

## Identification of the Absolute Stereochemistry of D- and L-Oleandroses Using a Chiral H.p.l.c. Column

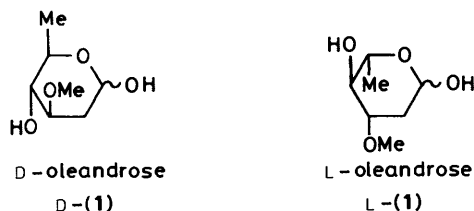
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The absolute stereochemistry of D- and L-oleandroses has been determined for the carbamoyl derivatives of the methyl glycosides by h.p.l.c. using a chiral column. The anomeric stereochemistry of methyl  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -oleandروفuranosides has also been studied on the basis of nuclear Overhauser effect (n.O.e.) experiments.

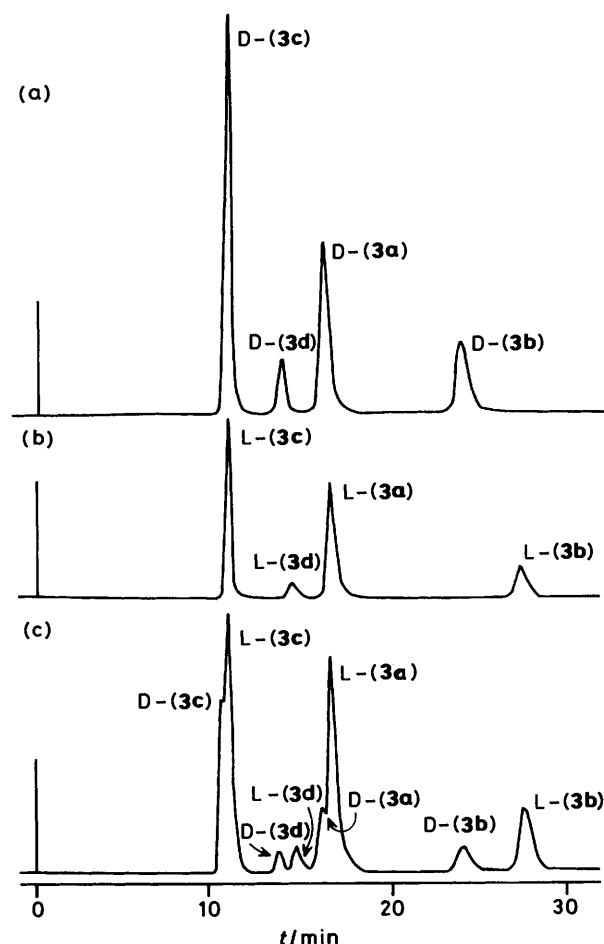
Some sugars occur in Nature as both D- and L-enantiomers. In the course of our study on the absolute stereochemistry of these sugars, we have already reported that of D- and L-cymaroses (2,6-dideoxy-3-O-methyl-ribo-hexose) by h.p.l.c. using a chiral column (SUMIPAX OA-1000).<sup>1</sup> Here we describe the identification of the absolute stereochemistry of D- and L-oleandroses (2,6-dideoxy-3-O-methyl-arabino-hexose) by using h.p.l.c. with a chiral column (SUMIPAX OA-1000) and the anomeric stereochemistry of methyl  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -oleandروفuranosides from n.O.e. experiments.



Oleandrose (1) is known as a constituent of antibiotics and plant glycosides. So far as we know, D-(1) has hitherto been isolated only from the following plants: *Digitalis lanata*<sup>2</sup> (Scrophulariaceae), *Trachelospermum asiaticum*<sup>3</sup> (Apocynaceae), *Cynanchum caudatum*<sup>4</sup> (Asclepiadaceae), etc. On the other hand, L-(1) has been found in both plants; *Nerium oleander*<sup>5</sup> (Apocynaceae), *Cynanchum vincetoxicum*<sup>6</sup> (Asclepiadaceae), etc., and metabolites of micro-organisms; oleandomycin<sup>7</sup> (*Streptomyces antibiotics*), etc. For the structural elucidation of these glycosides, the optical rotations of (1) is sufficient to assign D- or L-stereochemistry. However, a large amount of glycosides is required for the measurement since the absolute value of the specific rotation of (1) is small {L-(1),  $[\alpha]_D + 12^\circ$ }. The technique described in this paper can differentiate small quantities of D-(1) or L-(1).

