

1-(4'-hydroxy-2'-methoxy-5'-methylphenyl)-3-(2''-hydroxy-4'',5''-methylenedioxyphenyl)-Propane (**2d**). ^{13}C NMR [50.3 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$] δ : 28.2 (C-1), 29.5 (C-2), 27.5 (C-3), 119.4* (C-1'), 154.9 (C-2'), 97.5 (C-3'), 152.7 (C-4'), 113.7 (C-5'), 130.2 (C-6'), 119.6* (C-1''), 148.2 (C-2''), 96.2 (C-3''), 144.3 (C-4''), 138.8 (C-5''), 107.9 (C-6''), 13.3 (Me-5'), 53.6 (OMe), 99.2 (O_2CH_2); *signals may be interchanged.

1-(2',4'-dihydroxy-6'-methoxy-3',5'-dimethylphenyl)-3-(2''-4'',5''-methylenedioxyphenyl)-Propane (**2e**). Oil. IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}$ cm^{-1} : 3418, 1607, 1505, 1483, 1442, 1383, 1226, 1171, 1097, 1039, 991, 934, 855, 761. ^1H NMR [200 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$] δ : 2.55–2.45 (m, H-1,1,3,3), 1.80–1.75 (m, H-2,2), 2.09 (s, Me-5'), 2.11 (s, Me-3'), 3.59 (s, OMe), 5.82 (s, O_2CH_2), 6.42 (s, H-3''), 6.61 (s, H-6''), 6.97, 7.03, 7.93 (3s, 3OH). ^{13}C NMR [50 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$] δ : 30.7 (C-1), 31.5 (C-2), 29.4 (C-3), 114.9 (C-11, correlated at long range with H-1), 152.4 (C-2', corr. H-1), 108.0 (C-3', corr. Me-3'), 152.8 (C-4', corr. Me-3'), 109.5 (C-5', corr. Me-5'), 156.2 (C-6', corr. H-1, Me-5', OMe), 121.6 (C-1'', corr. H-3, H-3''), 150.1 (C-2'', corr. H-3'', H-6'', O_2CH_2), 98.4 (C-3'', corr. H-3'), 146.5 (C-4'', corr. H-3'', H-6'', O_2CH_2), 141.2 (C-5'', corr. H-3'', H-6'', O_2CH_2), 109.9 (C-

6'', corr. H-3, H-6''), 9.5 (Me-3'), 9.3 (Me-5'), 60.9 OCH_3 , corr. OCH_3), 101.3 (O_2CH_2 , corr. O_2CH_2).

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TWO FLAVONOL GLYCOSIDES FROM *CHENOPODIUM AMBROSIoidES*

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Abstract—Two new flavonol glycosides, kaempferol 3-rhamnoside-4'-xyloside and kaempferol 3-rhamnoside-7-xyloside along with kaempferol, isorhamnetin and quercetin have been identified from the fruits of *Chenopodium ambrosioides*. Their structures were established using spectroscopic and chemical evidence.

