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Helicoid H₁. A New Insecticidal C₂₅ Terpenoid from Cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*)

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Two new C₂₅ terpenoids, helicoid H₁ and helicoid H₄, have been isolated from domestic cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*). They were synthesized by the Diels-Alder reaction of hemigossypolone and *trans*- β -ocimene. The stereochemical configuration of these compounds was deduced from the ¹³C NMR spectrum. Helicoid H₁ is toxic to *Heliothis virescens* and appears to be involved in the host-plant resistance of glanded cotton to this insect pest. Helicoid H₄ shows a very low level of toxicity to *H. virescens*.

Some primitive and wild strains of cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum* L.) are more resistant to bollworms and tobacco budworms (*Heliothis* spp.) than cultivated cottons (Lukefahr et al., 1969; Shaver and Lukefahr, 1971). This resistance was correlated with high concentrations of five terpenoids isolated from flower bud extracts (Stipanovic et al., 1976; Seaman et al., 1977). One of these compounds was the sesquiterpenoid, hemigossypolone (HGQ, **5**) (Stipanovic et al., 1976; Gray et al., 1976). Two other compounds were identified as C₂₅ terpenoid derivatives of hemigossypolone, helicoid H₂ (H₂, **2**) (Stipanovic et al., 1977) and helicoid H₃ (H₃, **3**) (Stipanovic et al., 1978). We now report the identification and synthesis of two new C₂₅ terpenoids, helicoid H₁ (H₁, **1**) and helicoid H₄ (H₄, **4**).

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Isolation of Helicoid H₁. Young bolls (2-3 days old) and bracts of the *Heliothis* resistant commercial variety, HG-6-1N, were collected in the field, stored over ice, frozen to -20 °C, and lyophilized. This material was ground to a powder in a blender, extracted, and chromatographed as previously reported (Stipanovic et al., 1978). The helicoides gave bright yellow-orange spots when sprayed with concentrated HCl and 5% ethanolic phloroglucinol (1:1). HGQ and gossypol gave magenta spots. Helicoid H₁ was obtained as a dark oil, that eventually crystallized on scratching and cooling (mp 110-112 °C/hexane).

Isolation of Helicoid H₄. Although helicoid H₄ was present in *G. hirsutum* it was more easily isolated from *G. barbadense* (Seabrook Sea Island). Young bolls (2-3 days old) of Seabrook Sea Island 12B2 were collected and extracted as in the isolation of helicoid H₁. The residue from 100 g of freeze-dried powder was chromatographed over 20 g of Si gel using EtOAc-hexane-HOAc (10:90:0.25, solvent 1) as the developing solvent. The first 20 mL of colored material eluting from the column was rechromatographed on 20 g of Si gel using CHCl₃-HCOOH (99.5:0.5) as the eluting solvent. The first 80 mL of colored material was then chromatographed over 30 g of Si gel eluting with Et₂O-hexane-HCOOH (10:90:0.5). Fractions (15 mL) were collected and helicoid H₄ was found in fractions 2-4. These fractions were combined and chromatographed over Si gel plates developing with cyclohexane-acetone-HCOOH (95:5:0.5). Helicoid H₄ (R_f 0.35) gave a yellow color with phloroglucinol reagent. Helicoid H₄ was finally purified by TLC on Si gel with two successive developments in solvent 1. Helicoid H₄ was very unstable and was isolated as a dark oil.

Synthesis of Helicoides H₁ and H₄. HGQ (50 mg) was dissolved in benzene (1 mL) and *trans*- β -ocimene (**6**) (90% *trans* and 10% *cis*, provided by International Flavors and Fragrances, Inc.) (10 mL). The reaction mixture was protected from light and stirred under nitrogen for 5 days. The excess ocimene was removed as an azeotrope with methanol (4 × 300 mL) under reduced pressure. The product was chromatographed over Si gel (10 g) using hexane-EtOAc-HOAc (89:10:1). The first yellow band (H₁ and H₄) was clearly separated from the trailing orange

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Table I. ^{13}C NMR Chemical Shifts of Heliocide H_1 (H_1) and Heliocide H_4 (H_4)^a

