NEO-CLERODANE DITERPENOIDS FROM TEUCRIUM POLIUM SUBSP. CAPITATUM

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Abstract—From the aerial part of *Teucrium polium* subsp. *capitatum* three new neo-clerodane diterpenoids, 7deacetylcapitatin, picropolinol and 20-epi-isoeriocephalin, have been isolated, together with the previously known diterpenes picropolin, picropolinone, 19-acetylgnaphalin and teucjaponin B. The structures of 7-deacetylcapitatin [19acetoxy-4 α ,18:15,16-diepoxy-7 α -hydroxy-6-keto-neo-cleroda-13(16),14-dien-20,12S-olide], picropolinol [18,19diacetoxy-15,16-epoxy-4 α ,6 α -dihydroxy-7-keto-neo-cleroda-13(16),14-dien-20,12S-olide] and 20-epi-isoeriocephalin [19-acetoxy-4 α ,18:15,16-diepoxy-6 α -hydroxy-7-keto-neo-cleroda-13(16),14-dien-(20-0-acetyl)-20R,12S-hemiacetal] were established by chemical and spectroscopic means and, in the case of 7-deacetylcapitatin and picropolinol, by correlation with known compounds.

INTRODUCTION

The diterpenoids of *Teucrium polium* and its subspecies aureum, capitatum and polium have been the subject of a number of investigations [1–9]. Now, a re-examination of the acetone extract of the aerial part of *T. polium* subsp. capitatum (L.) Arcangeli led to the isolation of four previously known neo-clerodane diterpenoids, picropolin (1) [1–4], picropolinone [4], 19-acetylgnaphalin [4, 10] and teucjaponin B [10, 11], and three new diterpenoids, 7deacetylcapitatin (2), picropolinol (3) and 20-epiisoeriocephalin (4), whose structures and absolute configurations have been established.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The first of the new diterpenoids isolated from T. polium subsp. capitatum, 7-deacetylcapitatin (2), had a molecular formula of $C_{22}H_{26}O_8$. Its ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra (Tables 1 and 2, respectively) showed signals almost identical with those found in the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of capitatin (5), a neo-clerodane diterpenoid previously isolated from this plant, the structure and absolute configuration of which have been firmly established by X-ray diffraction analysis [5]. In fact, the only differences between the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the new diterpenoid and capitatin (5) were the absence in the former of an acetyl group and also the higher field resonance of the proton geminal to the C-7 secondary hydroxyl group ($\delta 4.58 d$, J = 6.3 Hz), which in capitatin (5) is geminal to an acetoxyl group (δ 5.50 d, J = 6 Hz) [5]. This was in agreement with the C-6, C-7 and C-8 resonances in capitatin (5, δ 198.3, 74.6 and 40.9, respectively) [5] and in the new diterpenoid $(2, \delta 206.7, 73.7 \text{ and})$ 44.3, respectively, see Table 2). Thus, structure 2 can be attributed to this new compound. In agreement with this conclusion, acetic anhydride-pyridine treatment of 2

yielded a substance identical in all respects with capitatin (5) [5]. Moreover, sodium borohydride reduction of the new diterpenoid (2), picropolin (1) [1] and picropolinone [4] gave the same compound (6), thus rigorously confirming [1, 4, 5] a C-12S configuration and a neo-clerodane backbone [12] for all these diterpenoids. These structural features were also in agreement with the sign of the Cotton effect ($\Delta \varepsilon_{297}$ + 4.87) showed by 7-deacetylcapitatin (2). This was identical with that of eriocephalin $(\Delta \epsilon_{294} + 2.53)$, a diterpenoid whose neo-clerodane absolute configuration is well known [13]. Irradiation of the Me-17 protons of compound 2 caused NOE enhancements in the signals of the H-14 and H-16 protons (2% and 3%, respectively) but no effect was observed in the signal of the C-12 proton. This is indicative of a C-12S configuration in neo-clerodan-20,12-olides [14].

