GERMACRA-12,6β-OLIDES FROM MONTANOA REVEALII AND M. MOLLISSIMA*

FRED C. SEAMAN, ARCELIO J. MALCOLM† and NIKOLAUS H. FISCHER†

Harding Laboratories, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458, U.S.A.; †Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, U.S.A.

(Revised received 11 November 1983)

Key Word Index—Montanoa revealii; Montanoa mollissima; Asteraceae; Heliantheae; sesquiterpene lactones; germacranolides.

Abstract—Montanoa revealii and M. mollissima yielded a series of germacra-12,6 β -olides similar to those previously reported from M. hibiscifolia and M. pteropoda.

INTRODUCTION

Germacra-12,6β-olides have previously been reported from three Montanoa taxa, M. pteropoda S. F. Blake [1, 2], M. hibiscifolia Benth. in Oerst. [2] and M. atriplicifolia (Pers.) Schultz Bip. in Seeman [3], Ursinia anthemoides (L.) Poiret (Anthemideae) [4] and Pegolettia senegalensis Cass. (Inuleae) [5]. X-Ray analysis of the M. hibiscifolia compounds established the novel trans,trans-germacra-1(10),4-dien-12,6β-olide structure. In continuation of our biochemical systematic study of Montanoa, the terpenes of M. revealii H. Robinson and M. mollissima Brongniart ex Groenland were investigated and both taxa found to produce germacra-12,6β-olides; Montanoa revealii yielded compounds 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 and M. mollissima produced structures 7, 8, 9 and 10.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

¹H NMR spectra of the *M. revealii* compounds 1–3 resembled spectra of the structures (e.g. 4) reported from *M. pteropoda* and *M. hibiscifolia* [2]. Compounds 1–3 share with these structures the small $J_{7,13}$ (1 Hz) and large $J_{5,6}$ (approx. 11 Hz) and $J_{6,7}$ values (ca 6 Hz) typical of germacra-12,6β-olides. Further, the large $J_{7,8}$ (8 Hz) and $J_{8,9}$ (9 Hz) values of 1–3 indicate that these compounds also share a common stereochemistry at C-8 and C-9 with the *M. pteropoda* and *M. hibiscifolia* constituents.

 8α -Hydroxy- 9β -angeloyloxy-trans, trans-germacra-1(10),4-dien-12,6 β -olide (1) $C_{20}H_{26}O_5$ (HRMS) and 8α -hydroxy- 9β -(2-methylbutanoyloxy)-trans,trans-germacra-1(10),4-dien-12,6 β -olide (2) $C_{20}H_{28}O_5$ (HRMS) were isolated as a mixture. The ¹H NMR spectra (Table 1) of 1 and 2 displayed a pair of downfield broadened singlets (H-13a, δ 5.77; H-13b, δ 6.42) and an upfield broad doublet of a doublet (H-7, δ 3.18) typical of α , β -unsaturated γ -lactones. Irradiation at δ 3.18 sharpened the H-13a and H-13b signals to finely split doublets (geminal coupling, J

< 0.5 Hz), collapsed a doublet of a doublet at δ 5.17 (H-6) to a doublet (J = 11 Hz) and a doublet of a doublet at δ 4.10 (H-8) to a doublet (J = 9 Hz). Irradiation of this signal at δ 4.10 collapsed a doublet at δ 4.78 (H-9) to a singlet and simplified the H-7 signal. A broadened apparent triplet at δ 5.35 (H-1, J = 7 Hz) when irradiated, sharpened the broad methyl singlet at δ 1.67 (H-14). Low resolution EIMS of 1 and 2 showed molecular ions at m/z346 and 348, respectively, and a common ion at m/z 246 resulting from the loss of the C-9 side chain acids. Loss of water (m/z 228) from the m/z 246 ion indicates the presence of a free hydroxyl function in both 1 and 2. EIMS sidechain acylium ions and other fragments (1, m/z)83, 55; 2, m/z 85, 57) support the assigned structures, and the CIMS (isobutane) confirms the molecular formulas for 1 and 2 (Experimental).

