AURONE GLYCOSIDES OF ANTIRRHINUM ORONTIUM

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Plant. Antirrhinum orontium L. (Misopates orontium (L.) Raf.) has been placed in the unclassified section of the Antirrhinae as it lacks aurones. Source. Seeds of two types, the (rarer) pale form of the British Isles and the magenta form, collected in Belgium, both obtained from Kew. Previous work. Dayton [1] and Harborne [2] both recorded the absence of aurones from this plant.

Present work. The presence of aureusidin-6-glucoside (aureusin) was confirmed and of bracteatin-6-glucoside inferred, both being present in, and along the base of, the corolla tube hairs. Extraction. Flowers of both types were extracted in 1% HCl in MeOH, this being used as the stock solution which was streaked onto Whatman 3MM chromatography paper. Purification and identification then proceeded according to standard methods [3, 4]. Identification. The faster of the two aurones co-chromatographed with aureusin-6-glucoside in six solvents (TBA, BAW, CAW, PhOH, 15% HOAc and 30% HOAc) and yielded aureusi-

din and glucose on acid hydrolysis. Spectrometry: faster aurone: λ_{max} 272, 321, 404 $\Delta\lambda(\text{alk}) = +84$, $\Delta\lambda(\text{AlCl}_3) = +63$ faster aurone (hydrolysed) λ_{max} 253, 269, 400. The slower of the aurones cochromatographed with bracteatin-6-glucoside (aureusin and bracteatin-6-glucoside were both extracted from *sulf/sulf inc/inc* genotypes of *Antirrhinum majus*) in all six solvents, but there was too little of it to ascertain a precise structure. However, there seems little doubt as to its identity.

Discussion. Hitherto, the absence of aurones in Antirrhinum orontium has been used to separate it from the section Antirrhinum. This may no longer be employed as a criterion.

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COUMARIN GLYCOSIDES FROM PEUCEDANUM OSTRUTHIUM

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Plant. Peucedanum ostruthium L. (Koch), syn. Imperatoria ostruthium L. - Umbelliferae, collected in South-Tyrol.* Previous work. Several cou-

* The plant was kindly collected by F. Augscheller, St. Martin, South-Tyrol, Italy.

marins, furocoumarins, a chromone, and hesperidin were previously isolated from the roots [1].

Present work. Dried roots (440 g) were extracted with C₆H₆. The residue of the benzene extract yielded osthol, ostruthin, ostruthol, isoimpera-

torin, imperatorin, oxypeucedanin, oxypeucedanin hydrate, peucenin, and a sterol mixture (MP, TLC, UV, IR, NMR, MS).

The concentrated methanolic extract was kept in a refrigerator. The precipitated hesperidin was filtered off and the fluorescing components of the mother liquor were separated on a polyamide column. Elution began with H₂O followed by H₂O-MeOH mixtures. TLC control of the fractions eluted with 20% MeOH showed the presence of several fluorescing polar compounds. They were separated by preparative TLC (silica gel) in CHCl₃-MeOH 9:1. The most polar zones yielded a yellow (R_f : 0:22; system: CHCl₃-MeOH 85:15), and three violet fluorescing compounds. One of the latter $(R_f: 0.19)$ was identified (TLC, hydrolysis) as scopolin, the second (R_f : 0.25) as marmesinin. The third glycoside $(R_f: 0.10)$ afforded on acidic hydrolysis the same aglycon as marmesinin. Its R_f -value suggests to be a diglycoside of marme-

The yellow fluorescing glycoside crystallized

from MeOH in white needles, turning slowly yellow by heating (m. 210–220°, dec.). Its UV spectrum is typical of the 5-alkoxy-furocoumarin nucleus [2]; λ_{max} : 240 sh, 249, 259, 266, 308 nm; λ_{min} ; 235, 255, 263, 275 nm. The glycoside was hydrolysed with N H₂SO₄, the aglycon extracted with EtOAc and identified as oxypeucedanin hydrate (1). The sugar moiety was identified by PC as D-glucose. Thus, the probable structure of the glycoside is **2**.

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ISOLATION OF IPOLAMIIDE FROM STACHYTARPHETA INDICA

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Plant. Stachytarpheta indica VAHL. (Voucher specimen deposited at Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Chulalongkorn University, Department of Pharmacognosy). Local name. Ya Phanngu-Khieo, Pra-in-proei. Source. Ayudhaya, Thailand. Previous work. Occurrence of hebenstreitia glycoside B in Stachytarpheta-species [1].

Present work. Aerial parts (dry. 1200 g) of Stachy-tarpheta were macerated overnight with 80% EtOH. After decantation the residue was remacerated. The EtOH was removed under vacuum and the residual aqueous solution treated by standard procedures (lead acetate and charcoal method) [2].

Crystallization and recrystallization from EtOH afforded 14 g needles (1·17%). The properties of this compound and of its tetra- and penta-acetates are identical with those reported for ipolamiide [3] and its acetates respectively (analysis, m.p., optical rotation, UV, IR, NMR). M^+ of the penta-acetate m/e 616.

The compound is also identical (m.p., TLC, IR) with the hebenstreitia glycoside B isolated by Kooiman [1].

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