### Results and Discussion

For the experiment, both D-(1) derived from the crude glycoside of *C. caudatum*,<sup>4</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{16} - 9.5^\circ$  (c 1.31 in H<sub>2</sub>O), and L-(1) from oleandrin,<sup>5</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{17} + 11.0^\circ$  (c 1.36 in H<sub>2</sub>O), were used. Methyl-glycosylation of (1) usually gives a mixture of methyl  $\alpha$ - (2a) and  $\beta$ -oleandروفuranosides (2b) and methyl  $\alpha$ - (2c) and  $\beta$ -oleandروفuranosides (2d) in the ratio of 4:4:3:1, respectively, which is based on the intensity of anomeric proton signals in the <sup>1</sup>H n.m.r. spectrum. Each mixture of methyl D- and L-oleandrosides was allowed to react with 3,5-dinitrophenyl isocyanate in dry toluene in the presence of dry pyridine to give mixtures of carbamates. These two mixtures and the



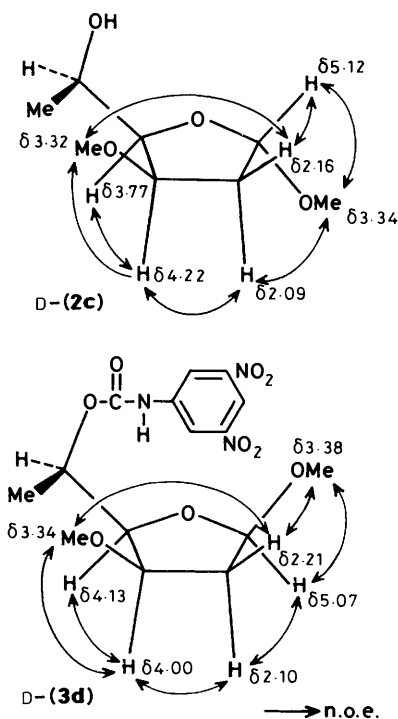
**Figure 1.** H.p.l.c. analysis of the carbamates of methyl D- (a) and L-oleandrosides (b) and the enantiomeric mixture (c). Conditions: column, SUMIPAX OA-1000 (5 $\mu$ , 4 mm i.d.  $\times$  15 cm); mobile phase, hexane-dichloromethane-EtOH (40:5:2, v/v/v); flow rate, 1.0 ml/min; detector, u.v. (254 nm)

enantiomeric mixture were analyzed by h.p.l.c. using a chiral column (SUMIPAX OA-1000) (Figure 1). The optically active site of the packing material is (*S*)-1-( $\alpha$ -naphthyl)ethylamine,  $\pi$ -electron-donor chemically bonded on silica gel. Therefore, the methyl oleandrosides as  $\pi$ -electron acceptors were converted into their 3,5-dinitrophenylcarbamoyl derivatives, with the

**Table.** Optical rotations and retention times on h.p.l.c. of D, L-(**3a**), -(**3b**), -(**3c**), and -(**3d**)

Compd.	$[\alpha]_D$ (c)*	$R_f$ (min)
D-( <b>3a</b> )	+76.1° (1.03)	16.1
L-( <b>3a</b> )	-79.0° (1.04)	16.7
D-( <b>3b</b> )	-28.6° (1.00)	24.0
L-( <b>3b</b> )	+31.3° (0.76)	27.6
D-( <b>3c</b> )	+40.2° (1.03)	10.7
L-( <b>3c</b> )	-38.4° (0.51)	11.0
D-( <b>3d</b> )	-72.5° (1.14)	13.7
L-( <b>3d</b> )	+68.0° (0.25)	14.6

\* Optical rotations were measured in acetone at 20 °C for D-series and at 25 °C for L-series.



