

CHAPTER 2

DISCUSSION

Chemical constituents of Garcinia mannii (Guttifereae)

Garcinia is a large genus of evergreen trees or shrubs distributed in tropical Asia, Africa and Polynesia. About thirty species are found in India¹. The genus Garcinia is known as a source of xanthenes, biflavonoids and benzophenones²⁻⁴.

Garcinia mannii is a rain forest tree of west Africa of Cameroon. The twigs and small adventitious roots have been observed to be used as chew-sticks and the dried, powdered root-bark, is reported to be a cure for sever diarrhoea and dysentery⁵.

The leaves of Garcinia mannii (2.5 kg) procured from Nigeria, were exhaustively extracted with acetone. The acetone extract was concentrated under reduced pressure. The acetone concentrate was successively extracted with light petroleum ether (60-80 °C), benzene and ethylacetate. The ethylacetate extract gave positive test for flavonoids⁶. On TLC examination, the ethylacetate extract showed four major spots in TEF and BPF solvent systems. Repeated column chromatography over silica gel followed by fractional crystallization and preparative TLC, afforded four crystalline TLC homogenous substances marked as GM-1, GM-2, GM-3 and GM-4.

GM-1

GM-1 was obtained from the column by benzene-ethylacetate (9:1) mixture, and was crystallized from benzene-chloroform as white shining crystals (140 mg). m.p. 149 °C. It gave greenish colour with alcoholic solution of ferric chloride. The elemental analysis agreed with molecular formula C₁₀H₁₂O₄. The ir spectrum showed the characteristic bands at 1460 cm⁻¹ (C=C), 1660 cm⁻¹ (C=O) and 3300 cm⁻¹ (OH) and uv spectrum gave λ_{\max} at 312 nm.

The ¹H-nmr spectrum (Table-1), exhibited a sharp singlet integrating for three protons at δ 2.0 assigned to CH₃. Two independent singlets of one proton each at δ 6.38 and δ 7.10 were ascribed to H-3 and H-5 protons respectively. Two singlets at δ 3.16 and δ 3.41 integrating for three protons each, indicated the presence of two methoxyl groups. On the basis of elemental analysis, ir, uv and ¹H-nmr spectroscopy, the compound GM-1 was identified as dimethyl ether of phloroacetophenone (I).

The assigned structure was further supported by ^{13}C -nmr spectrum (Table-2) which showed the presence of three oxygenated carbons at 166.2, 165.6 and 163.4, a carbonyl carbon at 180.1 and a methyl group at 16.5 ppm. The mass spectrum showed the molecular ion peak at m/z 196.

In the light of above results, GM-1 was characterized as 2, 4-dimethoxy-6-hydroxy acetophenone (dimethylether of phloroacetophenone)⁷(I).

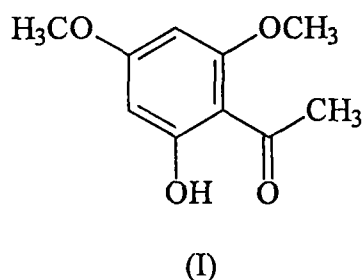


Table-1

^1H -nmr data of GM-1, values on δ - scale

Assignment	No. of protons	Signals
CH_3	3	2.0 (s)
OCH_3	3	3.16 (s)
OCH_3	3	3.41 (s)
H-3	1	6.38 (s)
H-5	1	7.10 (s)
OH	1	12.5 (s)

s= singlet, spectrum run in CDCl_3 at 300 MHz, using TMS as internal standard.