Another new diterpenoid, picropolinol (3), had a molecular formula of $C_{24}H_{30}O_{10}$ and its IR spectrum showed absorptions of hydroxyl groups (v_{OH} 3570, 3485, 3380 cm⁻¹), one of which was probably a tertiary alcohol (v_{OH} 3570 cm⁻¹, sharp). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of this compound (3, see Tables 1 and 2, respectively) were very similar to those of picropolin (1) [1, 4, 5], showing identical signals of a β -substituted furan ring, a C-20, C-12 lactone, a C-17 methyl group, a C-7 ketone function, a C-6a hydroxyl group and a C-19 methylenacetoxy group. In fact, the differences between the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of picropolinol (3) and picropolin (1) [1, 4, 5] were consistent with the presence in the former of a 4α hydroxy-18-acetoxy structural moiety (δ_{H_A} -18 4.42 d, δ_{H_a} -18 4.59 d, $J_{gem} = 11.7$ Hz, two acetoxyl groups at $\delta 2.15 \ s$ and 1.99 s; δ_{C-4} 75.5 s, δ_{C-18} 66.4 t, two acetoxyl groups at $\delta 171.4$ s, 169.7 s, 21.0 q and 20.9 q, Tables 1 and 2) instead of the 4 α , 18-oxirane ring of picropolin (1, δ_{H_a} -18 2.57 d, δ_{H_B} -18 3.23 dd, $J_{18A, 18B} = 3.3$ Hz, $J_{18B, 3}$ = 2.5 Hz, only an acetoxyl signal at $\delta 2.17 s$; $\delta_{C4} 65.6 s$, δ_{C-18} 48.8 t, only an acctoxyl group at $\delta 169.9 s$ and 21.4 q)



[1, 5]. In complete agreement with the above assumption, treatment of picropolin (1) with glacial acetic acid opened [15] the oxirane ring yielding a compound identical in all respects with natural picropolinol. This somewhat unusual opening of the epoxide implies an attack of the anion on the primary centre, as in the case of the treatment of tafricanin A epoxide with hydrochloric acid [16]. Thus, this new diterpenoid possesses the structure and absolute stereochemistry depicted in formula 3.

The last of the new diterpenoids has structure 4 and is the C-20 epimer of isoeriocephalin (7), a substance previously isolated from T. lanigerum and whose structure and absolute configuration were firmly established [17]. This conclusion was supported by the following facts: (i) a strong NOE enhancement (13%) was observed in the signal of the C-20 hemiacetalic proton when the protons of the Me-17 group were irradiated. Since this effect was not observed in isoeriocephalin (7), it was clear that compound 4 possessed a C-20R stereochemistry, in which the Me-17 and C-20 protons are on the same side of the plane defined by the C-20,C-12 hemiacetal ring. (ii) NOE experiments also established a C-12S configuration for compound 4, because irradiation of the Me-17 protons caused NOE enhancements on the signals of the H-14 (6%) and H-16 (4%) protons and not in the signal of the C-12 proton [14]. (iii) The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of

