

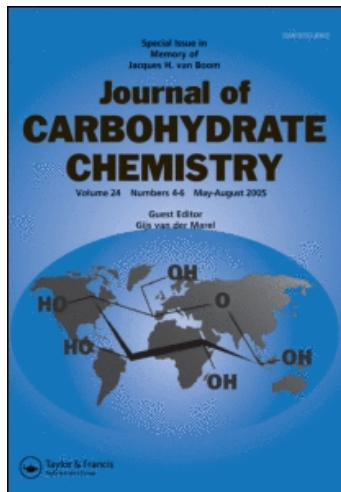
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STRUCTURAL STUDIES OF TRISACCHARIDE OF LEPTACULATIN

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ABSTRACT

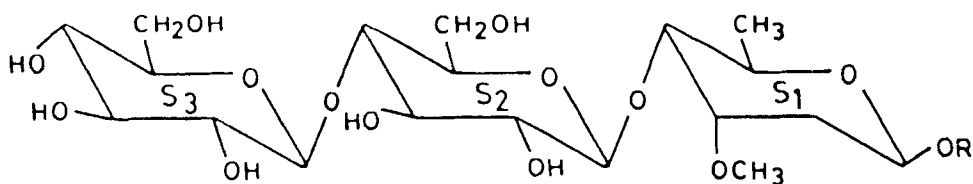
Leptatriose (2), a novel trisaccharide, was obtained from acid hydrolysate of Leptaculatin (1), isolated from *Leptadenia reticulata*. On the basis of physico-chemical results, the structure of 2 was established as *O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl (1 \rightarrow 4)-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl (1 \rightarrow 4)- β -D-cymaropyranose.

INTRODUCTION

Oligosaccharides¹⁻² and oligoglycosides³⁻⁴ of 2-deoxy sugars have been reported from plants of Asclepiadaceae family. The naturally occurring oligosaccharides possess immuno-modulating, anticomplementary, anti-tumour and anti-cancer activities.⁵ In continuation of our work on plants of family Asclepiadaceae,⁶ Leptatriose (2), a novel trisaccharide was isolated from the acid hydrolysate of 1 obtained from chloroform and chloroform-ethanol (4:1) mixed extract of *L. reticulata*.

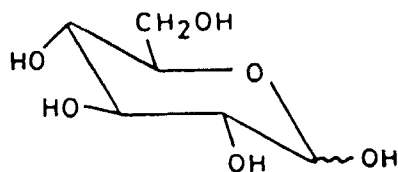
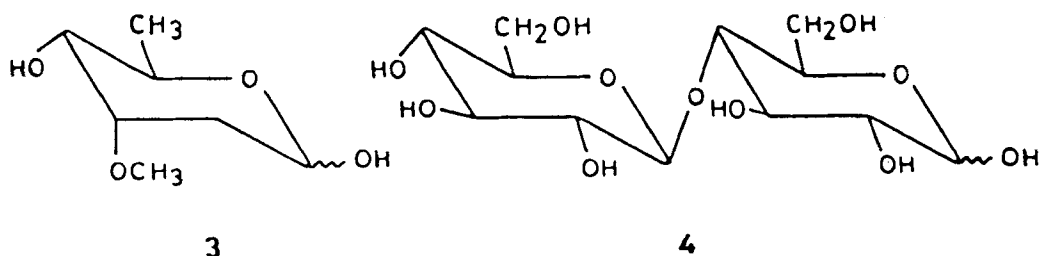
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Leptaculatin (1), mp 107-110 °C, $[\alpha]_D -5.8^\circ$, C₄₀H₆₆O₁₆ on acid hydrolysis with 0.05N H₂SO₄⁷ yielded a C₂₁ steroid and chromatographically pure syrupy sugar 2, $[\alpha]_D -53.57^\circ$, which reduced Fehling's solution and gave positive tests in



1 R = Aglycone

2 R = H



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the xanthinol, Keller-Kiliani and NaIO_4 reactions. The ^{13}C NMR of **1** contains three anomeric carbons at δ 104.2, 103.9 and 102.7 supplemented by three anomeric proton signals at δ 4.45(1H) and 4.32(2H) in the 400 MHz ^1H NMR spectrum of **1**. The mass ion peak at m/z 486 in the FAB mass spectrum of **1** also supported the nature of glycon **2** as a trisaccharide.

To identify the sugar units of the trisaccharide (**2**), Mannich hydrolysis^B of **2** was done. After 5 days two spots were observed on the TLC which corresponded to D-cymarose (**3**) and cellobiose (**4**) (TLC, PC) on comparison with authentic samples. After 7 days the hydrolysis was

complete, affording a mixture of two sugars which were identified with authentic samples of D-cymarose (3) and D-glucose (5). For further characterization the sugars were converted to their respective phenylhydrazides which were found identical to D-cymaronic acid phenylhydrazide⁹ (mp 151-153 °C) and D-gluconic acid phenylhydrazide¹¹ (mp 196-198 °C) respectively.