**Figure 2.** N.O.e. experiments with (**2c**) and (**3d**) (270 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

sensitivity of the analysis being increased by the use of a u.v. detector. The components of each mixture of methyl D- and L-oleandrosides were separated as D or L-(**2a**), -(**2b**), -(**2c**), and -(**2d**) by column chromatography on silica gel, which were led to the carbamates [D or L-(**3a**), -(**3b**), -(**3c**), and -(**3d**), respectively]. The h.p.l.c. analyses of these eight carbamates led to the correlation between the peaks illustrated in Figure 1. The retention times ( $R_f$ s) on the h.p.l.c. of D or L-(**3a**), -(**3b**), -(**3c**), and -(**3d**) are noted in the Table. Those of (**3b**) and (**3d**) were obviously different for the D- and L-series. Therefore, D-(**1**) and L-(**1**) are optically distinguishable by the h.p.l.c. experiment with a chiral column using the carbamoyl derivatives of their methyl glycosides.

The anomeric stereochemistries of (**2a**) and (**2b**) were determined by analysis of the proton-proton coupling constants [ $J$  3.7 and 1.5 Hz for (**2a**) and  $J$  9.8 and 2.2 Hz for (**2b**)], of their chair forms. The configurations of (**2c**) and (**2d**) cannot be determined in the same way. However, the optical rotations of the two methyl L-oleandrofuranosides,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} - 33.8^\circ$  ( $c$  1.09 in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) and  $[\alpha]_D^{26} + 160^\circ$  ( $c$  0.23 in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), indicate their

stereochemistry corresponds to L-(**2c**) and L-(**2d**) respectively (Hudson isorotation rule).<sup>9</sup> In this paper we confirm this assignment on the basis of their n.O.e. differential spectra. In the  $^1\text{H}$  n.m.r. spectrum of (**2c**), there were two methoxy groups at  $\delta$  3.32 and 3.34. Individual irradiation of the signals at  $\delta$  4.22 (3-H) and 5.12 (1-H) caused n.O.e. at  $\delta$  3.32 and 3.34, respectively (Figure 2). Irradiation of the signal at  $\delta$  2.09 (2-H) caused n.O.e. at both  $\delta$  4.22 (3-H) and 3.34, and irradiation of the signal at  $\delta$  2.16 (2-H') caused n.O.e. at both  $\delta$  5.12 (1-H) and 3.32. Thus, the methoxy groups at  $\delta$  3.32 and 3.34 were assigned as 3-OMe and 1-OMe, respectively, and the  $\alpha$ -configuration at the anomeric position of (**2c**) was supported. In the case of (**2d**), two methylene protons (2-H and 2-H') were overlapped at  $\delta$  2.15 (2 H, dd,  $J$  5.1 and 3.7 Hz), so the n.O.e. experiment was performed with (**3d**). Individual irradiation of the signals at  $\delta$  4.00 (3-H) and 5.07 (1-H) caused n.O.e. at  $\delta$  3.34 and 3.38, respectively (Figure 2). Irradiation of the signal at  $\delta$  2.10 (2-H) caused n.O.e. at both  $\delta$  4.00 (3-H) and 5.07 (1-H), and irradiation of the signal at  $\delta$  2.21 (2-H') caused n.O.e. at both  $\delta$  3.34 and 3.38 assignable to be 3-OMe and 1-OMe, respectively. Consequently, the  $\beta$ -configuration at the anomeric position of (**3d**) was confirmed.

Owing to the carbamoylation, the signals of 4-H of (**2a**) and (**2b**) were shifted from  $\delta$  3.16 and 3.15 to  $\delta$  4.67 (**3a**) and 4.66 (**3b**), respectively. The resonances of 5-H of (**2c**) and (**2d**) were shifted from  $\delta$  4.02 and 4.05 to  $\delta$  5.25 (**3c**) and 5.30 (**3d**), respectively.

## Conclusion

The h.p.l.c. analysis with a chiral column (SUMIPAX OA-1000) makes it possible to define unequivocally either D-(**1**) or L-(**1**), using small amounts of sample, without measuring the optical rotation, and also to estimate the ratio of D-(**1**) and L-(**1**) if the sample is an enantiomeric mixture. It is eminently suitable for the structural elucidation of small amounts of glycosides and antibiotics containing (**1**). In fact, we have already determined the absolute stereochemistry of cymarose<sup>1</sup> and oleandrose (**1**), constituents of a glycoside (mol wt 1236), through this procedure after acidic hydrolysis of 17.2 mg of the glycoside. We shall report the details in a future publication.

