

The study of chemical constituents of *Hippeastrum vittatum*

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Abstract: **Objective** aiming to study the chemical composition of *hippeastrum* dry leaves. **Methods** The separation techniques of silica gel column chromatography, ODS column chromatography, HPLC analysis and preparation of liquid phase were adopted, and the methods of MS, NMR and other methods of spectroscopy were used to identify the structure of the compound. **Results** Four monomer compounds were obtained by separation and purification, according to the physicochemical properties of the obtained compounds, and the structure of the compounds was identified by the spectra of ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR and MS, namely (2S)-7,3'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-flavan and (2S)-7-hydroxy-3'',4'-dimethoxy-flavan. In the dichloromethane partial extract, compound 3 was prepared as 4'-dihydroxy-7,3'-methoxy-flavan and the No.4 compound 7,4'-dihydroxy-3'-methoxy-flavan finally. **Conclusion** This four compounds is isolated from *Hippeastrum*. Compound 1 and compound 4 have strong anti-tumor activity, compound 2 and compound 3 antitumor activity.

1. Introduction

Hippeastrum vittatum is a perennial evergreen herb belonging to *Hippeastrum*, Amaryllidaceae, Monocotyledonae^[1-3]. Existing literatures show that the *Hippeastrum vittatum* has extensive pharmacological activities like anti-tumor, anti-virus, anti-inflammatory, anti-malaria and other pharmacological activities, and has good effects on cardiovascular and nervous system. According to existing literature, although there are many active constituents in the bulbs of *Hippeastrum vittatum*, little is known about the chemical constituents in the leaves. To confirm therapeutic material basis of *Hippeastrum vittatum*, the present study aims to separate and identify chemical constituents from leaves of *Hippeastrum vittatum*, then screen active ingredients, providing theoretical basis for further development and utilization of *Hippeastrum vittatum*.

2. The main instruments and reagents

2.1 The main instrument

EYELA N-1100 Rotary evaporator(Tokyo Physical and Chemical Instruments Co., Ltd.); BS110S electronic analytical balance(Beijing Saidolis Balance Co., Ltd.); Electrothermal constant temperature blast dryer DHG-9140A (Shanghai Yiheng Technology Co., Ltd.); Ultrasound machine KQ2200DE(Jiangsu Kunshan Ultrasound Instrument Co., Ltd.); Multi-purpose Vacuum Pump for Circulating Water (Zhengzhou Great Wall Technology Industry and Trade Co., Ltd.).

2.2 Reagents and samples

Hippeastrum vittatum provided by Life science and environmental science research center of Harbin university of commerce; Human hepatoma hepg-2 was purchased from Institute of cell of Chinese academy of medical science; absolute ethyl alcohol(analytically pure, Batch number: 20121008); methylene chloride(analytically pure, Batch numbe: 20140516); methyl alcohol(analytically pure, Batch numbe: 20140708); Petroleum ether(analytically pure, Batch numbe: 20130423); Ethyl acetate(analytically pure ,Batch numbe: 20131014); N-butyl alcohol(analytically pure, Batch numbe: 20130301).

3. Experimental method

3.1 Chemical constituent's extraction

The fresh leaves of *Hippeastrum vittatum* were sliced and dried, crushed, sieved to debris through 20-30 mesh for being used later. 3 kg dried red leaves of *Hippeastrum* red were weighed, placed in a round-bottom flask with 70% ethanol solvent inside. The ratio of the material to liquid was 1:12. The mixture was heated and refluxed at 90°C for 3 times and for 3 hours each time, and the extracts were mixed. The reagent was distilled off under reduced pressure by a rotary evaporator, the product was concentrated to a total extract. The primary extract was mixed with a small amount of water to suspend and then successively extracted with light petroleum, dichloromethane, ethyl acetate and n-butyl alcohol three times each, and the extracts were mixed respectively. The concentrated recovery reagent contained 84.9g light petroleum, 17g dichloromethane, 23.8g ethyl acetate, and 140.4g n-butyl alcohol.

