

FLAVONOIDS OF *Hedysarum setigerum*

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Plants of the *Hedysarum* (Fabaceae) genus are distributed in Eurasia. Several species have been successfully used in folk medicine [1]. The wide range of therapeutic action for *Hedysarum* is due to the presence of immunomodulating, antiviral, and anti-inflammatory agents.

We investigated *H. setigerum* Turcz. ex Fischer et Meyer [3], which is endemic to Siberia and has not been previously studied.

The epigeal part of the plant that was collected during flowering on the west shore of Lake Baikal was extracted with MeOH (80%). The evaporated extract was successively extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and *n*-BuOH. The butanol extract was dissolved in MeOH and precipitated with acetone (1:1 by vol). The precipitate was separated. The supernatant was chromatographed over polyamide (sorbent:compound, 10:1) using H₂O—MeOH to give fractions containing five flavonoids. Column chromatography over SiO₂, flash chromatography (SiO₂, polyamide), and preparative TLC on polyamide isolated pure **1-3**. Compounds **4** and **5** could not be separated under these conditions. The compounds were identified by spectral methods (including 2D NMR) using combined **4** and **5** in a 4:3 ratio.

Isorhamnetin (1): C₁₆H₁₂O₇, mp 290-292°C (MeOH) [4], M.W. (MALDI), *m/z*: 317.5 [M + H]⁺.

Avicularin (2): C₂₀H₂₀O₁₁, mp 208-209°C (MeOH), [α]_D²⁰ -191.8° (c 0.50, MeOH) [5], M.W. (MALDI), *m/z*: 435.6 [M + H]⁺, 457.6 [M + Na]⁺.

Rhoifolin (3): C₂₇H₃₀O₁₄, mp 200-202°C (MeOH), [α]_D²⁰ -119.6° (c 0.56, MeOH) [6], M.W. (MALDI), *m/z*: 579.7 [M + H]⁺, 601.7 [M + Na]⁺.

Physicochemical constants and spectral properties of **1-3** correspond with those reported [4-6].

Linarin (4) C₂₈H₃₂O₁₄ and **diosmin (5)** C₂₈H₃₂O₁₄, M.W. (MALDI), *m/z*: 593.6 [M + H]⁺, 615.6 [M + Na]⁺ and 609.5 [M + H]⁺, 631.6 [M + Na]⁺, respectively.

NMR and mass spectra indicate that **4** and **5** are biosides and differ in the substitution on ring B. ¹H and ¹³C NMR indicate that the carbohydrate fragments in **4** and **5** are identical and correspond to rutinoides [7-10]. Protons of diosmin B-ring in the ¹H NMR spectrum give three signals; of linarin, two signals with doubled intensity.

Table 1 lists ¹H and ¹³C spectral data for the aglycones of **4** and **5**.

Compounds **1** and **3-5** are observed for the first time in the *Hedysarum* genus.

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TABLE 1. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra of **4** and **5** (400 MHz, δ , ppm, J/Hz, DMSO- d_6)

Atom	4		5	
	^{13}C	^1H	^{13}C	^1H
2	164.52		164.72	
3	95.33	6.80 (s)	95.33	6.70 (s)
4	182.46		182.54	
5	161.65		161.65	
6	101.02	6.47 (d, 2.2)	101.02	6.48 (d, 2.2)
7	162.96		163.45	
8	105.96	6.79 (d, 2.2)	104.31	6.76 (d, 2.2)
9	157.46		157.50	
10	105.98		105.96	
1'	123.18		123.45	
2'	128.99	8.10 (dd, 8.8, 2.2)	113.60	7.40 (d, 2.3)
3'	115.24	7.15 (dd, 8.8, 1.7)	147.28	
4'	161.69		151.85	
5'	115.24	7.15 (dd, 8.8, 1.7)	112.78	7.11 (d, 8.6)
6'	128.99	8.10 (dd, 8.8, 2.2)	119.47	7.50 (dd, 8.6, 2.3)
-OH (5)		12.90 (s)		12.90 (s)
-OCH ₃	56.30	3.88 (s)	56.08	3.90 (s)

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