

## THREE NEW TRITERPENES FROM THE LICHEN *XANTHORIA RESENDEI*\*

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**Abstract**—The three new migrated hopene type triterpenes 12 $\alpha$ -acetoxy-3 $\beta$ -hydroxyfern-9(11)-ene, 3 $\beta$ ,12 $\alpha$ -dihydroxyfern-9(11)-ene and 3,12-diketofern-9(11)-ene have been isolated from the ether extracts of the lichen *Xanthoria resendei*, together with peroxyergosterol and the anthraquinone pigments physcion, fallacinal and fallacinalol

In a PREVIOUS communication<sup>1</sup> we reported the isolation of the anthraquinone pigments physcion, fallacinal and fallacinalol from the lichen *Xanthoria resendei*.<sup>2</sup> The present paper gives a detailed account of the triterpenes found in this lichen.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From the ether extract of *X. resendei* the three new migrated hopene type triterpenes 12 $\alpha$ -acetoxy-3 $\beta$ -hydroxyfern-9(11)-ene (**1**), 3 $\beta$ ,12 $\alpha$ -dihydroxyfern-9(11)-ene (**2**) and 3,12-diketofern-9(11)-ene (**6**) have been isolated by silica gel chromatography. Interconversion among the three triterpenes was effected as follows: deacetylation of **1** gave the diol **2**; on acetylation both **1** and **2** yielded the diacetate **3**. **2** was oxidized with Jones reagent to give the diketone **6** as the only product.

From the MS and elemental analysis **1** has the molecular formula C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The IR spectrum showed absorption bands for OH (3560) and acetyl (1730 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The NMR spectrum revealed the presence of six tertiary Me groups at  $\tau$  8.93, 9.03, 9.13 and 9.24; two Me doublets of an isopropyl group at 9.11 and 9.17 (both *d*, *J* 7 Hz); one acetyl methyl at 8.02 and a one-proton signal at 6.70 (*W*<sub>1/2</sub> 14 Hz; >CH<sub>2</sub>OH). The two broad singlets of the vinylic H-C<sub>11</sub> (at 4.89) and the H-C<sub>12</sub> (at 4.98; shifted to 6.10 in the NMR spectrum of **2**) indicated that the H-C<sub>12</sub> is axial.<sup>3</sup>

Oxidation of **1** with Jones reagent gave the ketone **4**. With CrO<sub>3</sub> **2** was partially oxidized to the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone **5** (UV: 246 nm,  $\epsilon$  9120; IR: 1672, 1611 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Treatment of **1** with 2% HCl in boiling EtOH yielded the heteroannular diene **10** whose UV maxima

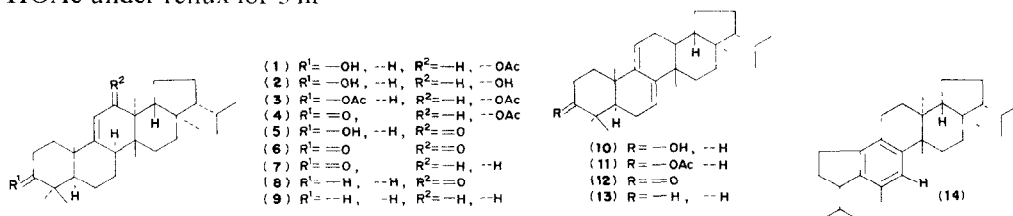
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(233, 239, 247 nm;  $\epsilon$  19788, 21460, 13504) are characteristic for 7,9(11)-dienes with 13 $\alpha$ ,14 $\beta$ -Me groups.<sup>4</sup> On acetylation **10** gave the monoacetate **11**.<sup>5</sup> Treatment of **10** with Jones reagent at 0° afforded the ketone **12** which was converted by reduction with anhydrous N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> to fern-7,9(11)-diene (**13**).<sup>6</sup> That **1** has a 3 $\beta$ -OH group was further shown by the formation of the aromatic hydrocarbon **14**<sup>7</sup> upon treatment of **10** (or **11**) with 7% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-HOAc under reflux for 3 hr.



