

FLAVONOIDS FROM *Chrysanthemum myconis* AND THEIR ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY

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Chrysanthemum genus, Asteraceae family has been the subject of many phytochemical studies [1–5]. This paper deals with the isolation and identification of two products from *Chrysanthemum myconis*, 6-methoxy-7-methylenedioxy coumarine (**1**) and quercetagenin-7-*O*-glycoside (**2**), and the antibacterial activity of this flavonoid glycoside.

Chrysanthemum myconis (Asteraceae) was collected from Constantine (Algeria); 465 g of leaves and 650 g of dried flowers were extracted with methanol (75%) for three times. The combined extracts were evaporated in vacuo, suspended in water, and partitioned with EtOAc and *n*-butanol. Bidimensional thin-layer chromatography (TLC) permitted us to mix the *n*-BuOH extracts but not the EtOAc extracts because of the chlorophylls. The EtOAc extract (3.20 g) of the leave were subjected to silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂–EtOAc) and (EtOAc–MeOH) to afford compound **1** (2 mg). The *n*-BuOH extract (16 g) was subjected to polyamide SC6 column chromatography (toluene–MeOH) to give compound **2**, a yellow sediment that is the constituent of the majority of the *n*-BuOH extract fractions.

The structures of the isolated compounds were determined by ¹H NMR and mass and UV spectroscopic analysis.

Compound **1** showed MS: *m/z* 220 (M⁺), C₁₁H₈O₅. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 7.51 (1H, d, J = 9.6, H-3), 6.21 (1H, d, J = 9.6, H-4), 6.52 (1H, s, H-5), 6.12 (2H, s, -O-CH₂-O-), 3.85 (3H, s, OCH₃) [6].

Compound **2**, C₂₀H₂₀O₁₃. UV (λ_{max}, MeOH, nm): 258.5, 365.5; NaOH: 258.5, 454; AlCl₃: 230.5, 322.5, 442; AlCl₃/HCl: 273.5, 389.5. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 4.95 (1H, d, J = 7.53, H-1'' glucose), 3.5–4.5 (6H of glucose), 6.85 (1H, s, H-8), 6.78 (1H, d, J = 8.52, H-5'), 7.57 (1H, dd, J = 2.19, 8.52, H-6'), 7.67 (1H, J = 2.19, H-2') [7, 8].

Acid hydrolysis of **2** produced quercetagenin and D-glucose.

This is the first time that these compounds have been isolated from *C. myconis*.

Compound **2** was tested for antibacterial activity by the agar disc diffusion method against three strains of bacteria, including *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853. Briefly, filter discs (6 mm in diameter) were impregnated with 60 mL of diluted quercetagenin-7-*O*-glycoside in DMSO and then deposited on solid media plates on which was spread 0.1 mL of 10⁸ cells per mL of a microorganism suspension. These plates, after remaining at 4°C for 30 min, were incubated at 37°C for 24 h. The diameters of inhibition zones were measured in millimeters. All tests were performed in duplicate. The compound was particularly found to possess strong antibactericidal activity against the first bacteria (21 mm) and moderate activity against *E. coli* ATCC 25922 (11 mm). No activity was observed against *P. aeruginosa* ATCC 27853.

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