Type	Carbon no.	δ		Type	Carbon no.	δ	
		H_1	H_4			H_1	H_4
-CH ₃	25	17.6	17.6	>C=O	4	198.8	199.3
	24	25.6	25.5		1	202.3	201.4
	20	21.4	21.6	-CH=	22	123.3	124.2
	15	23.6	23.7		18	118.6	117.7
	14	19.6 ^b	19.4 ^b		17	118.6	117.7
-CH ₂ -	13	19.8 ^b	20.2 ^b	>C=	23	133.2 ^c	131.5
	21	27.6	30.4		18	135.0 ^c	136.2
	19	32.3	26.1		17	135.0 ^c	136.2
-CH-	16	39.5	49.0 ^c	Aryl	10	131.8 ^d	Overlap ^d
	12	28.8	29.3		9	130.0 ^d	130.6 ^d
	3	57.3	51.3 ^c		8	140.3	141.2
	2	49.0	51.6		7	148.3	148.3
-CH=O	11	197.7	198.2		6	152.2	152.4
				5	114.1	113.7	

^a ^{13}C NMR shifts are expressed in ppm downfield from Me_4Si using the central resonance of CDCl_3 as reference (δ 76.9). ^{b-d} Shift assignments of carbons so designated may be interchanged.

band (HGQ). The heliocides (5 mg/plate) were then chromatographed on Si gel plates and developed twice with the above solvent system. The top band, H_1 , was isolated in twice the yield of the lower band, H_4 .

Spectra of Heliocide H_1 . UV λ_{max} (CHCl_3) (ϵ) 351 (3900), 272 (31 200), 245 (sh) nm; IR ν_{max} (CHCl_3) 1700, 1675, 1650 cm^{-1} ; MS (probe 100°) m/e (%), molecular formula as determined by high-resolution mass measurement) 410 (8, $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5$), 314 (13), 313 (32, $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4$), 275 (29, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_5$), 136 (13), 135 (100, $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}$), 107 (13), 93 (35), 91 (14, C_7H_7), 69 (27, C_5H_9); ^1H NMR δ (CDCl_3) 1.33 (3 H, s), 1.35 (3 H, bs), 1.38 (6 H, d), 1.54 (3 H, bs), 1.75 (3 H, bs), 1.6–2.5 (4 H, m), 2.5–2.7 (1 H, m), 3.20 (1 H, bs), 3.75 (1 H, sept), 4.65 (1 H, m), 5.36 (1 H, m), 6.53 (1 H, bs, exchanged with D_2O), 10.24 (1 H, s), 12.85 (1 H, s, exchanged with D_2O).

Spectra of Heliocide H_4 . UV λ_{max} (CHCl_3) 351 (3500), 272 (28 500), 245 (sh) nm; IR ν_{max} (CCl_4) 1698, 1685, 1648 cm^{-1} ; MS (probe 100°) m/e (%), molecular formula as determined by high-resolution mass measurement) 410 (4, $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5$), 408 (4), 341 (13), 323 (12), 314 (13), 313 (13), 276 (21), 136 (23), 135 (100), 107 (19), 93 (47), 91 (19), 77 (10), 69 (47); ^1H NMR δ (CDCl_3) 1.40 (6 H, d), 1.43 (3 H, s), 1.50 (3 H, bs), 1.55 (3 H, bs), 1.74 (3 H, bs), 1.6–2.4 (5 H, m), 3.10 (1 H, m), 3.83 (1 H, sept), 4.94 (1 H, m), 5.40 (1 H, m), 6.50 (1 H, bs, exchanged with D_2O), 10.53 (1 H, s), 13.15 (1 H, bs, exchanged with D_2O).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Heliocide H_1 (1, $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5$) was isomeric with heliocides H_2 (2) and H_3 (3). The ^1H NMR of H_1 was similar to H_2 and H_3 , but one additional methyl group was indicated.