## Experimental

M.p.s were determined on a Kofler hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  or acetone with a JASCO DIP-4 digital polarimeter at room temperature. U.v. spectra were obtained in ethanol with a Shimadzu UV-220 spectrometer, and absorption maxima are given in nm. I.r. spectra were recorded in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  on a JASCO A-102 spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  N.m.r. spectra were run on a JEOL GX-270 (270.05 MHz) machine in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  with  $\text{SiMe}_4$  as an internal standard. Field desorption-mass spectrum (f.d.-m.s.) was carried out with a JEOL JMS-01SG-2. H.p.l.c. was conducted with a Waters 204 compact model, using a column of SUMIPAX OA-1000 (5 $\mu$ , 4 mm i.d.  $\times$  15 cm) (Nishio Industry Co., Ltd.) with hexane-dichloromethane-EtOH (40:5:2, v/v/v) as a mobile phase [flow rate, 1.0 ml/min; detector, u.v. (254 nm)]. T.l.c. was performed on Merck pre-coated plates (Kieselgel F<sub>254</sub>) with the following solvent systems:  $R_F$ (A) MeOH- $\text{CHCl}_3$  (5:95, v/v),  $R_F$ (B) hexane-ethyl acetate (1:4, v/v),  $R_F$ (C) hexane-ethyl acetate (1:1, v/v), and  $R_F$ (D)  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -acetone (11:1, v/v). Column chromatography was carried out on Wakogel C-200 (200 mesh).

*Acidic Hydrolysis of the Crude Glycoside of Cynanchum caudatum.*—A solution of the crude glycoside<sup>4</sup> (30.5 g) in MeOH (300 ml) was treated with 0.1M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (100 ml) at 60 °C for 30 min, after which water (300 ml) was added and the

mixture concentrated to 400 ml. The solution was kept at 60 °C for a further 30 min, and then extracted with ether (300 ml). The aqueous layer was neutralized with saturated aqueous Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>. The precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated to give a syrup, which was chromatographed on silica gel with water–MeOH–CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1:3:15, v/v/v, lower layer) to afford D-oleandrose D-(1) (384.0 mg),  $[\alpha]_D^{16} -9.5^\circ$  (*c* 1.31, H<sub>2</sub>O).

**Methylglycosylation of D-Oleandrose D-(1).**—A solution of D-oleandrose D-(1) (188.8 mg) in MeOH (10 ml) was allowed to react with 1% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>–MeOH (10 ml) at room temperature for 30 min after which water (10 ml) was added and the reaction mixture neutralized with saturated aqueous Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>. The precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate evaporated to give a mixture of methyl D-oleandrosides. The product was chromatographed on silica gel using hexane–ethyl acetate of increasing polarity [10:3 to 7:3 (v/v)] as eluant to give methyl  $\alpha$ -D-oleandropyranoside D-(2a) (12.8 mg), methyl  $\beta$ -D-oleandropyranoside D-(2b) (16.0 mg), methyl  $\alpha$ -D-oleandrofuranoside D-(2c) (12.6 mg), and methyl  $\beta$ -D-oleandrofuranoside D-(2d) (7.7 mg) as colourless syrups.

**Methyl  $\alpha$ -D-oleandropyranoside D-(2a).**  $R_F(A) = 0.70$  and  $R_F(B) = 0.54$ ;  $\delta_H$ (270 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.31 (3 H, d, *J* 6.2 Hz, 5-Me), 1.51 (1 H, ddd, *J* 12.8, 11.4, and 3.7 Hz, 2-H<sub>ax</sub>), 2.27 (1 H, ddd, *J* 12.8, 4.8, and 1.5 Hz, 2-H<sub>eq</sub>), 2.50 (1 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, 4-OH), 3.16 (1 H, dt, *J* 2.2 and 8.8 Hz, 4-H), 3.33 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), 3.39 (3 H, s, 3-OMe), 3.49 (1 H, ddd, *J* 11.4, 8.8, and 4.8 Hz, 3-H), 3.66 (1 H, dq, *J* 8.8 and 6.2 Hz, 5-H), and 4.78 (1 H, dd, *J* 3.7 and 1.5 Hz, 1-H).

