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(-)-(TRANS-4'-RHAMNOSYLOXY-3'-METHOXYCINNAMYL)LUPININE, A NEW LUPIN ALKALOID IN *LUPINUS LUTEUS**

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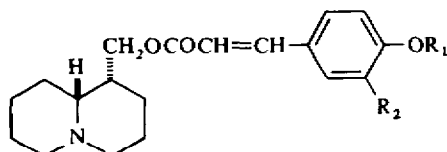
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INTRODUCTION

We have recently isolated two ester alkaloids, (-)-(trans-4'-hydroxycinnamyl)lupinine (1) and its 4'-rhamnoside (2), from the young seedlings of *Lupinus luteus* [1, 2]. An enzymatic system for the formation of 1 in *Lupinus* seedlings has also been described [3]. We have now established the presence of (-)-(trans-4'-rhamnosyloxy-3'-methoxycinnamyl)lupinine (4) in the fresh seedlings of *Lupinus luteus*.



Scheme 1. Lupinine derivatives found in the fresh seedlings of *Lupinus luteus*.

- (1) $R_1 = H, R_2 = H$
- (2) $R_1 = Rha, R_2 = H$
- (3) $R_1 = H, R_2 = OMe$
- (4) $R_1 = Rha, R_2 = OMe$

RESULTS

From the EtOH extracts of the fresh 9-day-old seedlings of *Lupinus luteus*, grown in the dark at 28°, 4 was isolated as a colourless amorphous solid, $[\alpha]_D^{22} - 78^\circ$, by repeated chromatography of the basic fraction. It gave a single grayish green with *p*-anisaldehyde- H_2SO_4 reagent for reducing sugars on TLC.

The MS spectrum of 4 showed an M^+ ion at m/e 491 (1%) and fragment ions corresponding to the loss of the rhamnosyl-moiety below the ion at m/e 345 closely resembled those of (-)-(trans-4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxycinnamyl)lupinine (3), which coexists with 4 in the same seedlings.

The sugar obtained by controlled hydrolysis of 4 with 3% HCl was identified as L-rhamnose by co-chromatography on PC and by Si-TLC. The aglycone was also confirmed as 3 by comparing MS, TLC and HPLC of the natural compound with synthetic material [6].

The PMR spectrum of 4 revealed the presence of a methyl-group of the rhamnosyl-moiety at δ 1.27 (3H, d, $J = 6$ Hz), anomeric proton at δ 5.50 (1H, bs) and two sharp peaks of three protons for a methoxyl group at δ 3.86 and 3.88.

From these results, the structure of 4 can be represented as (-)-(trans-4'-rhamnosyloxy-3'-methoxycinnamyl)lupinine (4), a new natural product. It was subsequently inferred from its large negative optical rotation ($[\alpha]_D^{22} - 78.5^\circ$; 3: -8.5°) that the configuration at the anomeric center of the rhamnosyl-unit in 4 involves an α -L-rhamnosidic linkage (see [2]). Furthermore, the PMR spectrum of 4 showed two pairs of AB-doublets due to *cis* and *trans* olefinic protons of the cinnamyl-moiety: from the data of chemical shifts, coupling constants and absorption intensities, it was proved that 4 was a mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers at the ratio of ca 1:3, respectively. The conversion of *trans*-cinnamates, such as 1 [1], 2 [2], 3, 4 and desmethoxyabresolines [4], into the *cis*-isomers during a treatment of the samples in daylight is unavoidable.

The concentration of 4 in the dry seeds of *Lupinus luteus* is extremely low, but its concentration increased rapidly along with those of 1, 2 and 3 during the first 4-9 day's growth of seedlings at 28°.

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EXPERIMENTAL

General methods. TLC was performed in the following solvent systems: 1. CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH-28% NH_4OH (90:9:1); 2. CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH-28% NH_4OH (60:39:1); 3. Py-AcOEt-AcOH- H_2O (36:36:7:21); 4. *n*-BuOH-AcOH- H_2O (3:1:1); 5. Me_2CO - H_2O - CHCl_3 -MeOH (15:1:2:2); 6. CHCl_3 -MeOH (3:2). HPLC was carried out with solvent 7, 15% MeOH-Et₂O- H_2O -28% NH_4OH (500:10:1, v/v), as eluent using a LiChrosorb SI 100 (Merck, particle size 10 μm , 0.3 \times 50 cm) column employing a monitoring flow system (310 nm) coupled to recorder at a flow rate of 1 ml/min. PMR spectra were measured at 100 MHz in CDCl_3 containing 5% CD_3OD using TMS as an internal standard. MS were taken with a direct inlet system at 70 eV and the optical rotation in MeOH.

Isolation of 4. The fresh seedlings (1.2 kg) of *Lupinus luteus*, grown in the dark for 9 days at 28°, were macerated in EtOH and the basic fraction (2.05 g) was treated essentially as previously described for the isolation of 2 [2]: 4 is always present as a mixture in 2-rich fractions.

The fractions (0.18 g) containing 2 and 4, which appeared in the early eluates with solvent 2, were further purified by a Si gel CC (Merck, type 60, 230-400 mesh, 2 \times 31 cm) using 20%

MeOH-Et₂O- H_2O -28% NH_4OH (500:25:0.5), 20 ml fractions being collected. 4 (16 mg) was obtained from fractions 28-35 as a colourless amorphous solid, whilst 2 (51 mg) appeared in fractions 15-22, which gave one spot by analytical TLC on Si gel in solvents 1 and 2, and one peak by HPLC with solvent 7. The R_f values on Si gel TLC for lupinine, 1, 2, 3 and 4 obtained in solvent 1 were 0.18, 0.42, 0.12, 0.48 and 0.12, respectively, and in solvent 2 were 0.26, 0.64, 0.58, 0.65 and 0.58, respectively. However, 2 and 4 were indistinguishable on the TLC with solvents 1 and 2, but 4 (13 min) was separated clearly from 2 (10 min) by HPLC with solvent 7.

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