Table-2¹³C-nmr data of GM-1, values on δ - scale

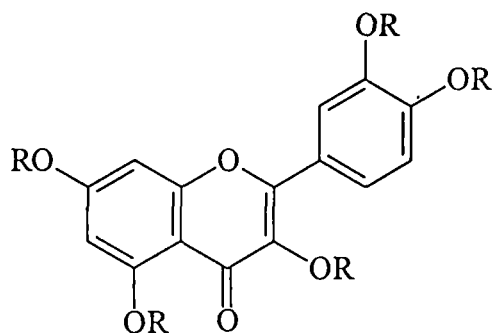
Carbon No.	Assignment
C-1	104.8
C-2	166.2
C-3	91.2
C-4	165.6
C-5	94.1
C-6	163.4
C=O	180.1
CH ₃	16.5
OCH ₃	55.3
OCH ₃	56.1

GM-2

GM-2 was eluted from the column by benzene-ethyl acetate (8:2) mixture. It was crystallized from chloroform-methanol as yellow shining crystals (100 mg), m.p. 311-12 °C. It was identified as quercetin (IIa) by m.p., m.m.p. and co-chromatography with an authentic sample of quercetin. It gave an acetate m.p. 194-95 °C and penta methyl ether m.p. 151-52 °C. Its identity as quercetin was further confirmed by comparing its spectral data with those of an authentic sample of quercetin⁸.

The ¹H-nmr spectrum of its acetate GM-2 (Ac) (IIb) showed the signals due to five acetoxy groups in the range of δ 2.35-2.38. The meta-coupled doublets at δ 6.79 (J=2.5 Hz) and δ 7.21 (J=2.5 Hz) were assigned to C-6 and C-8 protons of A-ring respectively. The B-ring protons showed the ABX pattern, two doublets at δ 7.73 (J=2.5 Hz) for H-2' and δ 7.27 (J=9.0 Hz) for H-5' and quartet at δ 7.67 (J₁= 2.5 Hz, J₂=9.0 Hz) for H-6'.

In the light of the above results, the compound GM-2 was assigned the structure as 3, 5, 7, 3', 4'-pentahydroxy flavone (quercetin) (IIa), supported by the mass spectrum which showed molecular ion peak at m/z 302.

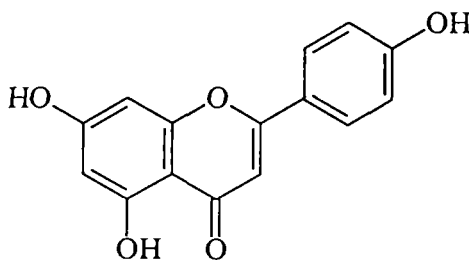


(II)

a)R=H
b)R=Ac

GM-3

GM-3 was eluted from the column by benzene-ethyl acetate (7:3) mixture. It was characterized as apigenin⁸ (III), by comparison with an authentic sample (R_f value, m.p., m.m.p. and co-chromatography). The identity of the compound, GM-3, as apigenin (III, 5, 7, 4'- trihydroxy flavone) was further confirmed by ¹H-nmr studies of its acetate, m.p. 183-84 °C (Table-3).



(III)

Table-3¹H-nmr data of GM-3 (Ac), values on δ - scale

Assignment	No. of protons	Signals
H-2',6'	2	7.76 (d, J= 8.6 Hz)
H-3',5'	2	7.20 (d, J= 8.6 Hz)
H-8	1	6.89 (d, J= 2.5 Hz)
H-6	1	6.74 (d, J= 2.4 Hz)
H-3	1	6.58 (s)
OAc-5	3	2.44 (s)
OAc-4',7	6	2.35 (s)

s= singlet, d= doublet, spectrum run in CDCl₃ at 300 MHz, using TMS as internal standard.

GM-4

The fraction obtained by the elution of the column by benzene-ethylacetate (1:1), on TLC examination was found to be an intricate mixture of several compounds, with one of them as the major one. Repeated column chromatography followed by preparative-TLC failed to separate the mixture. However, by PTLC, most of the minor fractions were removed. The major fraction along with some very minor impurities was analysed by ¹H-nmr spectrum. As the compound was not absolutely pure, the spectrum could not be successfully interpreted. However, the presence of OCH₃ group was ruled out by the absence of any peak in the ¹H-nmr spectrum.

