Terpene hydro- carbons	G. platycarpum, 1st fraction	% calculated on whole oil	G. daucoides, 1st fraction	% calculated on whole oil
α -Pinene	Tr.	Tr.	2 2	1,5
Camphene	Tr.	Tr.	· —	
Myrcene	Tr.	Tr.	Tr.	Tr.
8-Pinene	15.6	1,0	7.2	5,0
Sabinene			2,8	2,1
Limonene	65.8	5,3		
o-Cymene	5.2	0.3	52 .2	32.7
p-Cymene	12.4	1.0	35,6	25.1

In the second fraction (with bp 61-65°C) of the essential oil of *G. platycarpum* linalool (80%) was identified, and in the high-boiling residue nerol, geraniol, linalyl acetate, and linalyl formate. The phenolic fraction of the essential oil of *G. daucoides* consisted mainly of carvacrol.

Thus, it has been established that the essential oil of G. platycarpum contains, in addition to substances detected previously, α - and β -pinenes, camphene, myrcene, o- and p-cymenes, nerol, and geraniol. This is the first time that the chemical composition of the essential oil of G. daucoides has been studied. It must be mentioned that the oils investigated of the two species of the genus Grammosiadium differ markedly in the composition of their chemical compounds, which is not characteristic for species of a single genus.

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GERMACRANOLIDES OF Tanacetum pseudoachillea

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By chromatography on silica gel of the nonpolar fraction of an extract of the inflorescences of Tanacetum pseudoachillea C. Winkl. [1] with a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate (9:1) we have isolated a substance with the composition $C_{20}H_{26}O_{5}$, mp 146-147°C (ethanol); $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$ +42° (c 1.2; methanol), which has proved to be a new sesquiterpene lactone and has been named tanadin (I).

The IR spectrum of (I) shows absorption bands at (cm^{-1}) 1760 (Y-lactone carbonyl), 1710 and 1235 (α , β -unsaturated ester group), and 1672 and 1652 (double bonds). The mass spectrum has the peaks of ions with m/e: 346 (M⁺), 263 (M-83)⁺, 246 (M-100)⁺, 231 (M-100-15)⁺, 218 (M-100-15-28)⁺, 213 (M-100-15-28-15)⁺. The ion with m/e 246 is formed by the splitting out of an acyl radical, $C_5H_8O_2$, from the molecular ion. On further fragmentation, the acyl residue loses a CH₃ radical and a CO group. From the products of the alkaline hydrolysis of compound (I) we isolated an identified angelic acid, just as in the hydrolysis of tanacin and tanapsin [1].

The PMR spectrum of (I) (taken on a JNM-4H-100/100 MHz instrument in C₅D₅N, & scale,

ppm, 0 - HMDS) the following resonance signals were observed: 1.30, s, 3 H (CH₃-C-C-), 1.79 and 1.86, s, 3 H each (2CH₃-C=C-); 1.96, d, 3 H, J = 7 Hz (CH₃-CH=C-); 2.76, q, 1 H, J₁ =

2.5, $J_2 = 10 \text{ Hz} (-\text{HC} - \text{C}-)$; 3.36, m, 1 H (H-7); 4.41, m, 1 H (H08); 5.27, q, 1 H, $J_1 = 3$, $J_2 = 10 \text{ Hz} (H-3)$; 5.58, m 1 H (H-6); 5.80, d, 1 H, J = 3 Hz (H-13); 5.92, m, 1 H (H-18); 9.30, d, 1 H, J = 3 Hz (H-13).

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Dihydrotanadin (II), $C_{20}H_{28}O_5$, mp 136-138°C, M⁺ 348, was obtained by the reduction of compound (I) with sodium tetrahydroborate in methanol. IR spectrum of dihydrotanadin: v_{max}^{KBr} 1770, 1710, 1238, 1652 cm⁻¹.

The germacrane skeleton of tanadin follows from its composition its PMR spectrum, and the production of chamazulene from dihydrotanadin.

A comparison of the PMR spectrum of tanadin with those of tanacin [2], acetylstizolin, and stizolicin [3] showed a similarity with these germacranolides. In contrast to the spectrum of tanacin, the PMR spectrum of tanadin has a quartet at 5.27 ppm — the signal of an olefinic proton — and a multiplet at 5.58 ppm due to a hemiacyl proton.

It follows from the facts given that tanadin differs from tanacin only by the position of the double bond and must have the structure (I).

On further elution of the column with hexane—ethyl acetate (4:1 and 2:1), we isolated a crystallizing mixture of two lactones (III) and tavulin [4]. Since it was impossible to separate this mixture by the usual methods, it was reduced with sodium tetrahydroborate in methanol. An individual liquid compound with the composition $C_{15}H_{22}O_{3}$, M^{\dagger} 250, was obtained. Acetylation of this with acetic anhydride in pyridine gave a substance with mp 141-143°C (from ethanol), $C_{17}H_{24}O_{4}$, M^{\dagger} 292, $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$ +125.4° (c 1.1; methanol), which, according to its physicochemical constants, was identical with dihydrolaurenobiolide [5]. Thus, compound (III) is a mixture of deacetyllaurenobiolide and dihydrodeacetyllaurenobiolide [6, 7].

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