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MONO- and DIGLYCOSIDES OF (*E*)-6,9-DIHYDROXYMEGASTIGMA-4,7-DIEN-3-ONE IN *VITIS VINIFERA* WINE

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Abstract—Two β -D-glucopyranosides and two 6-O- β -D-apiofuranosyl- β -D-glucopyranosides of (E)-6,9-dihydroxy-megastigma-4,7-dien-3-one were isolated from *Vitis vinifera* cv. Gewürztraminer wine and their structures were established by NMR spectroscopy. Copyright © 1996 Elsevier Science Ltd

INTRODUCTION

The aroma constituents which have an influence on the typicity of aromatic wines are mainly derived from the grapes and are known, in a large measure, as free monoterpene and norisoprenoid compounds [1, 2]. They are also accumulated in grape linked to sugars and, in some varieties, the relative abundance of these flavourless glycosidically bound compounds is at least six times higher than that of corresponding free alcohols [3]. Therefore, besides the fact that they represent potentially an important source of aroma, these glycosides may be also useful markers for differentiating between grape and wine varieties. As a part of a study of white wines from the Alsace region of France, including a precise identification of their glycosides, we report herein the characterization of two monoglucosides and two diglycosides of two isomeric ¹³C norisoprenoids, which were isolated from a Gewürztraminer wine.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The glycosidic fraction obtained from a Gewürztraminer wine was subjected to successive HPLC separations to yield compounds 1a-4a.

The CI mass spectra of 1a and 2a exhibit pseudomolecular ions at m/z 404 $[M + NH_4]^+$ and 387 $[M + H]^+$, together with fragments at m/z 225 [(aglycone residue) + NH_4]⁺, 207 [aglycone residue]⁺ and 164 [hexose residue + H]⁺, which indicates that they are monoglycosides constituted of a hexose and an aglycone of M_r 224. Compounds 1b and 2b have four

1a and 2a, R = H1b and 2b, R = Ac

3a and 4a, R = H3b and 4b, R = Ac

hydroxyl groups acetylated on their hexose moiety, as can be deduced from their CI mass spectra, which show ions at m/z 572 $[M + NH_4]^+$, 555 $[M + H]^+$, 225 [(aglycone residue) + NH_4]⁺ and 207 [aglycone residue]⁺. By GC-EI mass spectrometry (shorter retention time for 1b), they give major ions at m/z 331, 271, 169 and 109, typical of a tetraacetylhexapyranose, and other fragments at m/z 207, 206, 150 and 122 derived from the aglycone. These spectra are very similar to that of roseoside tetraacetate identified earlier by Strauss et al. [4]. The ¹H NMR (Table 1) and 2D NMR data for 1b and 2b support the presence of a tetraacetyl β -D-glucopyranosyl moiety in which the anomeric proton appears as a doublet with ${}^{3}J_{1,2} = 8 \text{ Hz}$. Furthermore, ¹H and ¹³C chemical shifts and the ¹H coupling pattern of the sugar residue are almost identical to those reported for other acetylated β -D-glucosides [5]. Aglycones of both compounds have the same megastigmane basic skeleton with a trans-7,8 double

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Table 1. ¹H NMR data (δ) for glycosides **1b-4b** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, J in parentheses)

