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An investigation of CH₂Cl₂ and EtOH extracts of *Trifolium resupinatum* L. var. *microcephalum* Zoh. has led to the isolation of two new compounds characterized as 4,15-dimethyl-2-(1,2-dihydroxyethyl)-hexadecene (**1**) and 1-undecene-1-*O*- β -2',3',4',6'-tetraacetyl glucopyranoside (**2a**). Their structures were established by 1D and 2D NMR techniques, and mass spectroscopy.

Keywords: *Trifolium resupinatum* L. var. *microcephalum* Zoh; leguminosae; 4,15-dimethyl-2-(1,2-dihydroxyethyl)-hexadecene; 1-undecene-1-*O*- β -2',3',4',6'-tetraacetyl glucopyranoside

1. Introduction

Trifolium is one of the most important genera of the Leguminosae family both in its agricultural value and the number of species, about 300 [1]. In Turkey, it is represented by 103 species [2]. Some *Trifolium* species such as *T. repens*, *T. arvense*, and *T. pratense* are used for the treatment of analgesic, expectorant, antiseptic, and rheumatism aches in Turkish folk medicine [3]. However, some of them are an important material for sheep and cattle in the Mediterranean region [4,5]. The aerial part of *Trifolium alexandrinum* is used as cattle feed and the seeds are used as an antidiabetic in Egypt [6]. In previous studies, saponins [7,8], flavonoids [4,5,8–10], chalconol glucosides [11], and megastigmane glycosides [6] have been reported from the *Trifolium* species. Phytylester, steroids, lipids [12,13], and flavonoids [14] have also been isolated from *T. resupinatum* L. var. *microcephalum* Zoh. However, a study on the

alcoholic extract of *T. resupinatum* var. *microcephalum* revealed anti-inflammatory and antioxidant activities in arthritic rats [15].

In this paper, we have reported the isolation and structure determination of two new compounds (**1** and **2**), an alkenol and an alkyl glucoside, from *T. resupinatum* var. *microcephalum* (Figure 1). They are reported for the first time from *Trifolium* var. *microcephalum*.

2. Results and discussion

In the ¹H NMR spectrum of **1**, the double doublets at δ 3.52 (H-20_a) and 3.69 (H-20_b) were attributed to the methylene protons adjacent to an OH group, while the methine proton adjacent to the OH group was observed as a double doublet at δ 4.18 (H-19). The methylene protons of the double bond were observed as two singlets at δ 4.96 (H-1_a) and 5.11 (H-1_b). In addition, the ¹H NMR

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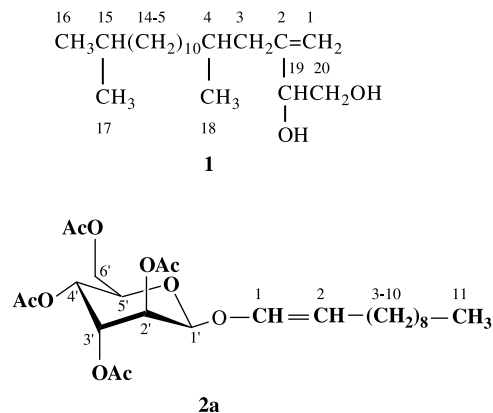


Figure 1. Structures of compounds **1** and **2a**.

spectrum of **1** indicated two doublets at δ 0.85 (H-16/17) and 0.83 (H-18), and a multiplet centered at δ 1.19 (20H, $10 \times \text{CH}_2$ groups of the aliphatic chain), δ 1.54 (H-4), and δ 1.42 (H-15). The signal at δ 1.89 (H-3) indicated the presence of methylene protons adjacent to an olefinic carbon. The $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ COSY spectrum of **1** confirmed the connectivity between H-19/H-20, H-20_a/H-20_b, H-1_a/H-1_b, H-4/H-18, and H-15/H-16/H-17. The molecular formula $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_2$ of compound **1** was determined on the basis of the HRMS and EIMS spectra. The HRMS showed a molecular ion peak at m/z 312.3038 $[\text{M}]^+$. In the EIMS spectrum of **1**, the fragmentation of the hydrocarbon chain was observed, from which the methyl positions could be deduced (Figure 2). The spectrum contained two major ion peaks at m/z 43 $[\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}_3]^+$ and m/z 297 $[\text{M} - 15]^+[(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_2) - \text{CH}_3]^+$,