We have synthesized H_2 and H_3 from myrcene (7) and HGQ (5). Myrcene is one of the major monoterpenes (8%) found in glanded cotton flower buds (Minyard et al., 1965). Another monoterpene, *trans*- β -ocimene (6) is present in 14%. The Diels-Alder reaction of *trans*- β -ocimene with HGQ provided two products, which were isomeric with H_2 and H_3 but with one additional methyl group. The major product had IR, UV, ^1H NMR, and mass spectra that agreed with those of the naturally occurring H_1 . R_f values of synthetic H_1 also coincided with natural H_1 in several solvent systems. Adducts of HGQ with alloocimene, and α -phellandrene had different spectra and R_f values than those of H_1 . Therefore, we conclude that H_1 is a Diels-Alder adduct of *trans*- β -ocimene (6) and HGQ (5); the

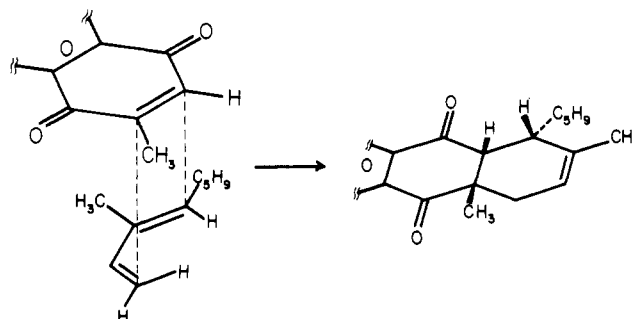


Figure 1. The endo transition of the reaction of HGQ with *trans*- β -ocimene.

minor product of this reaction was designated H_4 . The minor product had IR, UV, ^1H NMR, and mass spectra that agreed with those of the naturally occurring heliocide H_4 .

Cis substituted dienes do not compete effectively with trans substituted dienes in the Diels-Alder reaction (Craig, 1943). Therefore the adducts isolated in the Diels-Alder reaction of HGQ with β -ocimene (90% *trans*, 10% *cis*) must be the two possible products from the *trans* isomer of β -ocimene.

Heliocide H_1 and H_4 do not revert to hemigossypolone and β -ocimene at room temperature, but they are synthesized in the Diels-Alder reaction at room temperature. Therefore, H_1 and H_4 are the products of the kinetically controlled reaction. A kinetically controlled reaction proceeds through an endo transition state giving a *cis*-fused product (Criegee and Becher, 1957) (Figure 1). Furthermore, *trans* 1-substituted butadienes and quinones form adducts in which the diene substituent is *trans* to the substituents on the quinone ring (Bloom, 1959; Martin and Hill, 1961). Thus, H_1 and H_4 have *cis*-fused ring systems with *transoid* isopentenyl side chains as shown for structures 1 and 4.

The assignments of structures 1 and 4 to H_1 and H_4 , respectively, were made from a careful study of the ^{13}C NMR spectra of the compounds (Table I) and particularly from comparisons of the chemical shift changes ($\Delta\delta$) of the four critical carbons (C19, C16, C3, and C2) in heliocides H_1 and H_4 with those in heliocides H_2 and H_3 , respectively (Table II). The x-ray crystallographic study established that H_2 has the alkyl chain in the cyclohexenyl ring at-

