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The four compounds occurring in the oils that remain unidentified are: 1. RRT=0.339, MW152, m/z (%) 108(100), 93(67), 41(46), 67(28), 95(26), a monoterpene alcohol; 2, RRT=0.368, MW150, m/z(%) 91(100), 41(78), 94(45), 109(43), 79(42), a monoterpene alcohol; 3, RRT=0.387, MW152, m/z(%) 59(100), 94(66), 79(57), 43(33), 91(33), a monoterpene alcohol; and 4, RRT=0.715, MW222, m/z(%) 43(100), 81(97), 41(76), 79(51), 93(47), possibly an alcohol of β -elemene.

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C-GLYCOSYLFLAVONES FROM MONNIERIA TRIFOLIA

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We have previously reported alkaloids from the leaves of *Monnieria trifolia* L. (Rutaceae, Cuspariae) (1, 2). Recently, other alkaloids have been isolated from the leaves (3) and whole plant (4). In the present work the leaves of *M. trifolia* yielded four di-C-glycosylflavones: neoschaftoside, vicenin-3, schaftoside, and isoschaftoside.

EXPERIMENTAL

PLANT MATERIAL.—The leaf material was collected from plants grown in French Guyana. A voucher specimen has been deposited at the Herbarium of the Faculté des Sciences Pharmaceutiques, Toulouse, France.

EXTRACTION AND ISOLATION OF FLAVONES.—Air-dried leaves of M. trifolia were exhaustively extracted with MeOH. The concentrated MeOH extract was chromatographed on an Amberlite XAD₂ column with the following eluants: H_2O and NH_4OH (5%). The basic fraction, after neutralization, was extracted successively with Et_2O , EtOAc, and n-BuOH. The n-BuOH fraction contained most of the flavonoids.

The *n*-BuOH concentrate was chromatographed on cellulose (preparative tlc) with *n*-BuOH-HOAc- H_2O (4:1:5, upper phase). The above four flavonoids were isolated. Schaftoside and isoschaftoside were purified by preparative tlc on cellulose with 15% HOAc. All flavonoids were identified by comparison of uv and ms of their permethylated ethers with published values (5-7). They have been isolated from any sources (8).

The number of Rutaceae species that have been investigated form C-glycosylflavones is too few to determine whether the compounds identified from M. trifolia may have taxonomic significance. In the Cuspariae, most of the C-glycosylflavones identified are apigenin derivatives (9, 10).

Details of the isolation and identifications are available from the senior author.

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DITERPENES FROM VIGUIERA PORTERI

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Approximately 25 species of the large genus Viguiera (Compositae, tribe Heliantheae, subtribe Helianthinae) have been studied chemically (1-19). Characteristic constituents are heliangolides incorporating a furanone ring and diterpene acids of the ent-kaurane and ent-trachelobane series, although not all species elaborate both types of compounds. The sole representative of the genus in the southeastern U.S. is Viguiera porteri (A. Gray) Blake, which has a limited distribution in the Piedmont plateau of Georgia and southeastern Alabama. In keeping with the chemistry of other representatives of Viguiera and the closely related genus Helianthus, our examination of V. porteri has furnished the diterpene acids 1a-1d and 2. Acids 1c and 1d were isolated in the form of the methyl esters 1e and 1f. Other compounds present were β-sitosterol; stigmasterol; and linoleic, linolenic, and stearic acids. Sesquiterpene lactones were not detected.

1a R, R', R"=H

1b R, R"=H, R'=OH

1c R=OH, R'=OAng, R''=H

1d R, R'=H, R'=OEpoxyang

1e R=OH, R'=OAng, R''=Me

1f R=H, R'=OEpoxyang, R"=Me

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