GUAIANOLIDES AND HELIANGOLIDES FROM HYMENOPAPPUS NEWBERRYI

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Abstract—The aerial parts of *Hymenopappus newberryi* afforded two heliangolides, two thymol derivatives, as well as two new guaianolides and a *trans,trans*-germacranolide closely related to hiyodorilactone A. Furthermore, the *ent*-kaurene derivative abbeokutone was present. These results are of chemotaxonomic interest.

INTRODUCTION

So far only the roots of one species of the genus Hymenopappus have been investigated chemically [1]. In addition to the widespread tridecapentaynene, the thymol derivative 7 was isolated. As the relationship of this genus, previously regarded as a member of the tribe Helenieae, is not really clear, further information was desirable. Prior to new investigations [2-5] H. newberryi was treated as the sole member of a genus (Leucampyx) belonging to the tribe Anthemideae, while the rest of Hymenopappus was placed in the tribe Helenieae. Even if recombined, there still remains the problem of the proper tribal position: Helenieae (Heliantheae) or Anthemideae? The possibility of an anthemoid relationship [3, 4] is still held by Cronquist [5]. The results of our studies on the chemistry of H. newberryi (Gray) T. M. Johnst., which is a primitive member of the genus [3], are discussed in this paper.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The aerial parts of the plant afforded the thymol derivatives 7 and 8 [6], and a complex mixture of sesquiterpene lactones. Separation by TLC and HPLC afforded eucannabinolide (2) as the main compound [7], as well as the corresponding 5'-desoxy derivative 1 [8] and three new lactones, the *trans*, *trans*-germacradienolide 3 and the guaianolides 4 and 6.

The structure of 3 was elucidated by comparing the ¹H NMR data (Table 1) with those of hiyodorilactone A [9], which is the corresponding 5'-desacetyl-3-O-acetate. Accordingly, all signals were similar, only the chemical shifts of H-3 and H-4' being characteristically different. Spin decoupling allowed the assignment of all signals and established again the structure. The stereochemistry followed from the couplings observed.

The structure of 4, molecular formula $C_{25}H_{30}O_8$, also followed from the ¹H NMR spectrum (Table 1). While a few signals were overlapped in CDCl₃, addition of deuteriobenzene allowed the assignment of all signals by spin decoupling. The nature of the ester side chain was deduced from the characteristic signals [$\delta 6.88 t$ (H-3'), 4.20 and 4.15 dd (H-4'), 4.78 and 4.73 d (H-5'), 6.75 q (H-8'), 1.69 d (H-9') and 4.16 s (H-10')], which were influenced in their chemical shift by transforming to the diacetate 5 in the expected way (Table 1). The remaining signals were close to those of a ligustrin 4',5'-dihydroxy-tiglate [10]. The coupling of H-8 further showed that a β -orientated C-8 ester group was present. Irradiation of the H-15 signal changed the H-3 signal to a three-fold doublet and sharpened the signals of H-2. By irradiating the signals of H-1 and H-3, the multiplicity of the H-2 signal was determined. The stereochemistry at C-1 and C-5-C-7 followed from the couplings observed.

The ¹H NMR data of 6 (Table 1), which we have named hymenopappolide, clearly showed that this lactone had the same ester side chain as 4, while the position of the double bond was changed. The typical couplings indicated a 2,3-double bond. Spin decoupling showed that again a guainolide was present. The observed chemical shift of H-15 and the absence of a 3,4-coupling showed that a 4-hydroxy derivative of 4 was most likely. Accordingly, the H-5 signal was now a sharp doubledoublet. Its chemical shift indicated a 4α -hydroxyl group, especially when the shifts were compared with those of the C-4 epimers of a corresponding 1(10),2-diene [11].

A small amount of 9 was isolated along with 4. After acetylation, the corresponding acetates 5 and 10 could be easily separated. The ¹H NMR data of 10 (see Experimental) agreed with the structure shown, especially when compared with those of diterpenes with a 3-keto group or kauranes with oxygen functions at C-16 and C-17. Also the ¹³C NMR spectrum agreed well with the proposed structure, especially when compared with the data of a diketone derived from 9 by periodate cleavage [12, 13]. Compound 10 was therefore the acetate of abbeokutone [12]. Accordingly, reduction of 10 with lithium alanate afforded 11, which showed a mp reported for this triol [12]. Saponification of 10 afforded 9, its data agreeing with those of abbeokutone [12].

