A MASS SPECTROMETRIC STUDY OF DES-BASES

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The presence of the maximum peak of the molecular ion is characteristic for the mass spectra of des-N-methyl-1-isoroemerine (I) and des-N-methyl-O-methylisofugapavine (II) [1] The spectrum has the peaks M-44, M-45, M-57, and M-58, which are formed, respectively, by the loss by the molecular ion of C_2H_6N , C_2H_7N , C_3H_7N , and C_3H_8N groups, and also the peak of the M + 1 ion. However, the spectra do not exhibit the peaks of the ions M-1 and M-15 which are characteristic of the aporphine alkaloids.

In the spectrum of des-N-methyl-O-methylisofugapavine there is a peak with m/e 235, which arises from an ion with m/e 265 by the loss of a formyl group.

The spectra were taken on an MKh-1303 mass spectrometer at an ionizing potential of 70 eV and at temperatures of 120 and 210°C, respectively.

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STRUCTURE AND CONFIGURATION OF KORSEVERINE

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The IR spectrum of korseverine $C_{27}H_{41}O_2N$ [1] has $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3510, 3390, 1060 cm⁻¹ (-OH), 2920-2870 and 1440 cm⁻¹ (-CH₃), 2760 cm⁻¹ (trans-quinolizidine), 1703 cm⁻¹ (>CO), and 1650 cm⁻¹ (C=C), and its UV spectrum has $\lambda_{\rm max}$ 300 m μ (log ϵ 2.07) (ethanol). Acetylation of the alkaloid with acetic anhydride in pyridine gives acetylkorseverine (II) with mp 185-186° C, R_f 0.9. The IR spectrum of the latter has $\nu_{\rm max}$ 2960-2860, 1450 (-CH₃), 2730 (trans-quino-