**Methyl  $\beta$ -D-oleandropyranoside D-(2b).**  $R_F(A) = 0.63$  and  $R_F(B) = 0.49$ ;  $\delta_H$ (270 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.36 (3 H, d, *J* 5.9 Hz, 5-Me), 1.43 (1 H, ddd, *J* 12.5, 11.0, and 9.8 Hz, 2-H<sub>ax</sub>), 2.34 (1 H, ddd, *J* 12.5, 4.4, and 2.2 Hz, 2-H<sub>eq</sub>), 3.15 (1 H, t, *J* 8.8 Hz, 4-H), 3.20 (1 H, ddd, *J* 11.0, 8.8, and 4.4 Hz, 3-H), 3.32 (1 H, dq, *J* 5.9 and 8.8 Hz, 5-H), 3.40 (3 H, s, 3-OMe), 3.50 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), and 4.38 (1 H, dd, *J* 9.8 and 2.2 Hz, 1-H).

**Methyl  $\alpha$ -D-oleandrofuranoside D-(2c).**  $R_F(A) = 0.79$  and  $R_F(B) = 0.51$ ;  $\delta_H$ (270 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.30 (3 H, d, *J* 6.6 Hz, 5-Me), 2.09 (1 H, ddd, *J* 13.9, 5.9, and 2.6 Hz, 2-H), 2.16 (1 H, ddd, *J* 13.9, 5.1, and 4.8 Hz, 2-H'), 3.07 (1 H, d, *J* 5.5 Hz, 5-OH), 3.32 (3 H, s, 3-OMe), 3.34 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), 3.77 (1 H, dd, *J* 7.0 and 5.1 Hz, 4-H), 4.02 (1 H, dq, *J* 7.0, 6.6, and 5.5 Hz, 5-H), 4.22 (1 H, dt, *J* 5.1 and 5.9 Hz, 3-H), and 5.12 (1 H, dd, *J* 4.8 and 2.6 Hz, 1-H).

**Methyl  $\beta$ -D-oleandrofuranoside D-(2d).**  $R_F(A) = 0.77$  and  $R_F(B) = 0.37$ ;  $\delta_H$  1.30 (3 H, d, *J* 6.2 Hz, 5-Me), 2.15 (2 H, dd, *J* 5.1 and 3.7 Hz, 2-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.17 (1 H, d, *J* 3.3 Hz, 5-OH), 3.37 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), 3.39 (3 H, s, 3-OMe), 3.80 (1 H, dd, *J* 8.8 and 6.2 Hz, 4-H), 4.05 (1 H, dq, *J* 8.8, 6.2, and 3.3 Hz, 5-H), 4.14 (1 H, dt, *J* 6.2 and 5.1 Hz, 3-H), and 4.99 (1 H, t, *J* 3.7 Hz, 1-H).

**Carbamoylation of a Mixture of Methyl D-Oleandrosides.**—A solution of a mixture of methyl D-oleandrosides (10.0 mg) in dry toluene (0.5 mg) was allowed to react with 3,5-dinitrophenyl isocyanate (*ca.* 10 mg) in the presence of dry pyridine (0.05 mg) at 60 °C for 30 min after which the solvent was evaporated off. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane–ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) to give a carbamoyl mixture of methyl D-oleandrosides (20.7 mg).

**Carbamoylation of Each Methyl D-Oleandrosides, D-(2a), D-(2b), D-(2c), and D-(2d).**—Carbamoylation of D-(2a) (12.8 mg), D-(2b) (16.0 mg), D-(2c) (12.6 mg), and D-(2d) (7.7 mg) was carried out, under the same conditions that applied for a mixture of methyl D-oleandrosides, respectively. The products were chromatographed on silica gel using hexane–ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) for D-(3d) and D-(3b) (6:1, v/v) for D-(3c), and (4:1, v/v)

for D-(3d) to afford carbamates D-(3a) (24.6 mg), D-(3b) (15.5 mg), D-(3c) (16.7 mg), and D-(3d) (10.8 mg), respectively, each of which crystallized as needles from CHCl<sub>3</sub>.