The configurations of the glycosidic linkages were assigned from the ¹H NMR spectrum of 1 at 400 MHz. For convenience, the one cymarose and two glucose units of 2 were designated as S₁, S₂ and S₃ respectively. A two proton doublet (J=8 Hz) at δ 4.32 in the spectrum could be assigned to the two identical anomeric protons of two glucose units. A one proton double doublet centered at δ 4.45 (J=9 and 2 Hz) was attributed to the anomeric proton of the D-cymarose residue (S₁). The large coupling constants (8 and 9 Hz) were typical of an axial orientation of anomeric proton in the ⁴C₁ (D) conformation¹⁰ indicating β-glycosidic linkages of S₁, S₂ and S₃. The characteristic methylene group signals of the 2-deoxy sugar unit were present at δ 2.28-2.34 (m) and 1.84-1.89(m) for equatorial and axial protons, respectively, along with other significant signals of D-cymarose and D-cellobiose moieties.

The structure of Leptatriose was further supported by the ¹³C NMR data which was in close conformity with the ¹H NMR data. The downfield appearance of the three anomeric carbons showed β-glycosidic linkages for the three sugar units. Other signals of trisaccharide moiety given below were also consistent with the derived structure (FIG. 1).

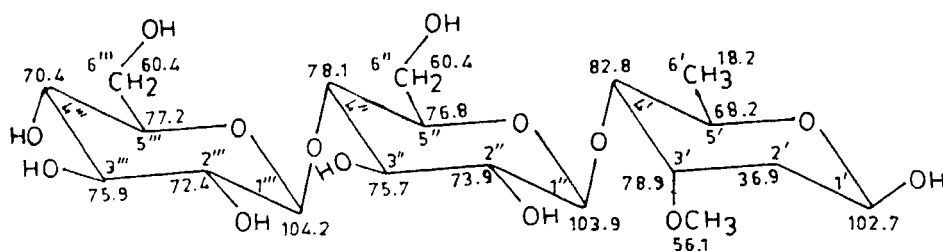


FIG. 1. ¹³C NMR shifts of 2 (δ in CDCl₃)

The FABMS of **1** contained mass ion peaks at m/z 486 and m/z 469 which corresponded to the (trisaccharide) and (trisaccharide-OH). The other important fragments of the trisaccharide were m/z 437 (469-CH₃OH), 419 (437-H₂O), 401 (419-H₂O), 383 (401-H₂O) and 365 (383-H₂O). The important fragments obtained from the EIMS of **1**, were at m/z 450 (trisaccharide-2H₂O), 418 (450-CH₃OH), 400 (418-H₂O) and 382 (400-H₂O). The spectrum also contained the significant fragments of di- and monosaccharide units of **2**. The mass fragments thus account for the significant peaks in the spectrum that fully support the derived structure of **2**.

In light of the foregoing evidence, the structure of **2** was established as *O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)- β -D-cymaropyranose.

EXPERIMENTAL

General Procedures. The general procedures were as described in reference 9. The FAB and EI mass spectra (MS) were recorded with a JEOL mass spectrometer, model JMS-SX102 FAB with a DA 6000 Data system, and JEOL mass spectrometer D-300 with a IMA-2000 Data system, respectively.

Isolation of Leptatriose. Shade dried plant *Leptadenia reticulata* was extracted by the method reported earlier.⁹ Leptaculatin (**1**) was isolated from a mixed chloroform and chloroform-ethanol (4:1) extract. Mild hydrolysis with acid afforded a trisaccharide (**2**) which was chromatographed over silica gel to give leptatriose (**2**) (12 mg), $[\alpha]_D^{25} -53.57^\circ$ (c 0.2; methanol). The latter compound gave blue coloration with the vanillin-perchloric acid spray reagent, gave positive tests in the xanthidrol and Keller-Kiliani reactions and reduced Fehling's solution; it also gave a positive reaction with NaIO₄. ¹H NMR data (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.29 (d, 3H, $J_{5,Me} = 6$ Hz, Me, S₁), 1.84-1.89 (m, 1H, H-2 ax., S₁), 2.28-2.34 (m, 1H, H-2 eq., S₁), 3.13-3.18 (m, 1H, H-4, S₁), 3.29-3.36 (m, 2H, H-2, S₂, S₃), 3.37-3.41 (m, 1H, H-4, S₃), 3.41-3.45 (m, 2H, H-3, S₂, S₃), 3.46-3.50 (m, 2H,