¹H NMR spectra of 3 (CDCl₃; CDCl₃ and C_6D_6 , 4:1) produced two broadened singlets at δ 5.54 (H-13a) and 6.25 (H-13b) and a broadened doublet of a doublet at δ 3.12 (H-7, CDCl₃) characteristic of α,β -unsaturated γ lactone (Table 1). Irradiation at δ 3.12 sharpened the two signals at δ 5.54 and 6.25, simplified the doublet of a doublet at δ 5.10 (H-6) to a doublet (J = 11 Hz) and the doublet of a doublet at δ 5.14 (H-8) to a doublet (J = 9 Hz). Irradiation at δ 5.14 collapsed the doublet at δ 4.09 (H-9) to a singlet. Irradiation of one methyl doublet at δ 1.56 (H-15, J = 1.0 Hz, CDCl₃ and C₆D₆) sharpened a downfield doublet at δ 5.12 (H-5, J=11 Hz); irradiation of the other methyl signal at δ 1.45 sharpened the broad triplet at δ 5.51 (H-1, J = ca 8 Hz). Irradiation of the overlapping H-1 and H-3 signals at 5.62 (CDCl₃) affected only the two overlapping one-proton signals at δ 2.2–2.38 and the H-14 methyl signal. Upon addition of C₆D₆ to the CDCl₃ NMR sample solution of 3, the two signals, H-1 and H-3, separated. Irradiation at δ 2.26 (CDCl₃: C₆D₆; 4:1) partially collapsed both the H-1 and H-3 signals to singlets centered at δ 5.57 (H-3) and 5.51 (H-1). Partial collapse seems to result from the incomplete irradiation of both H-2 protons. Examination of Dreiding models of 3 oriented in a conformation according to the results of the X-ray analysis of M. hibiscifolia compounds [2] demonstrates that the coupling between H-1 and H-2 (J = ca8 Hz) is consistent with the model and that the coupling

^{*}Part 3 in the series "Montanoa-Terpenes".

F. C. SEAMAN et al.

11

Table 1. ¹H NMR signals for compounds 1, 2 and 3 at 200 MHz (TMS as internal standard, CDCl₃)

	1	2	3	3 (CDCl ₃ -C ₆ D ₆ , 4:1)
H-1	5.35 br t (8)*	5.35 br t (8)	5.58-5.70	5.51 br t (8.5)
H-2	2.0-2.5	2.0-2.5	2.0-2.5	2.05-2.20
H-3	_	_	_	5.57 dd (5.5, 6)
H-5	4.96 br d (11)	4.96 br d (11)	5.21 br d (11)	5.12 br d (11)
H-6	5.17 dd (11, 6)	5.15 dd (11, 6)	5.10 dd (11, 6)	4.93 dd (11, 6)
H-7	3.18 br dd (6, 9)	3.18 br dd (6, 9)	3.12 br dd (6, 8)	3.12 br dd (6, 8)
H-8	4.10 dd (9, 9)	4.05 dd (9, 9)	5.14 dd (8, 9)	5.10 dd (8, 9)
H-9	4.78 d (9)	4.70 d (9)	4.09 d (9)	4.09 d (9)
H-13a	5.77 br s	5.77 br s	5.54 br s	5.39 br's
H-13b	6.42 br s	6.42 br s	6.25 br s	6.20 br s
Me-10	1.67 br s	1.67 br s	1.62 d (1)	1.45 br s
Me-4	1.71 br s	1.71 <i>br</i> s	1.73 d (1)	1.56 d (1)
H-2'		2.40 m	_	-
C-2'-CH ₃	1.92 br s	1.14 d (7)	1.87 m	1.82 m
H-3' a	6.09 qq (1, 7)	_	6.08 qq.(1, 7)	5.97 qq (1, 7)
H-3′ b	_	· —		_
C-3'-Me	1.99 dq (1, 7)	0.92 t (7)	1.97 dq (1.5, 7)	1.95 m
-OAc	_	_	2.17 s	1.97 s

^{*}Numbers in parentheses are coupling constants or line separations in Hertz.

between H-2a, H-2b and H-3 (J = 5.5, 6 Hz) is only in agreement with the stereochemistry in which the C-3 acetate is in a β -position. ¹H NMR signals indicate the presence of one acetate and one angelate moiety in this molecule.