Н	1b	2b	3b	4b
Aglycone				
2a	2.29 d (17.2)	2.23 d (17.4)	2.27 d (1.60)	2.24 d (17.0)
2ь	2.44 d (17.2)	2.42 d (17.4)	2.47 d (16.0)	2.43 d (17.0)
4	5.93 s br	5.89 s br	5.93 s br	5.89 s br
7	5.74 d (15.7)	5.75 d (15.8)	5.80 d (15.5)	5.75 d (15.5)
8	5.66 dd (15.7, 6.8)	5.81 dd (15.8, 6.0)	5.59 dd (15.5, 7.7)	5.85 dd (15.5, 6.8)
9	4.35 qd (6.5, 6.8)	4.24 qd (6.0, 6.5)	4.35 m	4.29 m
10	1.29 d (6.5)	1.23 d (6.5)	1.28 d (6.3)	1.24 d (6.5)
11	1.09 s	1.07 s	1.09 s	1.08 s
12	0.99 s	1.01 s	1.01 s	1.01 s
13	1.92 s	1.88 s	1.92 s	1.88 d (1.2)
Glucose				
1	4.48 d (8.0)	4.55 d (7.9)	4.48 d (8.0)	4.56 d (8.0)
2	4.98 dd (8.0., 9.5)	4.98 dd (7.9, 9.6)	4.94 dd (8.0, 9.3)	4.95 dd (8.0, 9.6)
3	5.14 dd (9.5, 9.5)	5.19 dd (9.9, 9.6)	5.13 dd (9.3, 9.3)	5.17 dd (9.6, 9.6)
4	5.08 dd (9.5, 9.5)	5.07 dd (9.6, 9.6)	4.88 dd (9.3, 9.3)	4.93 dd (9.6, 9.6)
5	3.61 ddd (2.5, 4.5, 9.4)	3.61 ddd (2.5, 4.3, 9.6)	3.59 m	3.61 m
6a	4.12 dd (2.5, 12.5)	4.10 dd (4.3, 12.4)	3.55-3.70 m	3.53 dd (7.0, 11.0)
6b	4.25 dd (4.5, 12.5)	4.27 dd (2.5, 12.4)	3.55-3.70 m	3.69 dd (2.0, 11.0)
Apiose				
1			5.03 s	5.01 s
2			5.33 s	5.38 s
4a			4.14 d (10.6)	4.14 d (10.5)
4b			4.19 d (10.6)	4.22 d (10.5)
5a			4.56 d (12.3)	4.61 d (12.2)
5b			4.71 d (12.3)	4.71 d (12.2)
Acetates	2.00-2.10	2.00-2.20	1.99-2.12	2.00-2.15

bond, the configurations at C-6 and C-9 remaining undetermined. The nature of the glycosidic linkage follows, on the one hand, from the NOE observed between the anomeric H of the sugar and H-9 of the aglycone and, on the other hand, from the cross-peaks on HMBC spectra between the anomeric carbon of the glucose and H-9 of the norisoprenoid and, conversely, between C-9 of the aglycone and H-1 of glucose. Hence, the structures of 1a and 2a correspond to two diastereomers of (E)-6,9-dihydroxymegastigma-4,7dien-3-one 9-O- β -D-glucopyranoside. The most striking differences between the NMR data for the two products concern H-8 of the norisoprenoid, which resonates at lower field (+0.15 ppm) for 2b and, to a lesser extent, in chemical shift variations of H-9 of the aglycone and of Glc-H-1. The NMR data for 1b are in good agreement with those reported by Achenbach et al. [6] for vomifoliol glucoside, i.e. with the aglycone having the 6S,9R-configuration, a compound also recognized by Skouroumounis and Winterhalter [7] in Riesling leaves. However, it should be stressed that Andersson and Lundgren [8] proposed the same aglycone stereochemistry for a compound which has NMR data similar (in particular δ H-8) to that of our structure **2b**, hence in discrepancy with the structural assignment of the preceding authors. The roseoside tetraacetate reported previously by Strauss et al. [4] most likely corresponds

to a mixture of glucosides 1b and 2b, which we could identify separately here.

The CI mass spectrum of 4a exhibits peaks at m/z536 $[M + HN_4]^+$, 519 $[M + H]^+$, 404 $[(hexose + aglycone) + NH_4]^+$ (which results from the loss of a pentose unit) and 207 [aglycone residue] +. Mass spectra of the hexaacetylated compounds 3b and 4b show peaks at m/z 788 $[M + NH_4]^+$, 771 $[M + H]^+$ and 207 [aglycone residue] +. By GC-EI mass spectrometry, the spectra of glycosides 3b and 4b display major ions at m/z 259 and 139, characteristic of a tri-O-acetylpentafuranose, at m/z 169 and 109, derived from a tri-O-acetylhexapyranose and the same ions as for 1b and 2b derived from the aglycone, viz. m/z 207, 206, 150 and 122. The ¹H and 2D NMR spectra of 3b (only a partial ¹H-¹H COSY map was obtained owing to the small quantity of product available) and 4b show the presence of an apiosyl moiety [9] linked to the same glucosyl-aglycone units corresponding to 1b and 2b, respectively; in particular, the main difference between the two compounds lies again in the H-8 chemical shifts. Concerning the terminal apiose, the ¹H NMR spectra show two singlets for H-1 and H-2. According to Mbaïraroua et al. [10], no or a very small coupling constant between H-1 and H-2 is indicative that the configuration of the anomeric H is β . The 'H NMR spectra also exhibit two AB quartets for the H on