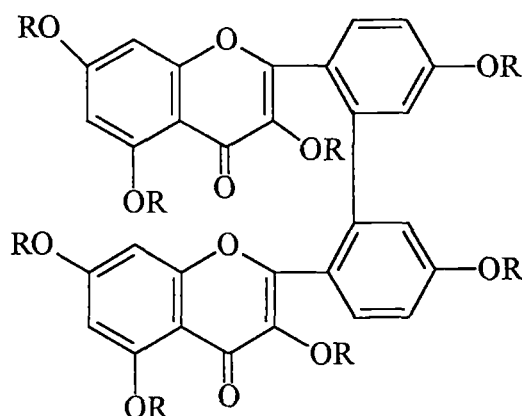
The mixture was methylated with dimethyl sulphate and major band was separated by PTLC. It was purified by crystallization (165 mg), m.p. 189-90 °C. The uv spectrum and colour test⁶ showed it to be a flavone. Elemental analysis gave the molecular formula as C₃₈H₃₄O₁₂, corresponding to the molecular ion peak at m/z 682. The molecular weight indicated it to be a methyl ether of biflavone. The structure of the methyl ether was established by ¹H-nmr, ¹³C-nmr and mass spectroscopy.

The ¹H-nmr spectrum of GM-4 (Me) (Fig-1, Table-4), showed the presence of eight methoxyl groups by four independent singlets of six protons each at δ 3.68, 3.85, 3.91 and 3.94 respectively. The A-ring protons appeared as two singlets for two protons each at δ 6.16 ascribed to H-I-6 and H-II-6 and at δ 6.20 attributed to H-I-8 and

H-II-8. The B-ring protons showed typical ABX pattern consisting of an ortho-coupled doublet at δ 7.32 ($J= 8.1$ Hz) assigned to H-I-6' and H-II-6' and a double doublet for four protons in the range of δ 6.09-6.17 ($J_1= 8.0$ Hz, $J_2= 2.0$ Hz) corresponded to H-I-3', 5' and H-II-3', 5' protons. Hence, it indicated that H-I-2' and H-II-2' are involved in inter flavonoid linkage which was further proved by the fragment ions at m/z 475, 460, 444, 416, 295, 268 in the mass spectrum (Fig-2, Scheme-1). The RDA fragments appeared at m/z 180 and 502. Other fragments are rationalized from the Scheme-1.

The above assigned structure was also supported by the ^{13}C -nmr spectrum (Fig-3, Table-5) of GM-4 (Me) in which both the carbonyl groups were observed at 188.8 ppm. It also showed a downfield shift for I and II-C-2', further confirming the inter flavonoid linkage between I-C-2' and II-C-2'.

In view of the above facts GM-4 (Me) was assigned the structure I-3, II-3, I-5, II-5, I-7, II-7, I-4', II-4'-Octamethoxy [I-2', II-2'] biflavone (IVb). The parent compound, GM-4, was therefore, assigned the structure as I-3, II-3, I-5, II-5, I-7, II-7, I-4', II-4'-Octahydroxy [I-2', II-2'] biflavone (IVa) which is being reported for the first time.



(IV)

- a) R=H
- b) R=Me

Table-4¹H-nmr data of GM-4 (Me), values on δ - scale

Assignment	No. of protons	Signals
2 x OMe	6	3.68 (s)
2 x OMe	6	3.85 (s)
2 x OMe	6	3.91 (s)
2 x OMe	6	3.94 (s)
H-I-6, H-II-6	2	6.16 (s)
H-I-8, H-II-8	2	6.20 (s)
H-I-3', 5' and H-II-3', 5'	4	7.09-7.17 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz)
H-I-6', H-II-6'	2	7.32 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz)

s= singlet, d= doublet, dd= double doublet, spectrum run in CDCl₃ at 300 MHz, using TMS as internal standard.