¹H NMR spectra of compounds 5–10 partially resemble spectra of $4\alpha,5\beta$ -epoxy-trans-germacra-12,6α-olides such as 8α -acetoxyparthenolide (11) [6] (Table 2). However, compounds 5–10 are typified by $J_{7,13}$ values less than 1 Hz, while 11 exhibits characteristic $J_{7,13}$ > 3 Hz. Other coupling constants for 5–10 are consistent

with germacrolide structures indicating that, like 1-3, the small $J_{7,13}$ of 5-10 must be due to β -orientation of the lactone oxygen at C-6.

 8α -Angeloyloxy- 4β ,5 α -epoxy-trans-germacra-1(10)-en-12,6 β -olide (5), $C_{20}H_{26}O_5$ and its 8α -senecionyl isomer (6) were isolated as a mixture. The 1H NMR spectrum of 5 and 6 displayed the characterisitic broad singlets at δ 5.67 (H-13a) and 6.29 (H-13b) and a broadened doublet of a doublet at δ 3.22 (H-7). Irradiation of the signal at δ 3.22 collapsed two downfield one-proton signals at δ 4.07 and 5.27. The doublet of a doublet at δ 4.07 was assigned to H-

Table 2. ¹H NMR signals for compounds 5-10 (200 MHz, TMS as internal standard, CDCl₃) at 300°K and C₀D₀ at 348°K

	5	6	7	8 (CDCl ₃)	9 (CDCl ₃)	9 (C ₆ D ₆)	10 (CDCl ₃)
H-1	5.44 t	5.45 m	5.44 m	5.62 m	5.57	5.31 m*	5.58 m*
	(7.5)						
H-2	2.1-2.4	2.1-2.4	2.1-2.4	*	2.20-3.50		*
H-3	2.0-2.4	2.0-2.4	2.0-2.4	*		*	*
H-5	3.05 br d	3.04 br d	3.05 br d	2.99	2.98 d	2.73 d	3.00 d
	(10.0)	(10.0)	(10.0)	(9.5)	(9.5)	(9.5)	(9.5)
H-6	4.07 dd	4.06 dd	4.07 dd	4.05 dd	4.05 dd	3.67 dd	4.05 dd
	(10.0, 5.0)	(10.0, 5.5)	(10.0, 5.0)	(9.5, 6.0)	(9.5, 6.0)	(9.5, 5.0)	(9.5, 6.0)
H-7	3.22 br dd	3.18 br dd	3.22 br dd	3.09 ddt	3.07 br dd	2.62 ddt	3.08 br dd
	(5.0, 8.0)	(5.5, 10.0)	(5.0, 8.0)	(6.0, 6.0, 1.0)	(6.0, 6.5)	(6.0, 6.5, 1.0)	(6.0, 6.5)
H-8	5.27 m	5.27 m	5.27 m	4.25 mt	4.25 dd†	3.94 dd	4.27 dd†
						(7.0, 9.5)	(7.0, 9.0)
H-9				4.66 br d†	4.65 d	4.70 d	4.65 br d†
				(9.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)
H-13a	5.67 d	5.62 br s	5.67 d	5.73 d	5.73 br s	5.26 br s	5.47 d
	(1.0)		(1.0)	(1.0)			(1.5)
H-13b	6.29 d	6.16 d	6.29 d	6.38 d	6.38 br s	6.27 br s	6.38 d
	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)			(1.5)
H-14 (3H)	1.83 br s	1.83 br s	1.83 br s	1.99 br st	1.98 br s	1.63 d	1.97 br st
-1 1 (011)		(1.0)				(1.0)	,
H-15 (3H)	1.31 s	ì.31 s	1.31 s	1.30 s	1.30 s	0.83 s	1.29 s
H-2'		5.56 m	2.0-2.5	5.71 m*	2.42 hex	2.29 hex	2.55 hep
				-	(7.0)	(7.0)	(7.0)
H-2' Me	1.88 d		1.0-1.1		ì.14 d	1.08 d	ì.16 d
	(1.0)				(7.0)	(7.0)	(7.0)
H-3a'	5.96 qq		1.0-1.5		1.47 pent	*	1.17 (3H) d
	(1.0, 7.0)				(7.0)		(7.0)
H-3b'	(,		1.0-1.5		1.68 pent	*	` ,
					(7.0)		
C-3'-Me	1.96 da	2.13 d	0.8~1.0	2.16 d	0.89 t	0.83 t	
	(1.0, 7.0)	(1.0)		(1.0)	(7.0)	(7.0)	
	(1.5,)	1.89 d		1.90 d	(,	(***)	
		(1.5)		(1.5)			