positions 4 and 5 of a tri-O-acetylated apiofuranoside. In the NOESY spectrum of 4b, cross-peaks between H-2 and H-5, and between H-1 and H-2 of apiose. confirmed the structure of this sugar. The NOE observed between Glc-H-6 and the anomeric H of the apiose suggests that the two sugars are linked by a bond between the Api-C-1 and the Glc-O-6. This interglycosidic linkage was confirmed by the HMBC experiment; cross-peaks were observed between the anomeric carbon of the apiose residue and the H-6 of the glucose, and between the C-6 of the glucose and the anomeric H of the apiose moiety. Thus, the assemblage of the sugars was established as being β -D-apiofuranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ - β -D-glucopyranose. To our knowledge, glycosides 3a and 4a have not been reported previously as natural products.

Our study demonstrates the presence in Gewürztraminer wine of two isomers of (E)-6,9-dihydroxymegastigma-4,7-dien-3-one linked either to a glucopyranose or to an apiofuranosyl-glucopyranose. Their concentrations (1a: 0.3 mg 1^{-1} ; 2a: 0.6 mg 1^{-1} ; 3a + 4a: 0.3 mg 1^{-1}) show that they are significant constituents in this grape variety. Moreover, the presence of apiosylglucosides in a Gewürztraminer wine further confirms that this type of disaccharide commonly occurs in *Vitis vinifera* and that the labile furanosyl linkage is stable enough to survive the fermentation process [11].

EXPERIMENTAL

General. NMR: 1 H, 1 H– 1 H COSY, NOESY, HSQC and HMBC spectra were recorded (Bruker ARX 500) in CDCl₃, which was also used as int. standard. 13 C data were acquired from HMBC and HSQC spectra. CIMS: NH₃ as reagent gas, 70 eV, source pressure 40 mbar. GC-EIMS: column DB5 (60 m × 0.25 mm i.d. × 0.1 μ m film thickness), He at 2 ml min⁻¹; 38° (1 min), 38–220° at 10° min⁻¹, 220–300° at 3° min⁻¹, 300° (30 min); 70 eV.

Isolation of glycosides. EtOH was removed in vacuo from a Gewürztraminer wine. The concentrate was passed through a C18 reverse-phase (120-170 mesh) column, which was subsequently washed with H2O and the glycosides recovered with MeOH. After evapn of MeOH and dissolution in H₂O, the glycosidic fr. was washed (×3) with CH₂Cl₂. The aq. phase was then prefractionated by HPLC on a RP18 column (250 × 9.4 mm) using H₂O-MeOH (3:1) as eluent at 5 ml min⁻¹ with RI detection. Further fractionation was carried out by analyt. HPLC on a RP18 column (250 × 4.6 mm, H₂O-MeCN, 9:1, 1 ml min⁻¹). Final purification of 1a-4a was achieved by analyt. HPLC on a cyclobond I acetylated column (250 × 4.6 mm, H₂O, 0.8 ml min⁻¹). The compounds were acetylated before examination by GC-MS and by NMR.

(E)-6,9-Dihydroxymegastigma-4,7-dien-3-one 9-O- β -D-glucopyranoside. Isomer 1a: CIMS, m/z: 404 $[M + NH_4]^+$, 387 $[M + H]^+$, 225 [aglycone residue +

 NH_4]⁺, 207 [aglycone residue]⁺, 191, 164. *Isomer* 2a: CIMS, m/z: 404 [M + NH₄]⁺, 387 [M + H]⁺, 225 [aglycone residue + NH₄]⁺, 207 [aglycone residue]⁺, 191, 165, 164.