3.2 Separation and purification

The n-butyl alcohol and the dichloromethane were further separated. The n-butanol fraction was repeatedly separated by a silica gel column, and the ratio of dichloromethane-methanol was 100:0, 100:1, 80:1, 60:1, 50:1, 40:1, 30:1, 20:1, 15:1, 10:1, 8:1, 6:1, 5:1, 4:1, 3:1, 2:1, 1:1, and used the 0:100 one for the column, the obtained fraction was tested by TLC after the combination, the compound 1 (10.6 mg) and compound 2 (9.3 mg) were obtained by repeated purifications on an OSD column. The dichloromethane-methanol adsorption chromatography method used a dichloromethane-methanol elution system in the order of 200:0, 200:1, 100:1, 80:1, 60:1, 50:1, 40:1, 30:1, 20:1, 15:1, 10:1, 8:1, 6:1, 5:1, 4:1, 3:1, 2:1, 1:1, and used the 0:100 one for the column, the obtained fractions were tested and combined by TLC, and the monomer compound obtained by the purification on the OSD column was compound 3 (25.6 mg), compound 4 (12.3 mg), and compound 5 (10.9 mg).

4. Structure identification According to the physicochemical properties of the compound (such as the crystal form, melting point, physicochemical detection and chromatographic identification) and the spectral data ($^1\text{H-NMR}$, $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$), the structure of the compound can be identified and analyzed by comparing the separated monomers with previous literature and the spectrum library.

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Compound 1: Light yellow cubic crystal (CH_3OH), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -45.5$ (MeOH, 0.30). Positive ions EI-MS m/z showed: $272[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. The speculative molecular formula was $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$. In the spectral of $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CD_3OD , 600 MHz), δ_{H} : 6.89 (1H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.81 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.32 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz), and 6.27 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), including two ABX coupled systems, where 3.83 (6H, s) is the signal of a methoxy group, δ_{H} 2.8-2.61 and 2.10-1.92 represent the characteristic signal of C-ring proton of the flavonoid. In the spectral of $^{13}\text{C-APT}$ (CD_3OD , 150MHz), δ_{C} : 157.6 (C-9), 157.1 (C-7), 148.6 (C-4'), 147.5 (C-3') were the carbon signals that locates in benzene ring connected to O atom, 136.4 (C-1'), 131.0 (C-5) were signals of quaternary carbon of benzene ring, 118.6 (C-6'), 114.4 (C-10), 114.3 (C-5'), 112.7 (C-2'), 109.1 (C-6), 104.1 (C-8) were C signals of two ABX systems in benzene, 78.7 (C-2) was carbon signal in C-ring with connecting to O, 56.9 (4'-OCH₃) represented there was a methoxy group, 31.6 (C-4), 25.6 (C-3) represented the secondary carbon was in C-ring.

The aforementioned data is consistent with the ref. reported. Therefore, the compound was identified to be (2S)-7,3'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-flavan, with the molecular formula $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$ and molecular weight 272.30. Fig.1-1 and Fig.1-2 show the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and $^1\text{H-NMR}$ respectively.

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Compound 2: Canary yellow cubic crystal (CH_3OH), optical rotation was $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +8.33$ (MeOH, 0.30), Cation ions EI-MS m/z display: $286[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, speculative molecular formula: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$. In $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CD_3OD , 600 MHz) Spectrum, δ_{H} : 7.03 (1H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 6.95 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.96 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz) and 6.85 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.32 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz), 6.27 (1H, d,

$J = 2.4$ Hz), including 2 ABX coupled systems, where 3.83(6H, s) and 3.84(6H, s) were both the signals of a methoxy group, $\delta_H 2.8$ -2.61 and 2.10-1.92 represent the characteristic signal of C-ring proton of the flavonoid. In ^{13}C -APT (CD_3OD , 150 MHz) Spectrum, δ_C : 157.8 (C-9), 157.3 (C-7), 150.6 (C-4'), 150.2 (C-3') were the carbon signals located in benzene ring connected to O atom, 136.5 (C-1'), 131.2 (C-5) were signals of quaternary carbon of benzene ring, 119.9 (C-6'), 114.5 (C-10), 113.0 (C-5'), 111.3 (C-2'), 109.4 (C-6), 104.2 (C-8) were C signals of two ABX systems in benzene, 79.0 (C-2) was carbon signal in C-ring with connecting to O, 56.9 and 56.6 were both the signals of a methoxy group, 31.6 (C-4), 25.6 (C-3) represented the secondary carbon was in C-ring.

On the basis of comparison of ^1H NMR and ^{13}C -APT spectral data with the available in literature^[20-21], compound 2 was assigned as (2S)-7-hydroxy-3', 4'-dimethoxy-flavan, with the molecular formula $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$ and molecular weight 286.12. Fig.1-3 and Fig.1-4 show the ^{13}C -NMR and ^1H -NMR respectively.