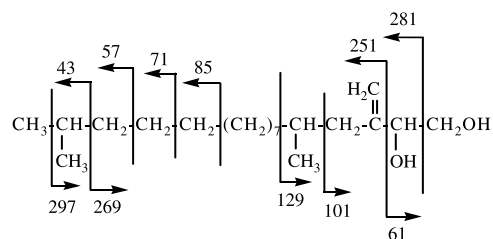


Figure 2. EIMS fragmentation patterns of compound **1**.

characteristic of methyl substitutions [16]. The EIMS spectrum also displayed ion peaks at m/z 269 and 297 associated with the peak at m/z 43, suggesting one isopropyl group at C-14; the ion peaks at m/z 101 and 129 were consistent with another methyl substitution at C-4. However, the prominent fragmentation ions at m/z 281, 251, and 61 suggested hydroxylation at C-19. The $[(\text{M} + 1) - 18]^+$ and $[(\text{M} + 1) - 36]^+$ peaks arising from the loss of H_2O were observed in the EIMS spectrum.

In the ^{13}C NMR spectrum, 20 carbon resonances were observed and assigned with the aid of the DEPT spectrum; the methyl branching was confirmed by the presence of signals for methine carbons (δ 32.9 and 33.0), methyl groups (δ 19.9, 19.9, and 22.8), and methylene groups α to the methine carbons (δ 37.4, 37.6, and 39.5 (C-3/5/14)) [12,16,17]. The signals at δ 110.7 (C-1) and 148.8 (C-2) for olefinic carbons and the signals at δ 75.2 (C-19) and 65.8 (C-20) for oxygen-bearing carbons were observed. All these data supported that compound **1** was 4,15-dimethyl-2-(1,2-dihydroxyethyl)-hexadecene.

Compound **2** could not be dissolved in CDCl_3 and other NMR solvents. For this reason, first, it was converted to its acetyl derivative (**2a**) and then its spectra were taken. Compound **2** was identified as an alkyl glucoside, 1-undecene-1- O - β -glucoside, by comparison of the ^{13}C NMR, HMQC, HMBC, ^1H NMR, $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ COSY, HRMS, and EIMS spectra. In the ^1H NMR spectrum of **2a**, two *cis*-double bond protons at δ 6.58 (H-1, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz) and 5.35 (H-2, ddd, $J = 9.5, 6.0, 9.0$ Hz), an anomeric proton at δ 5.34 (H-1'), and four methyl protons at δ 2.00, 2.03, 2.06, 2.16 (12H, $4 \times \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$) were observed. The ^1H NMR spectral data of **2a** showed the resonances of protons of an acetylated sugar moiety at C-2', C-3', C-4', and C-6', as evidenced by downfield shifts of H-2' (δ 5.07), H-3' (δ 4.93), H-4' (δ 5.07), and H-6'_{a,b} (δ 3.99, 4.31) signals in comparison with β -glucopyranoside. The acetylated groups were conclusively confirmed by the HMBC spectrum (see Experimental section).

The ^{13}C NMR and HMQC spectra revealed the presence of five methyl groups at δ 19.6, 19.7, 19.8, 19.9 (CH_3COO^-) and δ 13.1 (C-11), two olefinic carbons at δ 130.2 (C-1) and δ 128.3 (C-2), four ester carbonyls at δ 168.9, 169.0, 169.9, 170.2 (CH_3COO^-), eight methylenes at δ 21.7, 23.9, 24.5, 27.3, 28.7, 30.8, 30.9, 31.2 (C-3–C-10) and δ 61.4 (C-6'), five methines in the region δ 104.0–71.4, including an anomeric carbon at δ 104.0. The HRMS of compound **2a** showed the $[\text{M}]^+$ at m/z 500.2662 in agreement with the molecular formula $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_{10}$. The EIMS spectrum of **2a** gave a major molecular ion at m/z 501 $[\text{M} + 1]^+$, which was consistent with the molecular formula $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_{10}$, as well as a strong ion fragment at m/z 167 $[(\text{M} - 2)\text{-Glu}(\text{OAc})_4]^+(100)$. The observation of a fragment ion peak at m/z 167 provided additional evidence of the sugar moiety. The prominent mass spectral fragmentations at m/z 125, 83, 41 were also consistent with the proposed structure. Thus, compound **2a** was characterized as 1-undecene-1-*O*- β -2',3',4',6'-tetraacetyl glucopyranoside [18–20].