	2	3	4	6
————— Н-6 <i>в</i>		4.34 ddt	3.97 ddt	3.45 dd
H-78	4.58 ddt	_	_	3.901
H-88	2.30 da	2.50 da	2.46 da	1
H-108	± .	2.36 dd	1	ż
H11	2.53 dd	2.52 dd	2.05 dd	~2.401
н <u>,</u> -11	2.88 dd	2.7 4 dd	2.61 dd	~ 2.401
H-12	5.62 dt	5.46 t	5.08 dd	5.451
H-14	6.33 dd	6.38 dd	6.41 dd	6.38 dd
H-15	7.451	7.451	7.40 t	7.43
H-16	7.42 ddd	7.47 m	7. 44 m	7.43
Mc-17	0.83 d	1.24 d	1.28 d	1.22 d
H ₄ -18	2.42 d§	4.42 d	2.61 d§	2.47 d§
H18	2.16 dd	4.59 d	3.32 dd	3.17 dd
H19	4.71 d	4.40 d	4.17 d	4.83 dd
H _n -19	4.99 d	4.74 d	4.66 d	5.37 d
H-20	_		5.98 s	
OAc	2.155	2.15 s	2.08 s	2.10 s
	·	1.99 s	1.92 s	_
ОН¶	3.65 d	4.04 d	3.64 d	••
•	—	3.65 s		
J (Hz)				
12, 108	:	11.2	\$:
1 <i>β</i> , 10 <i>β</i>	:	5.2	:	:
6 <i>β</i> , 7 <i>β</i>			-	3.6
6 <i>β</i> , 8 <i>β</i>	_	1.3	1.6	
7 <i>β</i> , 8 <i>β</i>	6.3	-		3.6
8β, 17	7.5	6.6	6.8	7.0
11A, 11B	13.0	14.1	13.4	:
11A, 12	1.4	8.0	10.6	8.4
11 B , 12	9.2	8.0	7.1	8.4
14, 15	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
14, 16	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.0
15, 16	1.8	1.8	1.8	\$
16, 12	1.4	< 0 3	< 0.3	< 0.3
18A, 18B	4.0	11.7	3.5	3.6
18 B , 3	2.2	0	2.1	1.8
19A, 19B	13.1	12.5	11.1	12.6
19A, 6 <i>β</i>	-	0	0	1.2
OH. 6 <i>β</i> ¶	—	4.2	2.2	-
OH, 7β ¶	4.6	-		

*Spectral parameters were obtained by first order approximation. All these assignments have been confirmed by double resonance experiments.

+Collapsed into d after addition of D_2O .

‡Overlapped signal.

§Exo hydrogen respect ring B.

||Endo hydrogen respect ring B.

¶Disappeared after addition of D₂O.

compound 4 (Tables 1 and 2, respectively) and isoeriocephalin (7) [17] were very similar but showed remarkable differences in the δ value of the Me-17 protons (4: δ 1.28 d; 7: δ 1.45 d) and in the chemical shifts of the C-1, C-8-C-13, C-17 and C-20 carbon atoms [δ (4) – δ (7): 0.8 (C-1), 1.8 (C-8), 0.5 (C-9), - 3.0 (C-10), 1.6 (C-11), 0.4 (C-12), -2.7 (C-13), -1.1 (C-17) and 1.8 (C-20)]. These differences were almost identical with those found between teulanigin and 20-epi-teulanigin, two C-20 epimeric neo-clerodane-(20-0-acetyl)-20,12S-hemiacetals recently

Table 1. ¹HNMR data[•] of compounds 2-4 and 6 (CDCl₃, TMS as int. standard)

с	2•	3†	4†		
1	21.9 1‡	21.7 t	24.0 t		
2	25.1 t	23.4 t	25.5 t		
3	31.4 t	29.9 t	32.8 t		
4	61.3 s	75.5 s	64.9 s		
5	53.0 s	50.7 s	50.5 s		
6	206.7 s	78.4 d	77.1 d		
7	73.7 d	205.8 s	206.1 s		
8	44.3 d	49.2 d§	52.4 d		
9	49.7 s	56.4 s	57.2 s		
10	46.2 d	48.6 d§	49.8 d		
11	45.3 r	45.8 t	46.9 t		
12	72.4 d	71.7 d	72.4 d		
13	127.3 s	124.8 s	124.0 s		
14	108.5 d	107.8 d	108.6 d		
15	144.9 d	144.5 d	143.6 d		
16	139.3 d	139.7 d	139.6 d		
17	12.4 g	9.1 g	9.6 q		
18	48.7 :	66.4 1	52.2 i		
19	62.8 r	62.0 1	61.1 t		
20	176.3 s	173.9 s	99.4 d		
OAc	170.6 s	171.4 s	170.3 s		
		169.7 s	169.1 s		
	21.2 g	21.0 q	21.6 q		
	_ '	20.9 g	20.2 g		

Table 2. ¹³CNMR chemical shifts of compounds 2-4 (TMS as int. standard)

• Pyridine-dy.

tCDCl₃

\$SFORD multiplicity.