INTRODUCTION

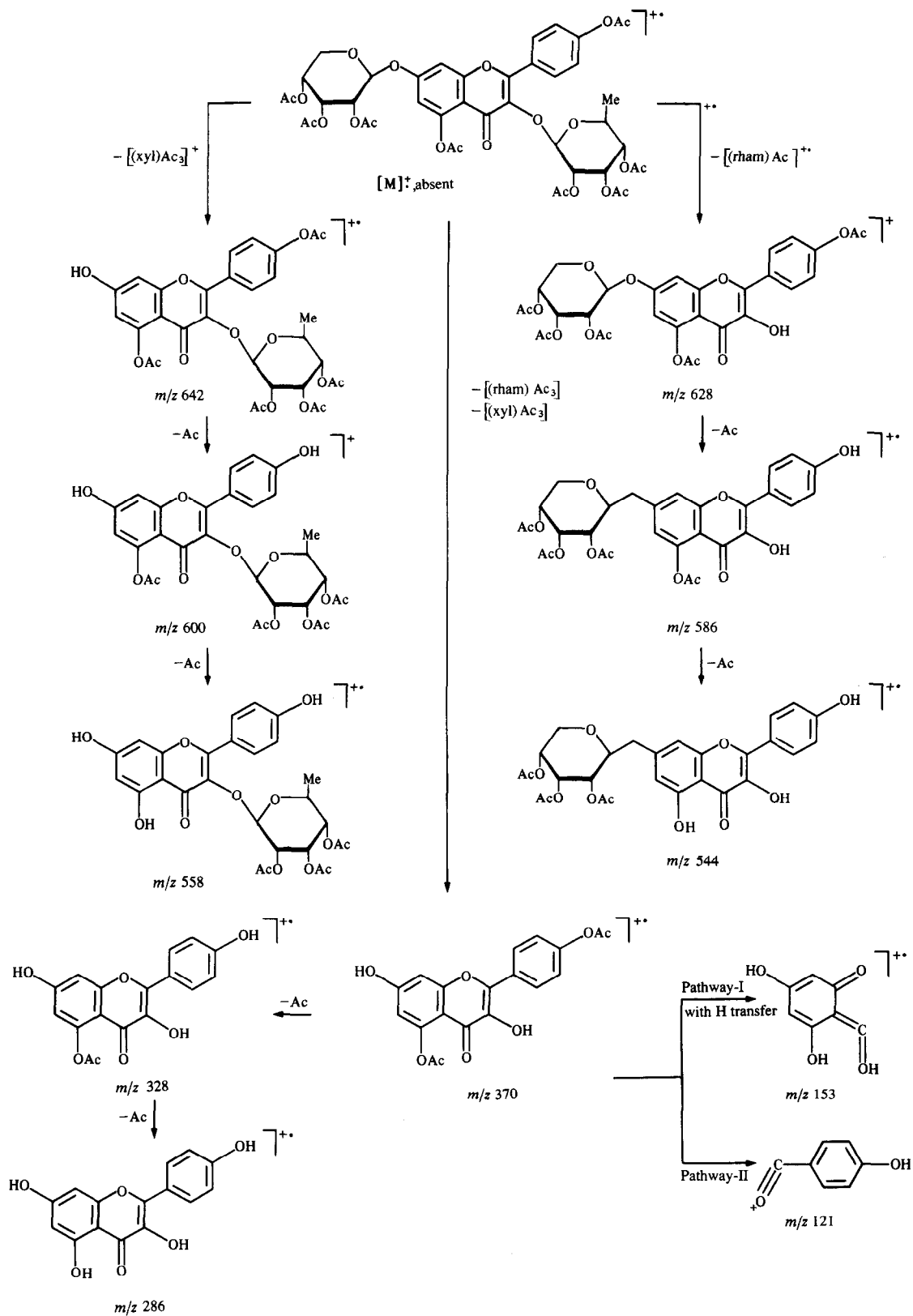
The genus *Chenopodium* consists of ca 120 species, 45 of which are distributed in India. *Chenopodium ambrosioides* L. is reported to possess many medicinal properties [1]. The plant is used as an anthelmintic and is particularly effective in expulsion of hookworms. Previous work on the flavonoid chemistry of the genus is scanty [2–6]. We now report two new flavonol glycosides (**1**, **2**) along with kaempferol, isorhamnetin and quercetin from the fruits of *C. ambrosioides*.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The ethyl acetate soluble portion of the defatted methanolic extract showed five spots on TLC (silica gel, EtOAc–Me₂CO–HOAc–H₂O, 30:3:1:1). The mixture was resolved into individual components by repeated column chromatography followed by preparative TLC using the same solvent system.

Compound **1** analysed for C₂₆H₂₈O₁₄. Its IR spectrum showed strong absorption bands at 3420 (OH), 1655 (C=O), 2950 (C–H), 1620 (C=C, aromatic) and a broad band at 1110–1000 cm^{−1} indicating its glycosidic nature. Colour reactions (dull ochre to fluorescent yellow in UV + NH₃), *R_f* values and UV spectral data with diagnostic shift reagents [7, 8] suggested it is a 3,4'-disubstituted flavonol glycoside with free hydroxyl groups at the 5 and

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7-positions. Total acid hydrolysis of **1** with 2 M HCl yielded an equimolar mixture of L-rhamnose, D-xylose (PC and GLC) and kaempferol (spectral and chromatographic comparison, [9]).

