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COUMARINS OF Ptarmica bisserata

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In a study of the epigeal part of *Ptarmica bisserata* (Bieb.) DC. (Achillea bisserata M.B.), family *Compositae*, cultivated in the botanical garden of the Stavropol' Pedagogic Institute, we have detected a number of substances of coumarin nature. In order to isolate them, the comminuted epigeal part was extracted with 80% ethanol, and the extract obtained was concentrated in vacuum to an aqueous residue which was treated with chloroform.

The residue after the chloroform has been driven off was deposited on a column of silica gel. The following solvent systems were used for elution: 1) benzene—ethyl acetate (2:1); and 2) butan-l-ol— $CH_3COOH-H_2O$  (4:1:5).

The fractions obtained were purified by preparative chromatography in a thin layer of silica gel in the above-mentioned solvent systems. Two compounds were isolated in the individual form.

Substance I –  $C_{10}H_8O_4$ , yellowish crystals, mp 204-205°C. UV spectrum,  $\lambda_{max}^{C_2H_5OH}$ , mm 229, 254, 298, 354. IR spectrum,  $\nu_{max}^{KBr}$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1710 (C=O), 1613, 1570 (C=C), 3045 (OH). From its physicochemical properties, compound (I) was identified as scopoletin [1].

Substance (II) -  $C_{16}H_{18}O_9$ , mp 217-219°C, proved to a glycoside.  $R_f$  0.41 in system 2.

When it was hydrolyzed with 10% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> for 3 h, scopoletin and D-glucose were found in the hydrolysate. The compound obtained is scopoletin 7-glucoside, i.e., scopolin [2].

This is the first time that coumarins have been obtained from this plant.

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