The occurrence of heliangolides in *Hymenopappus* indicates a close relationship of the genus with *Villanova* [14], *Schkuhria* [15] and *Picradeniopsis* [16], which also contain 1 and 2. Similar heliangolides are also present in



the related taxa Bahia [17] and Peucephyllum [18], while Chaenactis species contain the germacranolide eupatoriopicrin [19], which is closely related to 3. From Bahia [20] and Picradeniopsis species [16], the guaianolides related to 4 are also reported. Thymol derivatives are present in a Schkuhria [21] and in a Hymenopappus species [1]. The co-occurrence of the red-coloured dithioacetylenes in Schkuhria, Picradeniopsis, Villanova and Chaenactis species may also be of chemotaxonomic interest.

The above data clearly suggest that *Hymenopappus* is properly aligned with the helenoid genera centring about

the subtribe Bahiinae of Rydberg [22]. In his survey of the subtribal limits of the Heliantheae, Robinson [23] recognized Hymenopappus, along with Galeana, Loxothysanus, Trichocorye and Villanova, as constituting the subtribe Hymenopappinae: he placed Schkuhria and Picradeniopsis in the subtribe Chaenactidinae. It would appear, on chemical grounds, that the genera discussed above make up an interrelated 'core-group' which might be best treated within a single subtribe; for example, the Bahiineae of Stuessy [24]. Whatever the treatment, the rich diversity of compounds revealed in Hymenopappus

	3	4	$CDCl_3/C_6D_6$	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 2.33 ddd	2.51 dddq	2.33 dddq	2.50 dd br	50 dd br cordd
H-2′		2.42 dddq	2.26 dddq	2.41 d br $\int 5.00 a$	5.00 uu
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	1.52 s br	5.01 s br	4.85 s br	5.00 s br	4.92 s
H-14'		4.87 s br	4.71 s br	4.85 s br	
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	§ 4.20 dd	4.88 d	{ 5.01 d
		4.45 dd	4.15 dd		4.89 d
H-5′	4.38 s br	{ 4.97 d	(4.78 d	(4.89 d	(4.53 dd
		4.91 d	4.73 d	4.85 d	4.48 dd
H-8′	_	6.89 a	6.75 a	7.04 a	6.89 a
H-9'	_	1.90 d	1.69 d	1.93 d	1.92 d
H-10'	_	4.30 s	4.16 s	4.80 s	4.32 s
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Table 1. ¹H NMR spectral data of compounds 3-6 (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS as internal standard)

 $J [Hz]: compounds 4-6: 1, 2 = 8.5; 1, 2' = 5; 1, 5 = 8.5; 2, 2' = 17; 2, 3 = 2, 3' = 3, 5 = 3, 15 \\ \sim 1.5; 5, 6 = 10.5; 6, 7 = 9; 7, 8 = 2.5; 7, 13 = 3.5; 7, 13' = 3; 8, 9 = 5; 8, 9' = 5; 9, 9' = 14; 3', 4' \\ = 6; 4_1', 4_2' = 16; 5_1', 5_2' = 12; 8', 9' = 7.5 (compound 6: 1, 2 = 2.5; 1, 3 = 1.5; 1, 5 = 10; 2, 3 \\ = 6; 5, 6 = 11; 6, 7 = 9). Compound 3: 1, 2 = 3.5; 1, 2' = 11.5; 2, 2' = 14; 2, 3 = 6; 2', 3 = 10; 5, 6 = 10; 5, 15 = 1.5; 6, 7 = 9; 7, 8 ~ 1; 7, 13 = 3.5; 7, 13' = 3; 8, 9 = 5; 8, 9' = 2; 9, 9' = 14; 3', 4' \\ = 6.5; 4', 5' = 1.5.$

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 $[R_f 0.46 \text{ and } 0.49]$ 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 (R₁ 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 (RP 8, 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 $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 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).