§These assignments may be reversed.

isolated by us [18] from *T. lanigerum.* (iv) Finally, the absolute configuration of neo-clerodane [12] for 20-epiisoeriocephalin (4) was in agreement with its CD curve, which showed a positive Cotton effect ($\Delta \varepsilon_{282} + 1.29$) such as some 6-substituted-7-keto steroids [19]. Furthermore, on biogenetic grounds, compound 4 is probably a neoclerodane, like the other diterpenoids co-occurring in the same species.

EXPERIMENTAL

Mps are uncorr. For general details on methods see refs [7, 10, 13, 14]. Plant materials were collected in June 1984 near Arganda, Madrid, Spain, and voucher specimens were deposited in the Herbarium of the Faculty of Pharmacy, 'Complutense' University, Madrid.

Extraction and isolation of the diterpenoids. Dried and finely powdered T. polium subsp. capitatum aerial parts (3.2 kg) were extracted with Me₂CO (251.) at room temp. for a week. The extract (140 g) was chromatographed on a silica gel column (Merck, No. 7734, deactivated with 15% H₂O, 2 kg) eluted with *n*-hexane, *n*-hexane-EtOAc mixtures and pure EtOAc. Elution with *n*-hexane-EtOAc (1:1) gave a mixture of five compounds and elution with pure EtOAc yielded two more substances. These mixtures were separately re-chromatographed on silica gel columns eluted with CHCl₃-MeOH (32:1) yielding the following compounds in order of chromatographic polarity: 20-epiisoeriocephalin (4 23 mg), 19-acetylgnaphalin (1.5 g) [4, 10], teucjaponin B (50 mg) [10, 11], picropolinone (1.4 g) [4], 7deacetylcapitatin (2, 2.5 g), picropolinol (3, 60 mg) and picropolin (1, 3 g) [1]. The previously known diterpenoids, picropolin (1), picropolinone, 19-acetylgnaphalin and teucjaponin B, were identified by their physical (mp, $[\alpha]_D$) and spectroscopic (IR, ¹H and ¹³C NMR, MS) data and by comparison (TLC, mmp) with authentic samples.

7-Deacetylcapitatin (2). Mp 197-200° (from Me₂CO *n*-hexane); $[a]_{22}^{22}$ +176.3° (CHCl₃; c 1.056); CD nm (Δc): 338 (0), 297 (+4.87), 230 (0) (MeOH; c 0.083); IR v KBr cm ⁻¹: 3510, 3170, 3150, 3130, 3080, 3060, 2970, 2890, 1770, 1735, 1710, 1510, 1450, 1385, 1260, 1190, 1045, 1025, 940, 880, 823, 740; ⁻¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): see Table 1; ⁻¹³C NMR (20.15 MHz, pyridine-d₃): see Table 2; EIMS (direct inlet) 75 ev, *m/z* (rel. int.): 418 [M]⁺ (2), 360 (3), 358 (2), 345 (7), 328 (7), 256 (5), 206 (8), 179 (15), 123 (21), 105 (15), 95 (36), 94 (57), 91 (24), 81 (36), 67 (15), 53 (18), 43 (100). (Found: C, 62.96; H, 6.41. C₂₂H₂₆O₈ requires: C, 63.15: H, 6.26 %.)

Acetylation of 2 to produce capitatin (5). Ac₂O-pyridine treatment of 2 (200 mg) at room temp. for 24 hr yielded a compound (200 mg) which after crystallization from EtOH was identical in all respects (IR, ¹H and ¹³C NMR, MS, TLC) with capitatin (5: mp 164-166°; $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 136.4^{\circ}$ (CHCl₃; c 0.510) [5]).