Table-5¹³C-nmr data of GM-4 (Me), values on δ - scale

Carbon No.	Assignment
8 x OCH ₃	55.64
	55.99
	56.10
	56.28
I, II-C-2	160.6
I, II-C-3	105.8
I, II-C-4	188.8
I, II-C-5	159.6
I, II-C-8	98.4
I, II-C-7	162.6
I, II-C-6	98.6
I, II-C-9	151.6
I, II-C-10	108.8
I, II-C-1'	119.9
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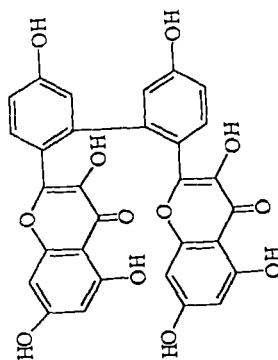
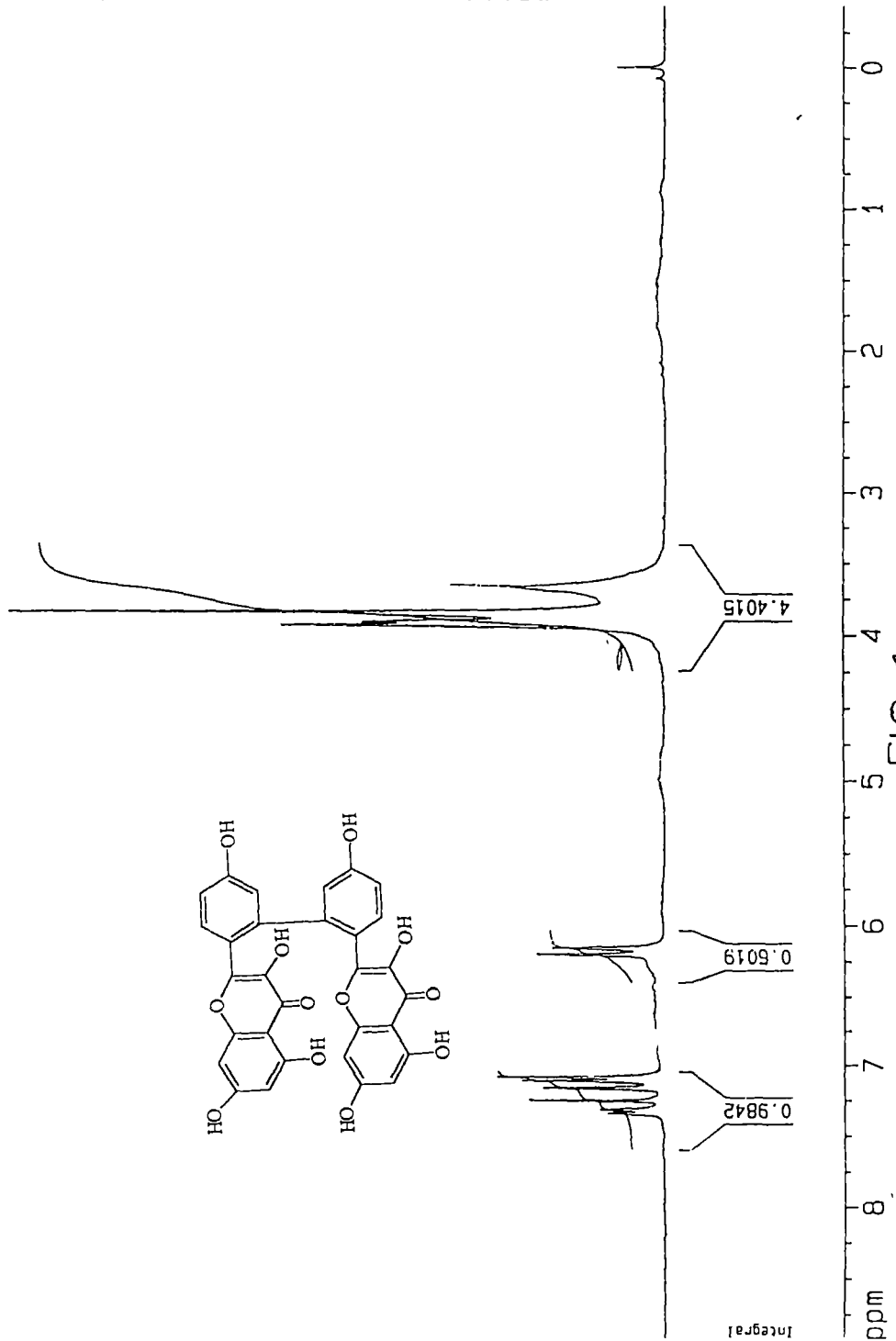
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