**Methyl  $\alpha$ -D-oleandropyranoside 3,5-dinitrophenylcarbamate D-(3a).**  $R_F(C) = 0.61$  and  $R_F(D) = 0.63$ ; m.p. 190–192 °C (Found: C, 46.8; H, 5.1; N, 10.7. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub> requires C, 46.75; H, 5.0; N, 10.9%);  $\nu_{\max}$ (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3 430, 1 710, 1 605, 1 550, 1 530, 1 475, 1 440, 1 360, 1 210, 1 130, 1 040, 700–800, and 660 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda_{\max}$ (EtOH) 225 (log  $\epsilon$  4.35), 247 (4.11), and 338 nm (3.38);  $\delta_H$ (270 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.27 (3 H, d, *J* 6.2 Hz, 5-Me), 1.70 (1 H, ddd, *J* 13.2, 11.4, and 3.7 Hz, 2-H<sub>ax</sub>), 2.35 (1 H, ddd, *J* 13.2, 5.1, and 1.5 Hz, 2-H<sub>eq</sub>), 3.35 (3 H, 1-OMe), 3.37 (3 H, s, 3-OMe), 3.71 (1 H, ddd, *J* 11.4, 9.5, and 5.1 Hz, 3-H), 3.80 (1 H, dq, *J* 9.5 and 6.2 Hz, 5-H), 4.67 (1 H, t, *J* 9.5 Hz, 4-H), 4.83 (1 H, dd, *J* 3.7 and 1.5 Hz, 1-H), and 8.70 (3 H, br s, *o*- and *p*-aromatic H); f.d.-m.s. *m/z* 385 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

**Methyl  $\beta$ -D-oleandropyranoside 3,5-dinitrophenylcarbamate D-(3b).**  $R_F(C) = 0.47$  and  $R_F(D) = 0.50$ ; m.p. 198–200 °C (Found: C, 46.9; H, 5.1; N, 10.9. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub> requires C, 46.75; H, 5.0; N, 10.9%);  $\nu_{\max}$ (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3 430, 1 710, 1 605, 1 550, 1 530, 1 475, 1 440, 1 360, 1 210, 1 130, 1 060, 700–800, and 660 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda_{\max}$ (EtOH) 226 (log  $\epsilon$  4.04), 248 (3.90), and 337 nm (3.10);  $\delta_H$ (270 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.32 (3 H, d, *J* 5.9 Hz, 5-Me), 1.62 (1 H, ddd, *J* 12.5, 11.7, and 9.9 Hz, 2-H<sub>ax</sub>), 2.42 (1 H, ddd, *J* 12.5, 5.1, and 2.2 Hz, 2-H<sub>eq</sub>), 3.35 (3 H, s, 3-OMe), 3.46 (1 H, ddd, *J* 11.7, 9.3, and 5.1 Hz, 3-H), 3.48 (1 H, dq, *J* 9.3 and 5.9 Hz, 5-H), 3.52 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), 4.43 (1 H, dd, *J* 9.9 and 2.2 Hz, 1-H), 4.66 (1 H, t, *J* 9.3 Hz, 4-H), 8.68 (2 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, *o*-aromatic H), 8.72 (1 H, t, *J* 2.2 Hz, *p*-aromatic H); f.d.-m.s. *m/z* 385 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

**Methyl  $\alpha$ -D-oleandrofuranoside 3,5-dinitrophenylcarbamate D-(3c).**  $R_F(C) = 0.70$  and  $R_F(D) = 0.56$ ; m.p. 133–135 °C (Found: C, 46.8; H, 5.0; N, 11.2. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub> requires C, 46.75; H, 5.0; N, 10.9%);  $\nu_{\max}$ (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3 430, 1 740, 1 605, 1 550, 1 530, 1 475, 1 440, 1 345, 1 205, 1 130, 1 040, 700–800, and 660 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda_{\max}$ (EtOH) 228 (log  $\epsilon$  4.40), 249 (4.07), and 336 nm (3.42);  $\delta_H$ (270 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.43 (3 H, d, *J* 6.2 Hz, 5-Me), 2.09 (1 H, ddd, *J* 13.5, 5.5, and 2.9 Hz, 2-H), 2.16 (1 H, dt, *J* 13.5 and 4.8 Hz, 2-H'), 3.29 (3 H, s, 3-OMe), 3.37 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), 4.10 (1 H, dt, *J* 4.8 and 5.5 Hz, 3-H), 4.13 (1 H, t, *J* 4.8 Hz, 4-H), 5.15 (1 H, dd, *J* 4.8 and 2.9 Hz, 1-H), 5.25 (1 H, dq, *J* 5.5 and 6.2 Hz, 5-H), 8.66 (2 H, d, *J* 1.8 Hz, *o*-aromatic H), and 8.71 (1 H, t, *J* 1.8 Hz, *p*-aromatic H); f.d.-m.s. *m/z* 385 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