Sodium borohydride reduction of picropolin (1), picropolinone and 7-deacetylcapitatin (2) to give compound 6. Reduction of 1 [1], picropolinone [4] and 7-deacetylcapitatin (2) with NaBH₄ in the usual manner quantitatively yielded the same compound (6): mp 155-159° and 192-198° (from EtOAc); $[\alpha]_{0}^{10}$ +56.5° (CHCl₃; c 0.384); IR v^{MB1}_{MB1} cm⁻¹: 3520, 3460, 3150, 3130, 3060, 2950, 2870, 1760, 1730, 1505, 1380, 1260, 1240, 1165, 1025, 1000, 920, 875, 800; ¹H NMR (90 MHz, CDCl₃): see Table 1; EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV, m/z (rel. int.): 420 [M]^{*} (1), 360 (2), 347 (1), 342 (2), 269 (19), 179 (32), 133 (22), 105 (21), 96 (32), 95 (48), 94 (29), 91 (27), 81 (41), 67 (18), 55 (20), 43 (100). (Found: C, 62.75; H, 6.93. Calc. for C₂₂H₂₈O₈: C, 62.84; H, 6.71°₆.) Identical in all respects with the previously described compound [1, 5].

Picropolinol (3). Mp 202-205° (from EtOAc-n-bexane); $[x]_D^{20}$ + 6.7°, $[a]_{345}^{20}$ - 11.0° (CHCl₃; c 0.163); CD nm (Δz ; 325 (0), 290 (-0.31), 260 (-0.05) (MeOH; c 0.037); IR v^{Khr} cm⁻¹: 3570, 3485, 3380 (br), 3150, 3120, 2950, 2880, 1763, 1735 (br), 1507, 1460, 1370, 1315, 1255, 1240, 1190, 1140, 1050, 1020, 995, 910, 875, 800; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃); see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl₃); see Table 2; EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV, m/z (rel. int.); 478 [M] ° (0.6), 460 (5), 418 (12), 400 (3), 358 (5), 345 (19), 306 (23), 299 (14), 208 (10), 179 (29), 161 (12), 133 (13), 105 (13), 95 (32), 94 (33), 91 (16), 81 (30), 67 (12), 55 (14), 43 (100). (Found: C, 60.33; H, 6.26. C₂₄H₃₀O₁₀ requires: C, 60.24; H, 6.32 %)

Picropolinol (3) from picropolin (1). Picropolin (1, 200 mg) in glacial HOAc (10 ml) was refluxed for 1 hr [15]. Evaporation of the solvent gave a residue (225 mg) which was crystallized from EtOAc-n-hexane. This compound was identical in all respects (mp, mmp, $[\alpha]_D$, CD, ¹H and ¹³C NMR, MS, TLC) with natural picropolinol (3).

20-Epi-isoeriocephalin (4). Mp 225–228° (decomp.; from EtOAc -n-hexanek, $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$ +63.1° (CHCl₃; c 0.215); CD nm (Δe): 318 (0), 282 (+1.29), 244 (0) (MeOH; c 0.017); IR v^{KBr} cm⁻¹: 3480, 3140, 3120, 3050, 3020, 2990, 2960, 2860, 1745 (br), 1715, 1510, 1475, 1370, 1250, 1130, 1045, 1030, 1000, 945, 883, 875, 800; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl₃): see Table 2; EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV, m/z (rel. int.): 462 [M]° (2), 402 (12), 385 (3), 384 (4), 359 (100), 343 (40), 329 (20), 313 (30), 256 (36), 232 (44), 220 (50), 203 (42), 175 (52), 163 (92), 121 (60), 105 (65), 95 (98), 93 (64), 91 (76), 81 (98), 79 (92), 67 (64), 55 (64), 43 (98). (Found: C, 62.21; H, 6.60. C₂₄H₃₀O₉ requires: C, 62.32; H, 6.54 $\frac{1}{20}$

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