The glycoside (**1**) formed a crystalline octaacetate, mp 125–127°. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the acetate showed the expected signals in the aromatic region. Two *meta* coupled doublets at δ 6.79 and δ 7.09 (*J* = 2.2 Hz) were attributed to C-6 and C-8 protons, respectively. Two *ortho* coupled doublets at δ 7.90 (*J* = 8.5 Hz) and δ 7.28 (*J* = 8.5 Hz) which corresponded to the AA'BB' pattern were assigned to C-2',6' and C-3',5' protons of the B-ring. The anomeric protons at δ 5.19 (*J* = 9.5 Hz) and δ 5.63 (*J* = 1.2 Hz) were assigned to H-1 xylose (β-configuration) and H-1 rhamnose (α-configuration), respectively. The rhamnosyl methyl appeared as a doublet at δ 1.23 (*J* = 6.1 Hz). The remaining sugar protons were observed in the range δ 3.77–5.60.

The mass spectrum of the acetylated glycoside was in agreement with the assigned structure. The mass spectrum showed the presence of an acetylated pentopyranoside, *m/z* 259 and acetylated hexopyranoside, *m/z* 273. The fragment ions observed at *m/z* 642 and *m/z* 628 accounted for the loss of acetylated pentopyranoside and hexopyranoside, respectively, from the molecular ion. The loss of both acetylated sugar moieties gave a fragment at *m/z* 370. The aglycone fragment was observed at *m/z* 286. A retro-Diels–Alder fragmentation pattern was observed at *m/z* 153 and *m/z* 121 leading to fragments [A₁ + H]⁺ and B₂⁺. The result supported the presence of two hydroxyl groups in ring-A and one hydroxyl group in ring-B.

Enzymatic hydrolysis of **1** with β-xylosidase gave D-xylose and a partial glycoside (**3**) which was identified as kaempferol 3-rhamnoside by UV diagnostic shift reagents and co-chromatography with an authentic sample. On the basis of these data, **1** was identified as kaempferol 3-α-rhamnopyranoside-4'-β-xylopyranoside, which is a new natural product.

Compound **2**, analysed for C₂₆H₂₈O₁₄ and gave all colour reactions given by **1**. The striking similarity of IR, ¹H NMR and EI mass spectrum between **1** and **2** suggested that they have same chromophore. The UV spectrum and its changes in the presence of diagnostic shift reagents [7, 8] pointed to the presence of a free hydroxyl group at C-5 and C-4' on a 3,7-disubstituted flavonol glycoside framework.

Total acid hydrolysis of the glycoside (**2**) with 2 M HCl gave an equimolar mixture of L-rhamnose, D-xylose and kaempferol. Enzymatic hydrolysis of **2** with β-xylosidase gave the same products as **1**. However, a bathochromic shift of 12 nm in band II with NaOAc (absent in glycoside) indicated that D-xylose was attached at the C-7 position in **2**. Methylation and subsequent acid hydrolysis gave similar products as identified for **1**. On the basis of these findings, **2** was identified as kaempferol 3-α-rhamnopyranoside 7-β-xylopyranoside, which is a new natural product.

The remaining constituents, kaempferol, isorhamnetin and quercetin were identified by standard procedures and direct comparison with authentic samples.

EXPERIMENTAL

General. Mps: uncorr. UV spectra were run in MeOH and IR spectra in KBr discs. ¹H NMR spectra were run at 400 MHz.

Chemical shifts are given in δ (ppm) with TMS as int. standard. MS were obtained by electron impact at 70 eV. TLC was performed using silica gel G (BDH). Whatman No. 1 paper was used in PC. The TLC spots were visualized in UV light, FeCl₃ spray or by exposure to I₂ vapours.

Plant material. The fruits of *Chenopodium ambrosioides* L. were collected from Aligarh Muslim University campus and authenticated by Prof. Wazahat Hussain.