**Methyl  $\beta$ -D-oleandrofuranoside 3,5-dinitrophenylcarbamate D-(3d).**  $R_F(C) = 0.49$  and  $R_F(D) = 0.45$ ; m.p. 70–73 °C (Found: C, 46.95; H, 4.9; N, 11.0. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub> requires C, 46.75; H, 5.0; N, 10.9%);  $\nu_{\max}$ (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3 440, 1 740, 1 605, 1 550, 1 530, 1 460, 1 445, 1 345, 1 200, 1 120, 1 035, 700–800, and 650 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda_{\max}$ (EtOH) 226 (log  $\epsilon$  4.24), 248 (4.02), and 338 nm (3.22);  $\delta_H$ (270 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.45 (3 H, d, *J* 6.6 Hz, 5-Me), 2.10 (1 H, dt, *J* 14.3 and 5.5 Hz, 2-H), 2.21 (1 H, ddd, *J* 14.3, 1.8, and 1.5 Hz, 2-H'), 3.34 (3 H, s, 3-OMe), 3.38 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), 4.00 (1 H, dt, *J* 1.8 and 5.5 Hz, 3-H), 4.13 (1 H, t, *J* 5.5 Hz, 4-H), 5.07 (1 H, dd, *J* 5.5 and 1.5 Hz, 1-H), 5.30 (1 H, dq, *J* 5.5 and 6.6 Hz, 5-H), 8.66 (1 H, t, *J* 2.2 Hz, *p*-aromatic H), and 8.69 (2 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, *o*-aromatic H); f.d.-m.s. *m/z* 385 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

**Acidic Hydrolysis of Oleandrin.**—A solution of oleandrin (SIGMA CHEMICAL Co., Ltd.) (1 g) in MeOH (180 ml) was treated with 0.1M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (60 ml) at 60 °C for 30 min after which water (180 ml) was added and the mixture concentrated to 240 ml. The solution was kept at 60 °C for a further 30 min and then extracted with ether (200 ml). The ether layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (60 ml  $\times$  3) and saturated brine (60 ml  $\times$  3) and evaporated to give a mixture of oleandrin and oleandrin (650.5 mg). The aqueous layer was then neutralized with saturated aqueous Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>. The precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated to give a syrup, which was chromatographed on silica gel with H<sub>2</sub>O–MeOH–

$\text{CHCl}_3$  (1:3:15, v/v/v, lower layer) to afford L-oleandrose L-(1) (175.5 mg),  $[\alpha]_D^{17} + 11.0^\circ$  (c 1.36,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).

**Methylglycosylation of L-Oleandrose L-(1).**—A solution of L-oleandrose L-(1) (175.5 mg) in MeOH (10 ml) was allowed to react with 1%  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ -MeOH (10 ml) at room temperature for 30 min. Work-up and separation by column chromatography were performed in the same way as for D-oleandrose to give methyl  $\alpha$ -L-oleandropyranoside L-(2a) (46.8 mg), methyl  $\beta$ -L-oleandropyranoside L-(2b) (28.2 mg), methyl  $\alpha$ -L-oleandrofuranoside L-(2c) (11.4 mg), and methyl  $\beta$ -L-oleandrofuranoside L-(2d) (3.4 g) as colourless syrups.

**Carbamoylation of a Mixture of Methyl L-Oleandrosides and each of the Methyl L-Oleandrosides, L-(2a), L-(2b), L-(2c), and L-(2d).**—Carbamoylations of a mixture of methyl L-oleandrosides (10.0 mg) and each of the methyl L-oleandrosides, L-(2a) (6.9 mg), L-(2b) (6.9 mg), L-(2c) (4.3 mg), and L-(2d) (2.1 mg), were carried out under the same conditions that applied for methyl D-oleandrosides to afford a carbamoyl mixture of methyl L-oleandrosides (21.2 mg) and each carbamate, L-(3a) (12.3 mg), L-(3b) (8.2 mg), L-(3c) (5.5 mg), and L-(3d) (2.5 mg), respectively.

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