^{*}Obscured by other signals.

6 by reciprocal irradiation at δ 4.07 and an affected doublet at δ 3.05 (H-5, $J_{5,6} = 10$ Hz), a pair of signals that together with a sharp three-proton singlet at δ 1.31 (H-15) are characteristic of a 4,5-epoxy-germacra-6,12-olide. Upon irradiation at δ 3.22, the multiplet at δ 5.27 simplifies to a doublet of a doublet $(J_{8,9a} = 11 \text{ Hz}, J_{8,9b} = ca)$ 3 Hz) and is assigned to H-8. Aside from signals characteristic of angelate (5) and senecionate (6) moieties, the only remaining downfield signal, a multiplet at δ 5.44, upon irradiation, sharpened the three-proton broad singlet at δ 1.83 (H-14) indicating that the signal at δ 5.44 must be due to H-1. Low resolution EIMS of 5 and 6 did not yield a molecular ion but produced a strong $[M - C_5H_8O_2]^+$ (m/z 246) corresponding to the loss of angelic acid (5) and senecionic acid (6). Ions at m/z 83 $[C_5H_7O]^+$ and m/z 55 [C₄H₇]⁺ are characteristic of both angelates and senecionates. CIMS (M + 1 = 347.2) and high resolution mass spectrometry confirmed the molecular formulae for 5 and 6 (C₂₀H₂₆O₅). ¹H NMR, EIMS and CIMS indicated that 7 only differed from 5 and 6 by the presence of a 2methylbutyrate at C-8 (Table 2).

¹H NMR spectra of compounds **8**, **9** and **10** indicated that they were also 4β ,5α-epoxy germacra-1(10)-en-12,6β-olides (Table 2). Differences in the ¹H NMR spectra of **2**

and 9 were limited to the chemical shifts of H-5, H-6 and H-15, indicating that the two structures were identical except for the presence of the 4,5-trans double bond in 2 and the 4,5-epoxide in 9. Complete decoupling experiments (C₆D₆, 348 K) confirmed the location of the C-8 hydroxy and C-9 ester function of 9. ¹H NMR (Table 2) and EIMS results for 8 and 10 indicated that they differed from 9 in the ester functions at C-9, with 8 displaying signals corresponding to a senecionate and 10 exhibiting signals for an isobutyrate moiety (see Experimental).

The stereochemistry of the 4,5-epoxide function in compounds 5-10 is tentatively assigned on biogenetic grounds. It is a reasonable assumption that germacrolides of structural type 1 have [${}^{1}D_{14,15}D^{5}$]-conformation [7] as do their analogs with established X-ray structure [2]. If the above conformational representatives also represent the biogenetic precursors for the epoxides 5-10, bioepoxidation should only occur from the outer face of the medium ring resulting in a stereochemistry of the 4,5-epoxide group as shown for the lactones 5-10.