Extraction and isolation. Fresh fruits (3 kg) were defatted by extraction with hot petrol (40–60°) and the residues were extracted with hot MeOH. The combined concd methanolic extract was dissolved in boiling H₂O, cooled and successively extracted with Et₂O, EtOAc and *n*-BuOH. The EtOAc fraction on TLC (silica gel, EtOAc–Me₂CO–HOAc–H₂O, 30:3:1:1) showed five spots. The mixture was resolved into individual components by repeated CC followed by PTLC using the same solvent system.

Kaempferol 3-α-rhamnopyranoside-4'-β-xylopyranoside (1). Pale yellow powder, mp 262–263°. Found C 56.11, H 5.08%. C₂₆H₂₈O₁₄ requires C 56.11, H 5.03%. UV λ_{max}^{MeOH} nm: 242sh, 269, 315sh, 345; + AlCl₃ 250sh, 275, 305sh, 340, 398; + AlCl₃–HCl 277, 299, 340, 395; + NaOMe 255sh, 296, 355, 405; + NaOAc 280, 354, 395; + NaOAc–H₃BO₃ 271, 318sh, 352. IR ν_{max}^{KBr} cm⁻¹: 3420 (OH), 1655 (C=O), 2950 (C–H), 1620 (C=C), 1110–1000 (C–O).

Acetylation of 1. Compound **1** was acetylated with Ac₂O–pyridine (1:1) at room temp. for 48 hr and worked-up in the usual way. The product was purified by prep. TLC on silica gel (C₆H₆–Me₂CO, 7:3) to give an amorphous powder, which was cryst. from petrol–CHCl₃ as cream needles, mp 125–127°. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 6.79 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2.2 Hz, H-6); 7.09 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2.2 Hz, H-8); 7.90 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H-2',6'), 7.28 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H-3',5'), 5.19 (1H, *d*, *J* = 9.5 Hz, H-1 xylose), 5.63 (1H, *d*, *J* = 1.2 Hz, H-1 Rham), 1.23 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.1 Hz, Rham-Me), 3.77–5.63 (10H, *m*, Gly-H), 2.45 (3H, *s*, OAc-5), 2.34 (3H, *s*, OAc-7), 1.98–2.20 (18H, *m*, aliphatic MeCO). MS EIMS (70 eV) *m/z* 642 [M–acetylated pentose + H]⁺, 628 [M–acetylated hexose + H]⁺, 370 [M–acetylated pentose–acetylated hexose + 2H]⁺, 628 [M–acetylated hexose + H]⁺, 370 [M–acetylated pentose–acetylated hexose + 2H]⁺, 286 [M–614]⁺, 273 [(Rham)Ac₃]⁺, 259 [(Xyl)Ac₃]⁺, 153 [A₁ + H]⁺, 121 [B₂]⁺.

Enzymatic hydrolysis of 1. A mixture of **1** (100 mg) and β-xylosidase (10 mg) was incubated in (NH₄)₂SO₄–NaOAc buffer (pH 5.0) at 25° for 30 hr and after addition of H₂O was extracted with *n*-BuOH. The BuOH extract was chromatographed on a silica gel column to give a partial glycoside (**3**) mp 170–172°, identified as kaempferol 3-rhamnoside. From the H₂O layer, D-xylose was identified by PC (four solvents).

Methylation of 3 followed by acid hydrolysis. MeI (1 ml) and Ag₂O (30 mg) were added to a solution of **3** (30 mg) in DMF (3 ml). The mixture was stirred in dark at room temp. for 48 hr, filtered and the residue washed with DMF. The filtrate was evapd to dryness, the residue dissolved in ethanol (25 ml). The alcohol was recovered and the syrupy residue hydrolysed with 2 M HCl. On usual work-up it gave kaempferol 5,7,4'-trimethyl ether (14 mg), mp 135–136°. Calc. for C₁₈H₁₆O₆; C 65.85, H 4.87. Found; C 65.96, H 4.98%.

Kaempferol 3-α-rhamnopyranoside-7-β-xylopyranoside (2). Pale yellow powder, mp 300°. Found C 56.11, H 5.03%. UV λ_{max}^{MeOH} nm: 238sh, 260, 310sh, 360; + AlCl₃ 244sh, 274, 306, 359sh, 408; + AlCl₃–HCl 265, 290sh, 356, 403; + NaOMe 245, 272, 304sh, 362sh, 418; + NaOAc 265, 319sh, 362, 396; + NaOAc–H₃BO₃ 264, 316sh 362. IR ν_{max}^{KBr} cm⁻¹: 3440 (OH), 1650 (C=O), 2950 (C–H), 1620 (C=C), 1120–1000 (C–O).