The 9(11)-position of the double bond, which was inert to catalytic hydrogenation, in **1** was confirmed by the following reaction. Reduction of **6** with anhydrous N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gave a mixture of the partially reduced compounds 3-ketofern-9(11)-ene (**7**)<sup>8</sup> and 12-ketofern-9(11)-ene (**8**)<sup>6</sup> as well as fern-9(11)-ene.<sup>6</sup>

## EXPERIMENTAL

The mps were determined on a Kofler block and are uncorrected. Solvent used for recrystallization was MeOH unless otherwise stated. Optical rotations were measured in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, UV spectra in EtOH and IR spectra in KBr if not otherwise indicated. NMR spectra were taken on a 60 MHz instrument in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS as internal standard. *W*<sub>1/2</sub> refers to the width of a band at half height. Column and dry column chromatography was performed on silica gel 0.2–0.5 and 0.063–0.20 mm respectively. TLC and PLC on silica gel G, the spray reagent was 6 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Petrol refers to the fraction b.p. 40–60°. Anhyd. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was used for drying solns. Acetates were prepared with Ac<sub>2</sub>O in pyridine at room temp. for 24 hr.

**Extraction and separation.** The lichen was collected at Punta del Hidalgo (Tenerife) in January 1971. Samples collected from several other localities and at different times of the year yielded the same compounds. The air-dried lichen (7.2 kg) was finely ground and extracted (Soxhlet) with Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 l) for 90 hr. The red precipitate (12.7 g) was filtered off, concentration of the soln (3 l) gave more precipitate (14.4 g). Evaporation of the solvent yielded a dark yellow-brown residue (311 g) which was chromatographed on silica gel (1.5 kg). Elution with petrol–C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (95:5) gave physcion (0.17%), with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>–CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1:1) fallacinal (0.05%), 3,12-diketofern-9(11)-ene (**6**, 0.0006%), 12x-acetoxy-3 $\beta$ -hydroxyfern-9(11)-ene (**1**, 0.002%) and peroxyergosterol (0.0007%), and with CHCl<sub>3</sub> fallacinal (0.06%) and 3,12-dihydroxyfern-9(11)-ene (**2**, 0.006%). Further elution with CHCl<sub>3</sub> gave no more crystalline substances.

**12x-Acetoxy-3 $\beta$ -hydroxyfern-9(11)-ene 1**, m.p. 268–270°, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> 86° (c 0.22) (Found: C, 79.12, H, 10.53. C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>3</sub> requires: C, 79.33, H, 10.74%). IR: 3560, 2930, 1730, 1450, 1380, 1260, 1195, 1020, 970, 960, 920 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR: see text. MS: *m/e* (%) 484 (M<sup>+</sup>, 11), 442 (18), 424 (100), 391 (8), 295 (18), 274 (43), 259 (54), 255 (42).

**3 $\beta$ ,12x-Dihydroxyfern-9(11)-ene 2**, m.p. 208–209°, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> 0° (c 0.25) (Found: C, 81.23, H, 11.56. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires: C, 81.44, H, 11.31%). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3600, 3440, 1470, 1380, 1010, 920 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR:  $\tau$  9.23, 9.18 (each 3H, s), 9.17 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.12 (6H, s), 9.11 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.03, 8.92 (each 3H, s), 6.70 (1H, t, *J* 8 Hz), 6.10, 4.80 (each 1H, bs). MS: *m/e* (%) 442 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 424 (12), 409 (8), 273 (48), 271 (54), 255 (22). Saponification of **1** (98 mg) with 2% methanolic KOH (50 ml) under reflux for 30 min gave **2** (84 mg), identical with the natural product (m.p., TLC, IR, NMR).

**3,12-Diketofern-9(11)-ene 6**, m.p. 250–251°, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –45° (c 2.16) (Found: C, 81.95, H, 10.61. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires: C, 82.19, H, 10.52%). UV: 246 nm ( $\epsilon$  10028). IR: 1715, 1680, 1612, 1120, 870 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR:  $\tau$  9.21 (3H, s), 9.15 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.14 (3H, s), 9.08 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 8.92, 8.83, 8.80, 8.62 (each 3H, s), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* 3 Hz). MS: *m/e* (%) 438 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 423 (58), 395 (56), 287 (5), 273 (20), 271 (34), 255 (3). Oxidation of **2** (48 mg) with Jones reagent at room temp. gave **6** (44 mg), identical with the natural product (m.p., TLC, IR, NMR).

