

## ARBUTIN FROM *Serratula sogdiana*

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Continuing an investigation of *Serratula sogdiana* Bge. (Compositae) for its content of phytoecdysones [1], from a concentrated methanolic extract of the leaves of this plant we have isolated a crystalline compound (I),  $C_{12}H_{16}O_7$ , mp 200–202°C (water) (after drying).  $[\alpha]_D -64.0^\circ$  (c 1.93; water); 3400–3200  $cm^{-1}$  (OH); 1235, 1085  $cm^{-1}$  (=C–O–C), 1610, 1595–1515, 840, 815 (benzene ring); mol. wt. 272 (mass spectrometry). The yield on the air-dry raw material was 0.6%.

The acetylation of compound (I) with acetic anhydride in pyridine led to a pentaacetate (II),  $C_{22}H_{28}O_{12}$ , with mp 147–149°C (acetone),  $[\alpha]_D -26.7^\circ$  (c 1.19; acetone).

The hydrolysis of substance (I) with 5% sulfuric acid gave a sugar which was identified by the GLC method and thin-layer chromatography in silica gel as D-glucose. The aglycone was hydroquinone, mp 171°C.

The properties of compound (I) and of its pentaacetate (II) given above enable the glycoside isolated to be identified as arbutin [2]. Arbutin has been obtained previously from other species of *Serratula* [3].

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