Acid hydrolysis of 1 and 2. The glycosides, 1 and 2 in 2 M HCl-MeOH (5 ml) were refluxed for 2 hr, H₂O added and the mixture extracted with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was neutralized with Ag₂CO₃, the ppt. filtered and the filtrate evapd to give a residue.

Identification of sugars and aglycone. The neutral aqueous hydrolysates of 1 and 2 were silylated with TMCS and HMDS in pyridine and subjected to GLC (2% OV-1, column temp. 150–250°, 10 min, dect. temp. 300°, N₂, 50 ml min⁻¹) along with silyl derivatives of standard sugars (*R*_f 3.9, 3.8 min for rhamnose; 3.9, 4.5 min for xylose). The aglycones in the EtOAc fraction were cryst. from CHCl₃-MeOH as yellow needles, mp 280–281° and identified as kaempferol by spectral and chromatographic comparison with an authentic sample. Found C 62.80, H 3.44. C₁₅H₁₀O₆ requires C 62.93, H 3.49%. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ cm⁻¹: 249sh, 265, 295sh, 320sh, 370; + AlCl₃ 259sh, 266, 300sh, 364, 421; + AlCl₃-HCl 256sh, 265, 301sh, 364, 422; + NaOMe 260sh, 282, 315, 430; + NaOAc 277, 300, 398.

Acetylation of 2. Compound 2 was acetylated and purified as described for 1. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.88 (2H, *d*, *J* = 9 Hz, H-2',6'), 7.28 (2H, *d*, *J* = 9 Hz, H-3',5'), 7.08 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2.4 Hz, H-8), 6.78 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2.4 Hz, H-6), 5.19 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8.3 Hz, H-1 Xyl), 5.63 (1H, *d*, *J* = 1 Hz, H-1 Rham), 1.23 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.1 Hz, Rham-Me), 3.78–5.63 (10H, *m*, Gly-H), 2.4 (3H, *s*, OAc-5), 2.34 (3H, *s*, OAc-4'), 1.98–2.20 (18H, *m*, aliphatic MeCO). MS EIMS (70 eV) *m/z* 642 [M – acetylated pentose + H]⁺, 628 [M – acetylated hexose + H]⁺, 600 [M – acetylated pentose – Ac + H]⁺, 558 [M – acetylated pentose + H – 2 × Ac]⁺, 586 [M – acetylated hexose + H – Ac]⁺, 370 [M – acetylated pentose – acetylated hexose + 2H]⁺, 286 [M – 614]⁺, 273 [(Rham)Ac₃]⁺, 259 [(Xyl)Ac₃]⁺, 153 [A₁ + H]⁺, 121 [B₂]⁺.

Enzymatic hydrolysis of 2. Hydrolysis of 2 with β -xylosidase was carried out under the same conditions as 1 to obtain the same products.

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A MOSKACHAN FROM ROOTS OF *RUTA CHALEPENSIS*

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Abstract—In addition to previously obtained coumarins and alkaloids, a group of additional coumarins, xanthotoxin, bergapten and rutolide as well as alkaloids graveolinine, 1-hydroxy-*N*-methylacridone and two moskachans B and D together with the new moskakan, chalepimoskakan were isolated from a new collection of the roots of *Ruta chalepensis*.

INTRODUCTION

In order to isolate antifertility compounds aerial parts [1] and roots [2] of *Ruta chalepensis* have been studied and coumarins as well as alkaloids were obtained which did not exhibit the expected activity. In the present study on a

new collection of roots of this species additional coumarins, xanthotoxin, bergapten [1], rutolide [3], and alkaloids, graveolinine, 1-hydroxy-*N*-methylacridone [4], and shikimic acid derivatives moskakan B and D [5] were isolated together with a new moskakan, chalepimoskakan (1), in addition to the compounds already obtained