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**3 $\beta$ ,12 $\alpha$ -Diacetoxyfern-9(11)-ene 3** Acetylation of **1** and **2** gave **3**, m.p. 186–188°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  99° (c 0.24) (Found. C, 77.51; H, 10.39 C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>4</sub> requires C, 77.56; H, 10.27%) IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1730(s), 1250, 920 cm<sup>-1</sup> NMR  $\tau$  9.22 (3H, s), 9.17 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.11 (6H, s), 9.11 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.03 (6H, s), 8.89, 7.97, 7.91 (each 3H, s), 5.40 (1H, t, *J* 8 Hz), 4.80 (2H, m) MS *m/e* (%) 526 (M<sup>+</sup>, 4), 484 (18), 466 (100), 451 (22), 423 (4), 391 (16), 316 (23), 301 (35), 295 (15), 255 (33)

**12 $\alpha$ -Acetoxy-3-ketofern-9(11)-ene 4** To a stirred soln of **1** (60 mg) in Me<sub>2</sub>CO (20 ml) at room temp Jones reagent (0.2 ml) was added dropwise till a permanent orange colour resulted. After a further 2 min stirring the mixture was worked up giving **4** (60 mg), m.p. 211°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  77° (c 0.30) (Found. C, 79.86, H, 10.52 C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>3</sub> requires C, 79.66, H, 10.37%) IR 1730, 1710, 1020, 970, 860 cm<sup>-1</sup> NMR  $\tau$  9.23 (3H, s), 9.17 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.11 (3H, s), 9.11 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.06, 8.95, 8.87, 8.68 (each 3H, s), 4.95, 4.80 (each 1H, bs) MS *m/e* (%) 482 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5), 440 (11), 422 (68), 407 (100), 379 (4), 272 (54), 257 (46), 255 (15)

**Partial oxidation of 2** A soln of **2** (120 mg) in Me<sub>2</sub>CO (20 ml) was treated with CrO<sub>3</sub> (180 mg)-H<sub>2</sub>O (0.15 ml)-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.15 ml) at 0° and the ice-cooled mixture stirred for 40 min. Multiple PLC (3  $\times$ ) of the resulting product (112 mg) with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-EtOAc (96/4) gave, in order of increasing *R<sub>f</sub>* value, starting material (15 mg), **3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-12-ketofern-9(11)-ene 5** (56 mg) and **6** (32 mg). **5** had m.p. 254–256°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -27° (c 1.54) (Found. C, 81.81, H, 10.72. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires: C, 81.81, H, 10.90%) UV 246 nm ( $\epsilon$  9120) IR 3450, 1672, 1611, 870 cm<sup>-1</sup> NMR:  $\tau$  9.21, 9.19 (each 3H, s), 9.17, 9.11 (each 3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.10, 9.00, 8.88, 8.81 (each 3H, s), 6.72 (1H, t, *J* 8 Hz), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* 3 Hz)

**Reduction of 6.** **6** (284 mg) in hexane (20 ml) was added to freshly distilled diethylene glycol (15 ml). By increasing the temp to 180° the hexane was distilled off. Anhyd N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (5 ml) was added till the soln was refluxing freely at 180° (soln temp) for 3 hr. After adding KOH (0.5 g) and removing the excess N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> the mixture was refluxed for 1 hr more (bath temp 240–243°), poured into ice-water and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The residue (124 mg) was chromatographed on silica gel (100 g). Petrol eluted **fern-9(11)-ene 9** (32 mg), m.p. 173°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -18° (c 1.25) (lit<sup>6</sup> m.p. 170–171°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -16.5°) (Found. C, 87.58, H, 12.33. Calc for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>50</sub>: C, 87.80, H, 12.19%) C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> eluted first **3-ketofern-9(11)-ene 7** (16 mg), m.p. 198°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -40° (c 0.48) (lit<sup>8</sup> m.p. 196°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -60°) (Found. C, 84.88, H, 11.30. Calc for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O: C, 84.90; H, 11.32%) IR 1700, 1635, 1005, 980, 860 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and then **12-ketofern-9(11)-ene 8** (14 mg), m.p. 222–223°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -30° (c 0.25) (lit<sup>6</sup> m.p. 221.5–223°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -28°) (Found. C, 84.86, H, 11.34. Calc for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O: C, 84.90, H, 11.32%) UV 246 nm ( $\epsilon$  9140), IR 1674, 1613, 870 cm<sup>-1</sup>