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

Ligustrin-[4'-hydroxy-5'-(5'-hydroxytigloyloxy)-tiglate] (4). Colourless gum, IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$ cm⁻¹: 3590, 3430 (OH), 1765 (7lactone), 1710 (C=CCO_2R); 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).

$$[\alpha]_{24}^{2} = \frac{589}{+18} + \frac{578}{+9} + \frac{546}{+22} + \frac{436}{+71} \text{ (CHCl}_3; c 2.6).$$

5 mg 4 was heated for 1 hr with 0.2 ml Ac₂O at 70°. TLC (Et₂O, R_f 0.35) afforded 5 mg 5, colourless gum, IR v_{max}^{CC1} cm⁻¹: 1780 (y-lactone), 1750, 1240 (OAc), 1720, 1655 (C=CCO₂R); MS m/z (rel. int.): 542.115 [M]⁺ (1.3) (calc. for C₂₉H₃₄O₁₀: 542.115), 482 [M - HOAc]⁺ (5), 422 [482 - HOAc]⁺ (2), 383 [M - RCO₂]⁺ (4.7), 228 [M - RCO₂H]⁺ (48), 141 [RCO]⁺ (82), 99 [141 - ketene]⁺ (59), 81 [99 - H₂O]⁺ (100).

 $\begin{array}{l} Hymenopappolide \ \textbf{(6)}. \ Colourless \ gum, \ IR \ \nu_{max}^{CHCl_3} \ cm^{-1}: \ 3620, \\ 3440 \ (OH), 1770 \ (\gamma-lactone), 1715 \ (C=CCO_2 R); \ MS \ m/z \ (rel. int.): \\ 244.110 \ [M-RCO_2 H]^+ \ (5) \ (calc. \ for \ C_{15}H_{16}O_3: \ 244.110), \ 98 \\ [C_5H_6O_2]^+ \ (71), \ 69 \ [98-CHO]^+ \ (100). \end{array}$

$$[\alpha]_{24}^{2} = \frac{589}{-124} \frac{578}{-117} \frac{546}{-134} \frac{436}{-239} \text{ (CHCl}_3: c \ 0.18).$$

Abbeokutone 17-O-acetate (10). Colourless oil, IR $\nu_{max}^{CCL_4}$ cm⁻¹: 1745 (OAc), 1710 (C=O); MS m/z (rel. int.): 362.246 [M]⁺ (5.5), 347 [M-Me]⁺ (4.5), 344 [M-H₂O]⁺ (3.5), 289 [M - CH₂OAc]⁺ (100), 271 [289 - H₂O]⁺ (18); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.98 dt (H-1, J = 13, 7 Hz), 1.38 dt (H-1', J = 13, 8 Hz), 2.47 dd (H-2, J = 8, 7 Hz), 2.07 s br (H-13), 1.90 d br (H-15), 4.23 s (H-17), 1.08 s (6H), 1.03 s (H-18, 19, 20), 2.11 s (OAc); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, C-1-C-20): δ 39.2 t, 34.0 t, 217.5 s, 47.1 s, 54.4 d, 21.7 t, 40.8 t, 44.6 s, 55.4 d, 18.8 t, 26.1 t, 46.0 d, 36.8 t, 52.8 t, 79.9 s, 68.5 t, 27.3 q, 20.9 q, 17.7 q (OAc: 171.1 s, 20.9 q).

To 3 mg 10 in 1 ml Et₂O, 20 mg LiAlH₄ was added at room temp. After 5 min, dil. H₂SO₄ was added. Extraction with Et₂O afforded 11, colourless crystals, mp 217° (lit. mp 218°); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta 3.18 \, dd$ (H-3, J = 11, 6 Hz), 2.04 s br (H-13), 1.94 d br (H-15), 3.77 and 3.65 d (H-17, J = 11 Hz), 1.02, 0.97, 0.77 s (H-18, 19, 20).

2 mg 10 was heated in 1 ml MeOH with 0.5 ml 2 M KOH. TLC (Et₂O) afforded 9, colourless crystals, mp 190° (lit. mp 190–192°); $[\alpha]_D - 68^\circ$ (CHCl₃, c 0.15) (lit. - 73°).

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