3. Experimental

3.1 General experimental procedures

Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP-360 digital polarimeter. The NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 on a Varian instrument at 300 and 500 MHz (Mercury plus) for ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, DEPT, ^1H – ^1H COSY, HMQC, and HMBC. HRMS was recorded with a Bruker (Micro TOF-Q) instrument. EIMS was measured on a VG Zabspec MS and a Jeol MS Route apparatus.

3.2 Plant material

T. resupinatum var. *microcephalum* was collected from Edirne, Turkey in May 2002 and identified by Dr N. Başak (Trakya University). A voucher specimen is deposited in the Herbarium of the Biology Department, Trakya University (EDTU 8328).

3.3 Extraction and isolation

Dried aerial parts of the plant material were macerated with CH_2Cl_2 and then with EtOH. The CH_2Cl_2 extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure to yield 35 g of a crude extract, which was chromatographed on silica gel column (CC), using petroleum ether and a gradient of CH_2Cl_2 , EtOAc, and, finally, MeOH (100%). The collected similar fractions in CH_2Cl_2 :EtOAc (90:10) were combined to produce one fraction, and this fraction was rechromatographed by CC. The single compounds were purified by preparative TLC [CH_2Cl_2 :EtOAc (6:1.2)] to yield compound **1** (7.5 mg).

The EtOH extract was concentrated on a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residual extract was diluted with water and then extracted with EtOAc to yield 27.9 g of a crude EtOAc extract. The EtOAc extract was chromatographed on silica gel column, using *n*-hexane and gradients of EtOAc, and, finally, MeOH (100%) as a solvent. The collected similar fractions in the 100% EtOAc were combined to produce one fraction, and this fraction was rechromatographed. The single compounds were purified by preparative TLC [hexane:EtOAc (15:85)] to afford **2** (12 mg). Compound **2** was converted to its acetyl derivative because it could not be dissolved in CDCl_3 and other NMR solvents. Then, the spectra of its acetyl derivative were recorded. In the acetylation of **2**, it was dissolved in pyridine (1 ml) and treated overnight with Ac_2O (1 ml).

3.3.1 4,15-Dimethyl-2-(1,2-dihydroxyethyl)-hexadecene (**1**)

$[\alpha]_D^{19} + 2.5$ (c 0.7, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 4.96 (1H, s, H-1_a), 5.11 (1H, s, H-1_b), 1.89 (2H, m, H-3), 1.54 (1H, m, H-4), 0.95–1.44 (20H, m, H-5–H-14), 1.42 (1H, m, H-15), 0.85 (6H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, H-16/17), 0.83 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, H-18), 4.18 (1H, dd, $J = 3.3, 7.2$ Hz, H-19), 3.52 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2, 11.1$ Hz, H-20_a), 3.69 (1H, dd, $J = 3.6, 11.1$ Hz, H-20_b); ^{13}C NMR and DEPT (CDCl_3)

δ : 110.7 (C-1), 148.9 (C-2), 32.9 (C-4), 33.0 (C-15), 19.9 (C-16), 19.9 (C-17), 22.8 (C-18), 75.2 (C-19), 65.8 (C-20), 37.4, 37.6, 39.5 (C-3/5/14), 22.9, 24.6, 24.9, 25.7, 28.1, 29.8, 33.1, 37.0 (C-6–C-13); ^1H – ^1H COSY (CDCl_3) δ : 1.89/1.54 (H-3/H-4), 4.18/3.69 and 3.52 (H-19/H-20_a and H-20_b), 3.52/3.69 (H-20_a/H-20_b), 4.96/5.11 (H-1_a/H-1_b), 1.54/1.89 (H-4/H-3), 1.54/0.83 (H-4/H-18), 1.42/0.85 (H-15/H-16 and H-17); HRMS m/z 312.3038 $[\text{M}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_2$, 312.3028); EIMS m/z (rel. int.%): 312 $[\text{M}]^+(5)$ ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_2$), 295 $[(\text{M} + 1)\text{-H}_2\text{O}]^+(45)$, 277 $[(\text{M} + 1)\text{-2H}_2\text{O}]^+(70)$, 297 $[\text{M} - \text{CH}_3]^+(25)$, 281 $[\text{M} - \text{CH}_2\text{OH}]^+(15)$, 263 $[\text{281-H}_2\text{O}]^+(18)$, 45 $[(\text{M} + 2)\text{-C}_{17}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_2]^+(100)$, 57 $[\text{M} - \text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2]^+(85)$, 251 $[\text{M} - (\text{-CH(OH)CH}_2\text{OH})]^+(3)$, 61 $[\text{M} - \text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{35}]^+(3)$, 269 $[\text{M} - \text{C}_3\text{H}_7]^+(4)$, 129 $[\text{M} - \text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{27}]^+(3)$, 101 $[\text{M} - \text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{31}]^+(17)$, 85 $[\text{M} - \text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2]^+(27)$, 71 $[\text{M} - \text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2]^+(77)$.