**3 $\beta$ -Hydroxyferna-7,9(11)-diene 10** **1** (56 mg) was refluxed with EtOH (25 ml) and conc HCl (1 ml) for 1 hr. The soln was concentrated and poured into ice-water. Dry column chromatography of the precipitate on silica gel (5 g) with hexane-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (1/1) gave **10** (47 mg), m.p. 220–221°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -189° (c 0.72) (Found. C, 84.92, H, 11.44. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O requires: C, 84.90, H, 11.32%) UV: 233, 239, 247 nm ( $\epsilon$  19788, 21460, 13504); IR 3560, 1640, 1610, 820, 815, 790 cm<sup>-1</sup>, NMR  $\tau$  9.31, 9.24 (each 3H, s), 9.17 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.13 (3H, s), 9.09 (6H, s), 9.09 (3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.03 (3H, s), 6.70 (1H, m, *W*<sub>1/2</sub> 14 Hz), 4.85, 4.55 (each 1H, bs), MS *m/e* (%) 424 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 409 (15), 391 (15), 271 (22), 255 (18). **Acetate 11**, m.p. 239–242°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -138° (c 1.27) (lit<sup>5</sup> m.p. 238°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -144°) (Found. C, 82.55, H, 11.03. Calc for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 82.40, H, 10.80%)

**3-Ketoferna-7,9(11)-diene 12** A soln of **10** (112 mg) in Me<sub>2</sub>CO (20 ml) was stirred at 0° while Jones reagent (0.2 ml) was added dropwise until the orange colour persisted. Dry column chromatography of the product with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-petrol (2/1) gave **12** (104 mg), m.p. 178–179°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -226° (c 0.58) (Found. C, 85.40, H, 10.81. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O requires: C, 85.30, H, 10.90%) UV 233, 239, 247 nm ( $\epsilon$  18730, 20560, 12850) IR 1710, 1600, 1270, 1115, 990, 780 cm<sup>-1</sup>, NMR  $\tau$  9.33, 9.24 (each 3H, s), 9.17, 9.09 (each 3H, d, *J* 7 Hz), 9.08, 9.00, 8.92, 8.83 (each 3H, s), 4.80, 4.52 (each 1H, bs) MS *m/e* (%) 422 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 407 (28), 337 (15), 284 (15), 271 (24), 255 (18).

**Ferna-7,9(11)-diene 13** A soln of **12** (98 mg) in diethylene glycol (8 ml) was refluxed with anhyd N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (1.5 ml) for 2 hr. KOH (150 mg) was added and the excess N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> distilled off till the mixture refluxed freely at 238°. It was kept at this temp. for 4 hr. Usual work-up gave **13** (35 mg), m.p. 197–198°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -165° (c 2.38) (lit<sup>6</sup> 198–199°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -157.3°) (Found. C, 88.38, H, 11.53. Calc for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>: C, 88.23, H, 11.76%) UV: 233, 239, 247 nm ( $\epsilon$  9700, 21320, 13470), IR 1640, 1610, 820, 815, 790 cm<sup>-1</sup>; identical with an authentic sample (m.p., TLC, IR, NMR)

**Acid-catalyzed rearrangement of 10** **10** (58 mg) was refluxed with 7% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-HOAc (18 ml) for 2 hr. Usual work-up and dry column chromatography of the product gave **14** (20 mg), m.p. 159–160° (Me<sub>2</sub>CO),  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -16.5° (c 1.24) (lit<sup>7</sup> m.p. 157–159°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -16°) (Found. C, 88.58; H, 11.29. Calc for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>: C, 88.67, H, 11.33%) Identical treatment of **11** gave also **14** (m.p., TLC, IR)

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