Compound 3: Yellow rod-shaped crystal (CH_3OH). The IR spectrum showed dark spot at 254nm. In ^1H -NMR Spectrum, the presence of a benzene ring for 6H was observed at $\delta_H 6.89$ (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H) and 6.19 (s, 1H), a signal at $\delta_H 4.88$ (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H) is due to the presence of hydroxyl group. Two methoxy group were observed at $\delta_H 3.75$ (s, 3H), $\delta_H 3.38$ (s, 3H) whereas a saturated carbon at $\delta_H 2.78$ (m, 1H), 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 1H), 2.03 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H). The corresponding ^{13}C -NMR spectrum included eight carbon signals on dihydrobenzopiperan at $\delta_C 156.84$ (connecting to methoxy), $\delta_C 155.75$ (on benzene ring, connecting to O), $\delta_C 130.22$, $\delta_C 108.69$, $\delta_C 103.12$ (all above three were on benzene ring), $\delta_C 76.97$ (connecting to benzene ring), $\delta_C 29.80$ and $\delta_C 24.07$, seven carbon signals on benzene ring at $\delta_C 147.52$ (connecting to methoxy), $\delta_C 146.76$ (connecting to hydroxyl), $\delta_C 134.71$ (connecting to dihydrobenzopiperan), $\delta_C 113.81$ (common to the benzene ring and the epoxy six ring), $\delta_C 118.69$, $\delta_C 111.89$, 110.39, in addition to two carbon signals on methoxy.

The aforementioned data is consistent with the ref. reported. Therefore, the compound was identified to be 4'-dihydroxy-7,3'-methoxy-flavan, with the molecular formula $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$ and molecular weight 286.12. Fig.1-5 and Fig.1-6 show the ^{13}C -NMR and ^1H -NMR respectively.

Compound 4: transparent oily product (CH_3OH). The IR spectrum showed dark spot at 254nm. In ^1H -NMR Spectrum, the presence of a benzene ring for 6H was observed at

$\delta_H 6.98$ (s, 1H), 6.92 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), a signal at $\delta_H 4.93$ (dd, $J = 9.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H) was due to the presence of hydroxyl group, a signal at $\delta_H 3.74$ (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 3H) indicated the presence of methoxy group. $\delta_H 2.88$ (m, 1H), 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H) were characteristic signals of protons in the saturated carbon. The corresponding ^{13}C -NMR spectrum included seven carbon signals on dihydrobenzopiperan at $\delta_C 157.68$ (connecting to O), $\delta_C 155.76$ (connecting to hydroxyl), $\delta_C 130.11$, $\delta_C 108.69$, $\delta_C 103.30$ (all above three were observed on benzene ring), $\delta_C 77.16$ (connecting to benzene ring), $\delta_C 55.92$ and $\delta_C 55.85$, seven carbon signals on benzene ring at $\delta_C 148.68$ (connecting to methoxy), $\delta_C 149.03$ (connecting to hydroxyl), $\delta_C 134.63$ (connecting to dihydrobenzopiperan), $\delta_C 111.99$ (common to the benzene ring and the epoxy six ring), $\delta_C 118.69$, $\delta_C 111.89$, 110.39, in addition to two carbon signals on methoxy.

On the basis of comparison of ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectral data with the available in literature, compound 4 was assigned as 7,4'-dihydroxy-3'-methoxy-flavan, with the molecular formula $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$ and molecular weight 272.10. Fig.1-7 and Fig.1-8 show the ^{13}C -NMR and ^1H -NMR respectively.

5. Conclusion

In the present study, petroleum ether, dichloromethane, ethyl acetate and n-butyl alcohol were extracted from 3 kg of dried leaves of *Hippeastrum vittatum* with reflux method, and the weights of them were 84.9 g, 17.0 g, 23.8 g and 140.4 g, respectively.

Furthermore, four monomeric compounds with higher purity were obtained from n-butyl alcohol and dichloromethane. After spectroscopic analysis of the structure of compound, the structures of four compounds were identified as (2S)-7,3'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-flavan,

(2S)-7-hydroxy-3",4'-dimethoxy-flavan, 4'-dihydroxy-7,3'-methoxy-flava and 7, 4'-dihydroxy-3'-methoxy-flavan, respectively. These four compounds were flavonoid compounds isolated from *Hippeastrum vittatum* for the first time.

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