3.3.2 1-Undecene-1-O- β -2',3',4',6'-tetraacetyl glucopyranoside (2a)

$[\alpha]_D^{19} - 27.4$ (c 0.5, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 6.58 (1H, d, $J = 9$ Hz, H-1), 5.35 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.5, 6, 9$ Hz, H-2), 1.94 (2H, m, H-3), 1.55 (2H, br s, H-4), 1.23–1.29 (12H, m, H-5–H-10), 0.85 (3H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, H-11), 5.34 (1H, d, $J = 6$ Hz, H-1'), 5.07 (1H, dd, $J = 8, 11.5$ Hz, H-2'), 4.93 (1H, dd, $J = 3.5, 9.5$ Hz, H-3'), 5.07 (1H, dd, $J = 3.5, 8$ Hz, H-4'), 4.42 (1H, m, H-5'), 3.99 (1H, dd, $J = 3, 11.5$ Hz, H-6'_a), 4.31 (1H, dd, $J = 6.5, 11.5$ Hz, H-6'_b), 2.0, 2.03, 2.06, 2.16 (12H, s, $4 \times \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$); ^{13}C NMR and HMQC (CDCl_3) δ : 130.2 (C-1), 128.3 (C-2), 21.7, 23.9, 24.5, 27.3, 28.7 (C-3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10), 13.1 (C-11), 104.0 (C-1'), 73.0 (C-2'), 75.6 (C-3'), 71.4 (C-4'), 71.6 (C-5'), 61.4 (C-6'), 19.4, 19.7, 19.8, 19.9 ($4 \times \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$), 169.0, 169.0, 169.9, 170.2 ($4 \times \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$); ^1H – ^1H COSY (CDCl_3) δ : 0.85/1.23–1.29 (H-11/H-10), 1.94/1.23–1.29 (H-3/H-4), 3.99/4.31 (H-6'_a/H-6'_b), 4.42/5.07 (H-5'/H-4'), 5.07/4.93 (H-4'/H-3'), 4.93/5.07 (H-3'/H-4' and H-2'), 6.58/5.35 (H-1/H-2), 5.35/1.94 (H-2/H-3), 4.42/3.99 and 4.31 (H-5'/H-6'_a and

H-6'_b); HRMS m/z 500.2662 $[\text{M}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_{10}$, 500.2621); EIMS m/z (rel. int.%): 501 $[\text{M} + 1]^+(1)$ ($\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_{10}$), 502 $[\text{M} + 2]^+(7)$, 327 $[(\text{M}-1)\text{-(}4 \times \text{CH}_3\text{CO)}]^+(10)$, 167 $[(\text{M}-2)\text{-Glu(OAc)}_4]^+(100)$, 149 $[\text{167-H}_2\text{O}]^+(29)$, 139 $[(167 + 1)\text{-(}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3\text{)}]^+(15)$, 125 $[(167 + 1)\text{-(}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3\text{)}]^+(79)$, 83 $[(167 + 1)\text{-(}-\text{(CH}_2\text{)}_5\text{CH}_3\text{)}]^+(42)$, 41 $[(167 + 1)\text{-(}-\text{(CH}_2\text{)}_8\text{CH}_3\text{)}]^+(27)$, 125 $[\text{167-C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]^+(79)$. HMBC correlations: H-3/C-1, C-2, C-4; H-1/C-3; H-1'/C-1; H-2'/C-3', C-1'; H-3'/C-2', C-4'; H-4'/C-3', C-2'; H-5'/C-6'; H-6'/C-5'.

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