Scheme I

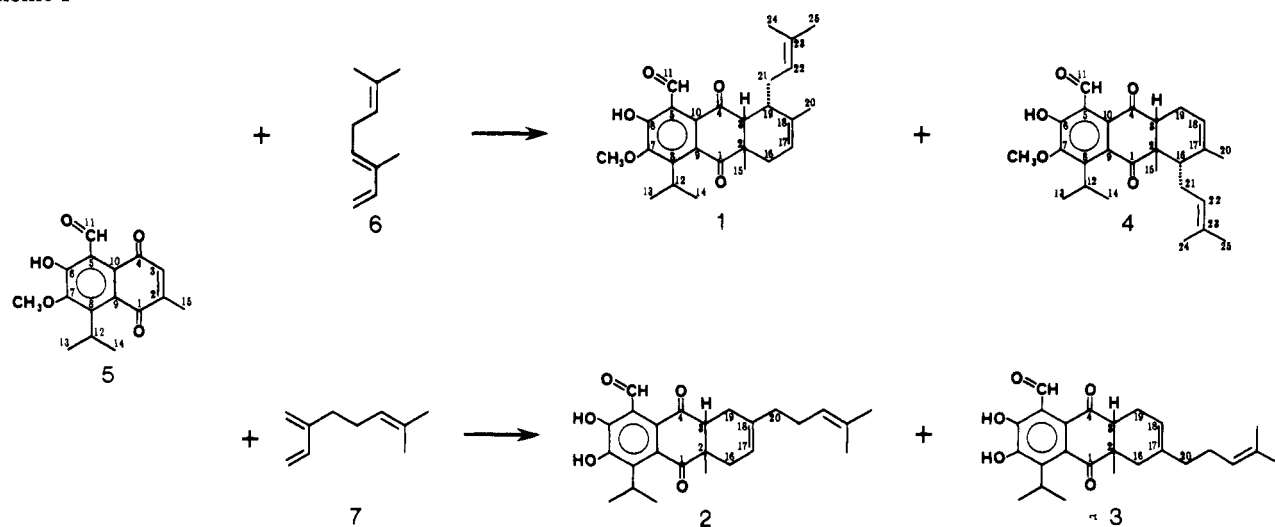


Table II. Carbon-13 Chemical Shift Comparisons for the Cyclohexenyl Ring^a

Carbon	H ₂	H ₁	Δδ	H ₃	H ₄	Δδ
C19	26.6	39.5	+12.9	24.1	26.1	+2.0
C16	32.1	32.3	+0.2	35.0	49.0	+14.0
C3	54.8	57.3	+2.5	54.4	51.3	-3.1
C2	49.3	49.0	-0.3	49.9	51.6	+1.7

^a Carbon 13 shifts in ppm downfield from Me₄Si using central resonance of CDCl₃ as reference (δ 76.9); downfield chemical shift changes ($\Delta\delta$) are positive.

tached at C18. Because H₃ is the isomeric Diels-Alder adduct of H₂, the alkyl side chain in H₃ must be attached at C17 (Stipanovic et al., 1978). Since structure 1 has alkyl substituents at C18 and C19, the ¹³C NMR of the compound (H₁ or H₄) which best correlated with H₂ at C2, C3, C16, and C19 was assigned structure 1; similarly the ¹³C NMR chemical shifts of C2, C3, C16, and C19 in the other compounds, with alkyl substituents at C16 and C17, must correlate with H₃. It was found that the only reasonable correlation of C16, C19, C3, and C2 was between H₂ and H₁ and between H₃ and H₄ (Table II). Therefore H₁ is assigned structure 1 with alkyl substituents at C18 and C19, and H₄ is assigned structure 4 with alkyl substituents at C16 and C17.

The correlation of chemical shifts of C2, C3, C16, and C19 and structure assignment of H₁ and H₄ is explained as follows. The proton couple ¹³C NMR of H₂ has two triplets at δ 26.6 and 32.1, assigned to the methylene carbons C19 and C16, respectively. Carbon 16 appears at lower field than C19 (+5.5 ppm) due to the β -substituent effect of the bridgehead methyl (C15) (Wehrli and Wirthlin, 1976). H₁ differs from H₂ by an additional alkyl group at C19, thus a large downfield shift should be observed for this carbon (Table II). In the proton coupled spectrum of H₁, two doublets at δ 57.3 and 39.5 are assigned to C3 and C19, respectively. This gives a downfield shift upon alkyl substitution at C19 of +12.9 ppm when C19 in H₁ is compared to H₂ (Table II). This shift is similar to that observed for C3 in 3-*n*-butylcyclohexene compared to C3 in cyclohexene (37.7 - 25.5 = +12.2 ppm) (Stothers, 1972). Also, a small downfield β -substituent effect is observed at C3 of H₁ compared to H₂ (+2.5 ppm, Table II). Only a very small shift at C2 is expected in H₁ compared to H₂ because C2 is a quaternary carbon and the alkyl substituent at C19 is in a nearly anti conformation to C2 (Wehrli and Wirthlin, 1976). The small shift (-0.3 ppm, Table II) that occurred was upfield as expected.

The resonance changes in H₃ compared to H₄ (Table II), particularly the downfield shift at C16 (+14.0 ppm, Table II) are equally plausible for assigning structure 4 to H₄. However, the ¹³C NMR chemical shift assignments were based on a decoupled spectrum because of the limited quantity of material.

If structure 4 were assigned to H₁ and structure 1 to H₄, the shift changes would no longer be reasonable. For example, a large shift of +22.4 ppm (49.0 - 26.6) would be obtained for conversion of the C19 methylene to a methine and a shift of only +4.5 ppm (39.5 - 35.0) would be obtained for conversion of the C16 methylene to a methine.