EXPERIMENTAL

For general procedures, see ref. [8]. NMR spectra were

[†]Broadening due to presence of configurational differences evident at 300 K.

	standard)						
	3	4	CDCl ₃ /C ₆ D ₆	5	6		
H-1	4.93 dd br	3.18 m	2.84 ddd br	3.18 m	3.60 ddd		
H-2	2.52 ddd br	2.51 dddq	2.33 dddq	2.50 dd br	} 5.80 dd		
H-2'	2.33 ddd	2.42 dddq	2.26 dddq	2.41 d br	3.80 44		
H-3	4.36 dd	5.57 dddq	5.41 dddq	5.57 dddq	6.01 dd		
H-5	4.84 d br	2.85 dd br	2.57 dd br	2.84 dd br	2.96 dd		
H-6	5.21 dd	4.51 dd	4.37 dd	4.47 dd	4.71 dd		
H-7	2.92 ddd br	3.18 m	2.75 dddd	3.18 m	3.12 dddd		
H-8	5.81 ddd	5.67 ddd	5.44 ddd	5.66 ddd	5.75 ddd		
H-9	2.85 dd br	2.59 dd	2.41 dd	2.59 dd	2.81 dd		
H-9'	2.33 dd	2.54 dd	2.22 dd	2.54 dd	2.42 dd br		
H-13	6.33 d	6.24 d	6.12 d	6.25 d	6.29 d		
H-13'	5.63 d	5.55 d	5.34 d	5.54 d	5.65 d		
H-14 } H-14′ {	1.52 s br	5.01 s br 4.87 s br	4.85 s br 4.71 s br	5.00 s br 4.85 s br	4.92 s		
H-15	1.81 d	1.87 s br	1.80 s br	1.87 s br	1.45 s		
H-3'	6.72 t	7.02 t	6.88 t	6.90 t	7.05 t		
H-4′	4.85 dd	{ 4.50 dd { 4.45 dd	{ 4.20 dd { 4.15 dd	4.88 d	$\begin{cases} 5.01 \ d \\ 4.89 \ d \end{cases}$		
H-5'	4.38 s br	∫ 4.97 d } 4.91 d	\[4.78 d \] \[4.73 d \]	{ 4.89 d } 4.85 d	∫ 4.53 dd { 4.48 dd		
H-8'		6.89 q	6.75 q	7.04 g	6.89 q		
H-9'		$1.90 \dot{d}$	1.69 <i>d</i>	$1.93 \ d$	1.92 d		
H-10'		4.30 s	4.16 s	4.80 s	4.32 s		
OAc	2.10 s	_					

Table 1. ¹H NMR spectral data of compounds 3-6 (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS as internal standard)

J [Hz]: compounds 4–6: 1, 2 = 8.5; 1, 2' = 5; 1, 5 = 8.5; 2, 2' = 17; 2, 3 = 2, 3' = 3, 5 = 3, 15 \sim 1.5; 5, 6 = 10.5; 6, 7 = 9; 7, 8 = 2.5; 7, 13 = 3.5; 7, 13' = 3; 8, 9 = 5; 8, 9' = 5; 9, 9' = 14; 3', 4' = 6; 4₁', 4₂' = 16; 5₁', 5₂' = 12; 8', 9' = 7.5 (compound 6: 1, 2 = 2.5; 1, 3 = 1.5; 1, 5 = 10; 2, 3 = 6; 5, 6 = 11; 6, 7 = 9). Compound 3: 1, 2 = 3.5; 1, 2' = 11.5; 2, 2' = 14; 2, 3 = 6; 2', 3 = 10; 5, 6 = 10; 5, 15 = 1.5; 6, 7 = 9; 7, 8 \sim 1; 7, 13 = 3.5; 7, 13' = 3; 8, 9 = 5; 8, 9' = 2; 9, 9' = 14; 3', 4' = 6.5; 4', 5' = 1.5.

newberryi, especially the lactones, which are close to those of some genera of the tribe Eupatorieae, makes it a strong candidate as a likely primitive species in this 'core-group'.