(E)-6,9-Dihydroxymegastigma-4,7-dien-3-one 9-O- β -D-glucopyranoside tetraacetate. Isomer 1b: CIMS, m/z: 572 [M + NH₄]⁺, 555 [M + H]⁺, 366, 331 [sugar residue]⁺, 225 [aglycone residue + NH₄]⁺, 207 [aglycone residue]⁺, 150. GC-EIMS, 70 eV, m/z (rel. int.): 331 (26), 271 (12), 207 (65), 206 (40), 169 (78), 151 (27), 150 (100), 135 (10), 127 (8), 123 (16), 122 (24), 109 (32), 95 (13), 69 (6), 55 (6), 43 (94). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.0 (C-13), 20.0–21.5 (C of acetate methyls), 21.0 (C-10), 22.9 (C-11), 24.2 (C-12), 41.2 (C-1), 49.6 (C-2), 61.9 (Glc-C-6), 68.2 (Glc-C-4), 71.2 (Glc-C-2), 71.8 (Glc-C-5), 72.6 (Glc-C-3), 74.8 (C-9), 79.2 (C-6), 98.0 (Glc-C-1), 127.0 (C-4), 131.2 (C-7), 132.0 (C-8), 162.2 (C-5), 169.4, 169.6, 170.4, 170.7 (C of acetate carbonyls linked, respectively, to Glc-C-2, Glc-C-4, Glc-C3, Glc-C-6), 197.5 (C-3). Isomer **2b**: CIMS, m/z: 572 [M + NH₄]⁺, 555 [M + H]⁺, 366, 331 [sugar residue]⁺, 225 [aglycone residue + NH₄]⁺, 207 [aglycone residue]⁺, 150. GC-EIMS, 70 eV, m/z (rel. int.): 331 (22), 271 (10), 207 (40), 206 (33), 169 (69), 151 (23), 150 (100), 135 (9), 127 (6), 123 (12), 122 (21), 109 (27), 95 (10), 69 (4), 55 (4). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₂): δ 19.2 (C-13), 20.8-21.2 (C of acetate methyls), 21.9 (C-10), 23.2 (C-11), 24.5 (C-12), 41.2 (C-1), 50.3 (C-2), 61.1 (Gle-C-6), 67.8 (Glc-C-4), 71.1 (Glc-C-2), 71.4 (Glc-C-5), 72.6 (Glc-C-3), 77.2 (C-9), 79.2 (C-6), 99.8 (Glc-C-1), 126.8 (C-4), 130.8 (C-7), 133.9 (C-8), 162.7 (C-5), 169.0-171.0 (C of acetate carbonyls), 198.0 (C-3).

(E)-6,9-Dihydroxymegastigma-4,7-dien-3-one 9-O- β -D-apiofuranosyl-(1'6)-O- β -D-glucopyranoside. Isomer 4a: CIMS, m/z: 536 [M + NH₄]⁺, 519 [M + H]⁺, 404 [(hexose + aglycone) + NH₄]⁺, 387 [(hexose + aglycone) + H⁺], 225 [aglycone residue + NH₄]⁺, 207 [aglycone residue]⁺, 191, 150.

(E)-6,9-Dihydroxymegastigma-4,7-dien-3-one 9-O- β -D-apiofuranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -O- β -D-glucopyranoside hexaacetate. Isomer **3b**: CIMS, m/z: 788 $[M + NH_4]^+$, 771 $[M + H]^+$, 331. GC-EIMS, 70 eV, m/z (rel. int.): 317 (2), 259 (100), 207 (22), 206 (19), 191 (2), 169 (3), 151 (7), 150 (21), 139 (48), 123 (5), 122 (5), 109 (5), 97 (8), 95 (5), 69 (2), 55 (2). Isomer 4b: CIMS, m/z: 788 [M + NH₄]⁺, 771 [M + H]⁺, 555, 331, 259, 207, 191. GC-EIMS, 70 eV, m/z (rel. int.): 317 (3), 259 (100), 207 (19), 206 (21), 191 (2), 169 (3), 151 (7), 150 (24), 139 (51), 123 (5), 122 (6), 109 (5), 97 (7), 69 (2). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) (partial data): δ 19.1 (C-13), 20.5–21.2 (C of acetate methyls), 20.9 (C-10), 23.0 (C-11), 24.4 (C-12), 41.2 (C-1), 49.8 (C-2), 64.0 (Api-C-5), 66.7 (Glc-C-6), 72.0 (Glc-C-2), 73.0 (Api-C-4), 73.4 (Glc-C-5), 77.0 (C-9), 78.8 (C-6), 126.8 (C-4), 130.8 (C-7), 133.2 (C-8), 163.2 (C-5), 169.0-171.0 (C of acetate carbonyls).

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