The relative in vitro synthetic yields of H₁ and H₄ further substantiates their structures as 1 and 4, respectively. In the Diels-Alder reaction of HGQ and β -ocimene, H₁ is the major adduct (66%). Likewise in the synthesis of H₂ and H₃ from HGQ and myrcene, H₂ was the major adduct (60%) (Stipanovic et al., 1977). The Diels-Alder reaction is very sensitive to steric interaction between substituents on the diene and the dienophile because of the endo transition state (Ansell et al., 1963). In the synthesis of H₂ and H₃, apparently the HGQ isopropyl group sterically interacted with the myrcene side chain in the transition state leading to H₃ and thus decreased the yield of H₃. This steric interaction, and thus the energy of activation, would be minimized in the transition state leading to H₂ because the side chain from myrcene is as far removed from the HGQ isopropyl group as possible. The HGQ aldehyde group offers minimal obstruction because it is held in the plane of the aromatic ring by hydrogen bonding to the *o*-hydroxyl group. In the synthesis of H₁ and H₄ an even larger steric interaction would occur between the HGQ isopropyl group and β -ocimene because β -ocimene is a 1,2-disubstituted diene. Thus, the major product (H₁) should have structure 1, which is formed with the least steric interaction.

We have reported that H₁ is four to five times as toxic as HGQ or H₂ to the tobacco budworm (Lukefahr et al., 1977). Helicoides H₄ shows a very low level of toxicity to the tobacco budworm. The toxicity of the helicoides therefore depends not only on the structure of the monoterpene diene involved in their synthesis but also on the stereochemistry of the product. Different lines of cotton have been analyzed for their individual helicoides concentrations. The race stocks which have been examined shows variations in the relative concentrations of the helicoides. This indicates that the synthesis of the helicoides is under some enzymatic control. Therefore, it

should be possible to specifically breed cotton plants that contain the most effective insecticidal mixture of heliocides.

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A New Metabolite of Chlorpyrifos: Isolation and Identification

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A new metabolite of chlorpyrifos was discovered in a human poisoning case in which a lethal quantity of the pesticide was ingested. The metabolite was isolated from a human liver extract. After extensive cleanup, the metabolite was subjected to various instrumental analyses such as gas chromatography, mass spectrometry, and nuclear magnetic resonance. The metabolite was identified as a compound similar to chlorpyrifos with a methylthio (-SCH₃) group substituted for a chlorine on the pyridinol ring. The method of isolation and the data obtained from the instrumental analyses are presented.

Pesticide residue analyses were performed on autopsy samples taken from an individual suspected of having accidentally ingested a pesticide formulation (Lores et al., 1978). The results of these analyses indicated that a mixture of chlorpyrifos [*O,O*-diethyl *O*-(3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridyl) phosphorothioate] and malathion (diethyl mercaptosuccinate, S ester with *O,O*-dimethyl phosphorodithioate) had been ingested. During the analysis, a previously unreported metabolite of chlorpyrifos was detected in the liver.

This new metabolite was isolated from human liver. Gas chromatography (GC) with sulfur, phosphorus, and nitrogen specific detectors; combined gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS); high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS); and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR) were used to characterize the metabolite. It was identified as the *O,O*-diethyl phosphorothioate ester of a dichloro, methylthio, 2-pyridinol. The exact position of the methylthio (-SCH₃) group on the

pyridine ring could not be determined; but one of the three possible positions was ruled out by proton NMR.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Gas Chromatography. All gas chromatographic analyses were carried out on a Tracor Model 222 GC. Two types of detectors were used. A Flame Photometric Detector (FPD) equipped with a Spectrum 1020 noise filter and a variable voltage power supply (Power Designs) was used to detect phosphorus or sulfur. The selectivity of the detector could be changed simply by changing the light filter between the flame and the phototube. A Hall electrolytic conductivity detector was used to selectively detect nitrogen.

Three columns were used in the gas chromatographic analyses: 5% OV-210 on Gas-Chrom Q 80-100 mesh; 4% SE-30/6% OV-210 on Gas-Chrom Q 80-100 mesh; and 1.5% OV-17/1.95% OV-210 on Gas-Chrom Q 80-100 mesh. All columns were operated at 200 °C with 40 mL/min N₂ carrier gas. The inlet was kept at 225 °C. The flame photometric detector was operated at 175 °C. The Hall detector furnace was operated at 860 °C.

Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry. Initial 70-eV electron impact mass spectra were obtained from a Hewlett-Packard 5930A mass spectrometer equipped

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