EXPERIMENTAL

The air-dried aerial parts (480 g) (collected in south central Colorado, U.S.A.; voucher Turner s.n. TEX) were extracted at room temp. with Et₂O-petrol-MeOH, 1:1:1, for 12 hr. The extract obtained was treated with MeOH to remove saturated long-chain hydrocarbons and was first separated by CC (SiO₂) into five fractions (each 100 ml): 1 (petrol), 2 (Et₂O-petrol, 1:10), 3 (Et₂O-petrol, 1:1), 4 (Et₂O) and 5 (Et₂O-MeOH, 10:1). TLC (SiO₂ PF 254) of fractions 1 and 2 gave no characteristic compounds. TLC of fraction 3 (Et₂O-petrol, 1:3, detection by UV light) afforded 4 mg 7 and 3 mg 8 [R₁ 0.46 and 0.49 respectively: identical with authentic material (400 MHz ¹HNMR)], while TLC of fraction 4 gave no characteristic compounds. Repeated TLC of fraction 5 (Et₂O, followed by CHCl₃-MeOH, 10:1, detection by UV light) gave 200 mg 2 (R_f 0.07), a mixture of 3 and 4 and 6 (R_f 0.23), as well as 10 mg 1 $(R_f 0.7)$. 1 and 2 were identified by comparing the 400 MHz ¹H NMR spectra with those of authentic material, and by systematic spin decoupling. The mixture of 2-4, 6 and 9 was separated by HPLC (RP8, MeOH-H2O, 3:2). The main fraction (R_t 8.1 min) gave 28 mg 4, while the others (R_t 2.0 and 3.8 min) were still impure. HPLC (RP 8, MeOH-H₂O, 11:9) of these fractions gave 10 mg of a mixture of 4 and 9, 5 mg 3 (R_t 2.7 min) and 2 mg 6 (R_t 1.8 min). The mixture of 4 and 9 was separated after acetylation (Ac₂O, 1 hr, 70°). TLC (Et₂O) afforded 3 mg 5 and 5 mg 10 (R_f 0.52). 3–6 could not be induced to crystallize, but their ¹H NMR spectra showed no apparent impurities and they were homogeneous by TLC (CHCl₃-MeOH, 30:1 and CHCl₃-C₆H₆-Et₂O, 1:1:1).

 3β -Hydroxy-8 β -(4'-acetoxy-5'-hydroxytigloyloxy)-costunolide (3). Colourless gum, IR $\nu_{\rm max}^{\rm CHCl_3}$ cm $^{-1}$: 3620, 3420 (OH), 1770 (γ-lactone), 1745, 1240 (OAc), 1715 (C=CCO₂R); MS m/z (rel. int.): 246.125 [M - RCO₂H] $^+$ (8) (calc. for C₁₅H₁₈O₃: 246.125), 228 [246 - H₂O] $^+$ (7), 115 [RCO - ketene] $^+$ (40), 97 [115 - H₂O] $^+$ (54), 69 [97 - CO] $^+$ (100); CI (isobutane): 421 [M + 1] $^+$ (80), 247 [M - RCO₂H] $^+$ (100).

$$[\alpha]_{24^{\circ}}^{1} = \frac{589}{+64} + \frac{578}{+68} + \frac{546}{+79} + \frac{436 \text{ nm}}{+156} \text{ (CHCl}_3; c 0.4).$$

Ligustrin-[4'-hydroxy-5'-(5'-hydroxytigloyloxy)-tiglate] (4). Colourless gum, IR $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$ cm $^{-1}$: 3590, 3430 (OH), 1765 (y-lactone), 1710 (C=CCO₂R); MS m/z (rel. int.): 458.194 [M] $^+$ (2) (calc. for C₂₅H₃₀O₈: 458.194), 440 [M - H₂O] $^+$ (1), 422 [440 - H₂O] $^+$ (0.6), 360 [M - C₅H₆O₂] $^+$ (3), 342 [M - RCO₂H] $^+$ (3), 246 [M - C₁₀H₁₂O₅] $^+$ (5), 228 [M - RCO₂H] $^+$ (41), 213 [RCO] $^+$ (10), 99 [RCO] $^+$ (67), 69 [99 - CHO] $^+$ (100).

$$[\alpha]_{24}^{\lambda} = \frac{589 \quad 578 \quad 546 \quad 436 \text{ nm}}{+18 \quad +19 \quad +22 \quad +71} \text{ (CHCl}_3; c 2.6).$$