H-5, S₂, S₃), 3.52 (s, 3H, MeO, S₁), 3.56-3.58 (m, 1H, H-4, S₂), 3.58-3.63 (m, 2H, H-3, H-5, S₁), 3.68-3.72 (m, 2H, H-6, S₂, S₃), 3.74-3.78 (m, 2H, H-6, S₂, S₃), 4.32 (d, 2H, J_{1,2}=8 Hz, H-1, S₂, S₃), 4.45 (dd, 1H, J₁, 2CH₂=9 and 2Hz, H-1, S₁). ¹³C NMR - ¹³C chemical shifts are given in FIG. 1. FABMS m/z 486 [trisaccharide]⁺, 469 [trisaccharide-OH]⁺, 437 [469-CH₃OH]⁺, 419 [437-H₂O]⁺, 401 [419-H₂O]⁺, 391 [469-H₂O-C₂H₄O₂]⁺, 383 [401-H₂O]⁺, 365 [383-H₂O]⁺, 355 [391-2H₂O]⁺, 313 [391-H₂O-CH₂OHCHO]⁺, 281 [313-CH₃OH]⁺. EIMS m/z 486 (not observed), 450 [trisaccharide-2H₂O]⁺, 436 [trisaccharide-CH₃OH-H₂O]⁺, 418 [436-H₂O; 450-CH₃OH]⁺, 400 [418-H₂O]⁺, 382 [400-H₂O]⁺, 353 [trisaccharide-C₅H₉O₄]⁺, 342 [trisaccharide-S₁]⁺, 325 [342-OH]⁺, 324 [trisaccharide-S₃]⁺, 321 [353-CH₃OH]⁺, 317 [353-2H₂O]⁺, 307 [325-H₂O; 324-OH]⁺, 303 [321-H₂O]⁺, 289 [307-H₂O]⁺, 285 [303-H₂O]⁺, 278 [324-OCHOH]⁺, 277 [321-CH₃CHO]⁺, 271 [289-H₂O; 317-HOCHO]⁺, 264 [342-C₂H₄O₂]⁺, 259 [277-H₂O]⁺, 257 [289-CH₃OH]⁺, 256 [324-CH₃OH-2H₂O]⁺, 248 [324-CH₃OH-CH₃CHO]⁺, 239 [257-H₂O; 285-HOCHO]⁺, 231 [277-HOCHO]⁺, 229 [289-C₂H₄O₂]⁺, 228 [264-2H₂O]⁺, 213 [259-HOCHO]⁺, 210 [228-H₂O]⁺, 209 [C₇H₁₃O₇]⁺, 199 [259-C₂H₄O₂]⁺, 197 [229-CH₃OH]⁺, 191 [C₈H₁₅O₅]⁺, 180 [S₂; S₃]⁺, 163 [209-HOCHO; 180-OH]⁺, 162 [S₁]⁺, 159 [191-CH₃OH]⁺, 145 [S₁-OH; 191-HOCHO; 163-H₂O]⁺, 131 [191-C₂H₄O₂]⁺, 127 [145-H₂O]⁺, 115 [159-CH₃CHO]⁺, 113 [145-CH₃OH]⁺, 103 [C₄H₇O₃]⁺, 95 [127-CH₃OH; 113-H₂O]⁺, 87 [C₄H₇O₂]⁺.

Mannich Hydrolysis of 2. To a solution of 2 (8 mg) in acetone (1 mL) concd. HCl (0.01 mL) was added. After 5 days, two new spots were shown which were found identical with D-cymarose and cellobiose (TLC, PC). After 7 days, the hydrolysis was complete showing two spots on TLC which were found identical with D-cymarose and D-glucose. The usual work up afforded two chromatographically pure sugars identified as D-glucose (5) (3.8 mg) [α]_D+52° (c, 0.13, H₂O), and D-cymarose (3) (2.1 mg) [α]_D+49.4° (c, 0.11, H₂O) by comparison with authentic samples.

D-Cymaronic Acid Phenylhydrazide. A solution of 3 (2 mg) in H₂O (0.4 mL) was oxidized with Br₂ (6 μ L) using the

usual method⁹ yielding a syrupy lactone which on treatment with phenylhydrazine yielded the known crystalline D-cymaronic acid phenylhydrazide (0.6 mg) mp 151-153 °C (mmp).

D-Gluconic Acid Phenylhydrazide. A solution of 5 (3.5 mg) in H₂O (0.5 mL) was oxidized with Br₂ (7 µL) using the usual method¹¹ yielding syrupy lactone. This lactone on reaction with phenylhydrazine yielded known D-gluconic acid phenylhydrazide (1.5 mg) mp 196-198 °C (mmp).

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