

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

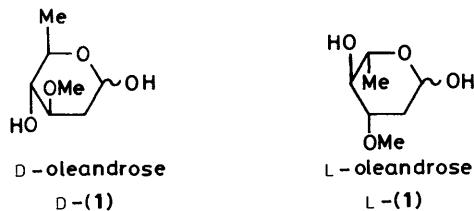
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The absolute stereochemistry of D- and L-oleandroses has been determined for the carbamoyl derivatives of the methyl glycosides by h.p.l.c. using a chiral column. The anomeric stereochemistry of methyl  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -oleandrofuranosides 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  $\beta$ -oleandrofuranosides 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**),  $[\alpha]_D + 12^\circ$ <sup>8</sup>}. 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  $H_2O$ ), and L-(**1**) from oleandrin,<sup>5</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{17} + 11.0^\circ$  (*c* 1.36 in  $H_2O$ ), were used. Methyl-glycosylation of (**1**) usually gives a mixture of methyl  $\alpha$ -(**2a**) and  $\beta$ -oleandropyranosides (**2b**) and methyl  $\alpha$ - (**2c**) and  $\beta$ -oleandrofuranosides (**2d**) in the ratio of 4:4:3:1, respectively, which is based on the intensity of anomeric proton signals in the  $^1H$  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

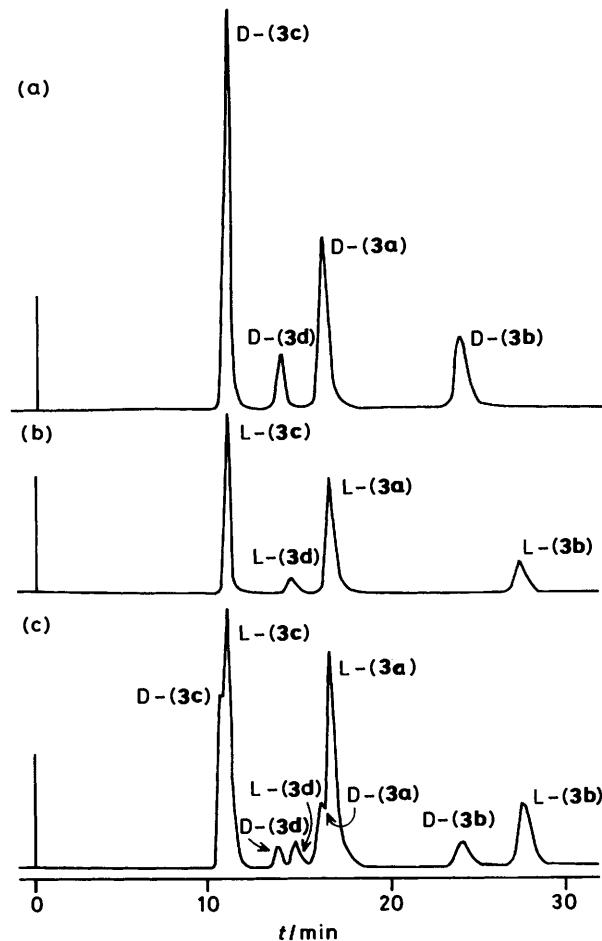


Figure 1. H.p.l.c. analysis of the carbamates of methyl D- (a) and L-oleandrosides (b) and the enantiomeric mixture (c). Conditions: column, SUMIPAX OA-1000 (5 $\mu$ , 4 mm i.d.  $\times$  15 cm); mobile phase, hexane-dichloromethane-EtOH (40:5:2, v/v/v); flow rate, 1.0 ml/min; detector, u.v. (254 nm)

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-(2a), -(3b), -(3c), and -(3d)

Compd.	$[\alpha]_D$ (c)*	$R_t$ (min)
D-(2a)	+76.1° (1.03)	16.1
L-(2a)	-79.0° (1.04)	16.7
D-(3b)	-28.6° (1.00)	24.0
L-(3b)	+31.3° (0.76)	27.6
D-(3c)	+40.2° (1.03)	10.7
L-(3c)	-38.4° (0.51)	11.0
D-(3d)	-72.5° (1.14)	13.7
L-(3d)	+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.

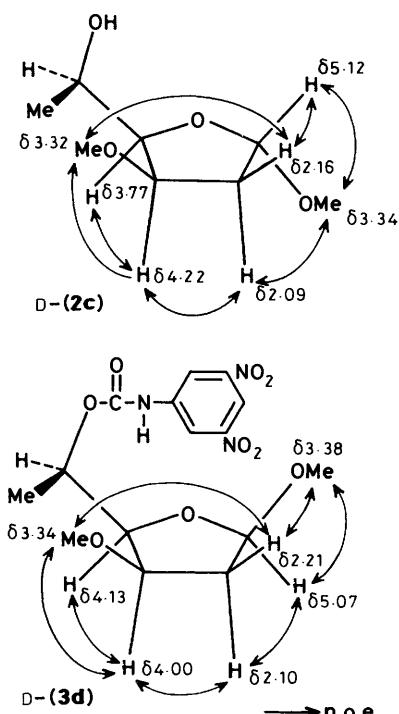


Figure 2. N.O.e. experiments with (2c) and (3d) (270 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

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 ( $R_t$ 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 (Kiesel-gel 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), [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> -9.5° (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 α-D-oleandropyranoside D-(2a) (12.8 mg), methyl β-D-oleandropyranoside D-(2b) (16.0 mg), methyl α-D-oleandrofuranoside D-(2c) (12.6 mg), and methyl β-D-oleandrofuranoside D-(2d) (7.7 mg) as colourless syrups.

**Methyl α-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 β-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 α-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, ddd,  $J$  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 β-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, ddd,  $J$  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 α-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 ε 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 ( $M^+$ ).

**Methyl β-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 ε 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 ( $M^+$ ).

**Methyl α-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 ε 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 ( $M^+$ ).

**Methyl β-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, 1 445, 1 345, 1 200, 1 120, 1 035, 700–800, and 650 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda_{max}$  (EtOH) 226 (log ε 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 ( $M^+$ ).

**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 × 3) and saturated brine (60 ml × 3) and evaporated to give a mixture of oleandrigenin 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-oleandroside, 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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