel column. Skimmianine (0.3 g) and three minor compounds 2-4 were isolated.

**Compound 1**,  $C_9H_7O_2N$ , mp 353-354<sup>°</sup> C (decom.). PMR (400 MHz, DMSO,  $\delta$ , ppm, *J*, Hz): 5.69 (1H, s, H-3), 7.05 and 7.40 (1H each, t, *J* = 8, H-6, H-7), 7.21 and 7.75 (1H each, dd, *J* = 8.0; 2.0, H-8, H-5), 11.09 (2H, br. s, NH, OH).

**Compound 2**,  $C_{10}H_9O_2N$ , mp 254-256 C (decom.) (acetone).

PMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 3.91 (3H, s,  $OCH_3$ ), 5.95 (1H, s, H-3), 7.00-7.55 (3H, m, H-6, H-7, H-8), 7.85 (1H, dd, J = 8.0; 2.5, H-5), 11.95 (1H, br. s, NH).

**Compound 3**, C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, mp 231-232<sup>+</sup>C (MeOH). M 364.

PMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 3.75, 4.00 (3H each, s,  $2 \times OCH_3$ ), 5.36 (2H, s, Ar–CH<sub>2</sub>–O), 6.01, 6.03 (1H each, d, J = 1.2, O–CH<sub>2</sub>–O), 6.76 (1H, dd, J = 8.0; 1.5, H-6'), 6.82 (1H, s, H-2'), 6.96 (1H, dd, J = 8.0; 1.0, H-5'), 7.07, 7.15 (1H each, s, H-5, H-8), 7.63 (1H, s, H-4).

**Compound 4**, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, mp 231-232 <sup>°</sup>C (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH), M 422.

PMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 2.46 (3H, s, OAc), 3.75, 4.00 (3H each, s,  $2 \times OCH_3$ ), 5.19 (2H, s,  $Ar-CH_2-O$ ), 6.01, 6.04 (1H each, d, J = 1.2,  $O-CH_2-O$ ), 6.76 (1H, dd, J = 8.0; 1.5, H-6'), 6.81 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.95 (1H, dd, J = 8.0; 1.5, H-5'), 7.06, 7.12 (1H each, s, H-5, H-8).

Comparison of the compositions, melting points, and PMR spectra of 1-4 with known quinoline alkaloids and arylnaphthalide ligands identified 1-4 as 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one, 4-methoxyquinolin-2-one [7], justicidin B [8], and acetyldiphyllin [9], respectively. Compounds 1-4 were first isolated from *H. bucharicum*.

It was previously established using labeled compounds that the biosynthetic pathway from anthranilic acid to quinoline alkaloids passes through 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one as an intermediate [10]. However, the last was not isolated from the plant. From this viewpoint, the preparation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one from *H. bucharicum* is an important confirmation of its involvement in the biosynthesis of quinoline alkaloids, in particular, bucharaine, from which bucharamine and bucharidine are formed by Claisen rearrangement [5].

Roots of *H. hucharicum* growing near Derbent of Surkhandar'inskii district contain 0.13% of a mixture of alkaloids, from which known furanoquinolines (skimmianine, dictamnine,  $\gamma$ -fagarine, robustine, haplopine) and pyranoquinolin-2-ones

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(flindersine, haplamine) were isolated [4].

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