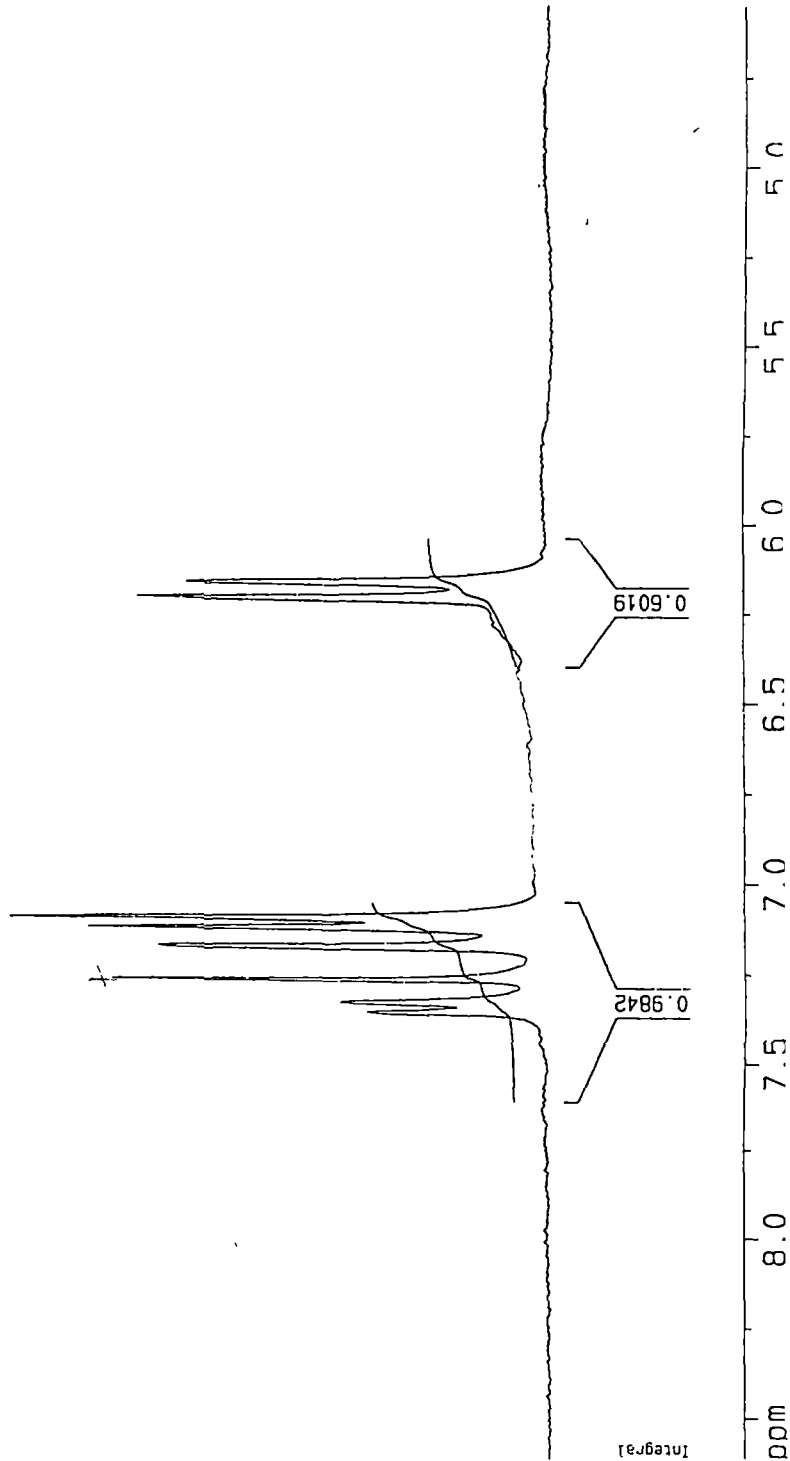
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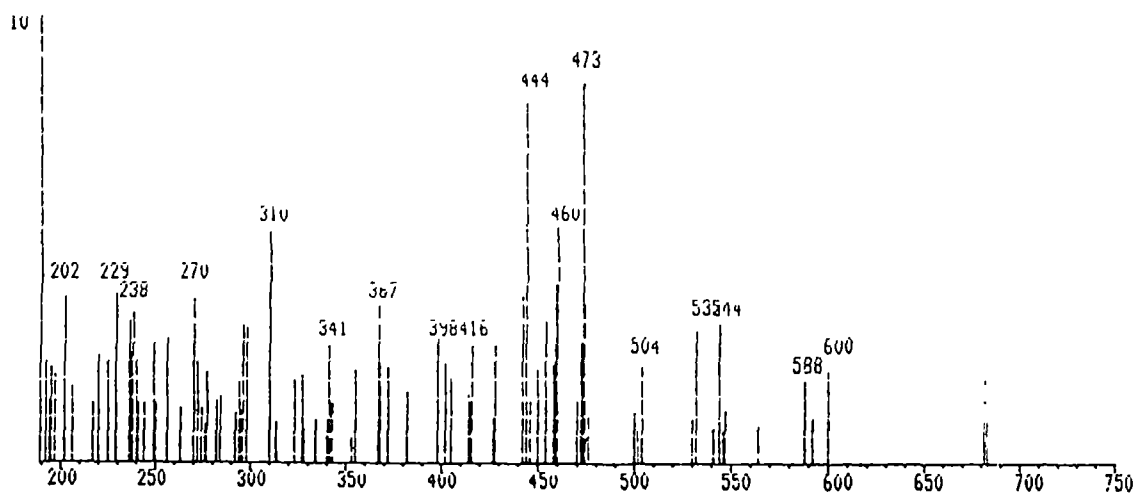
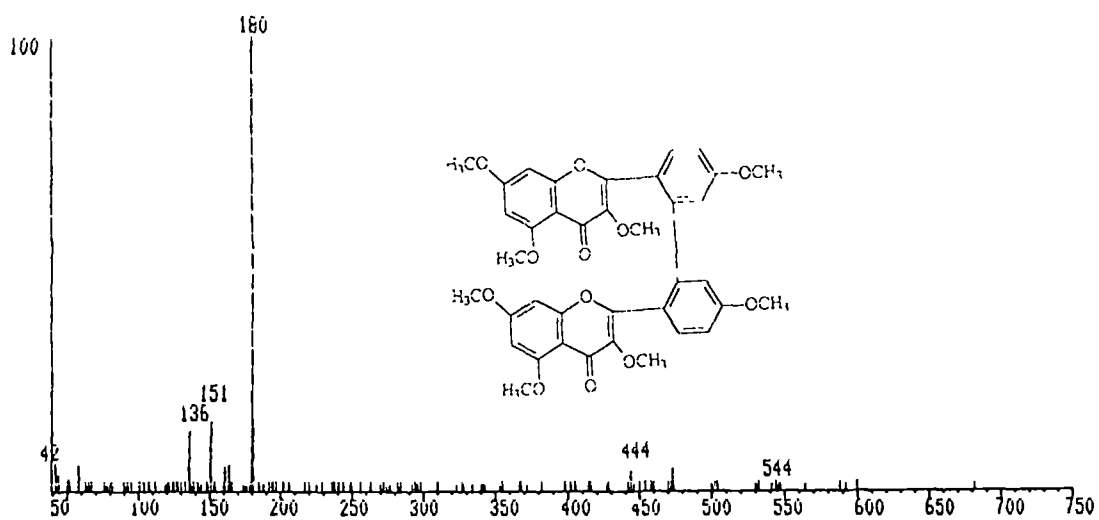


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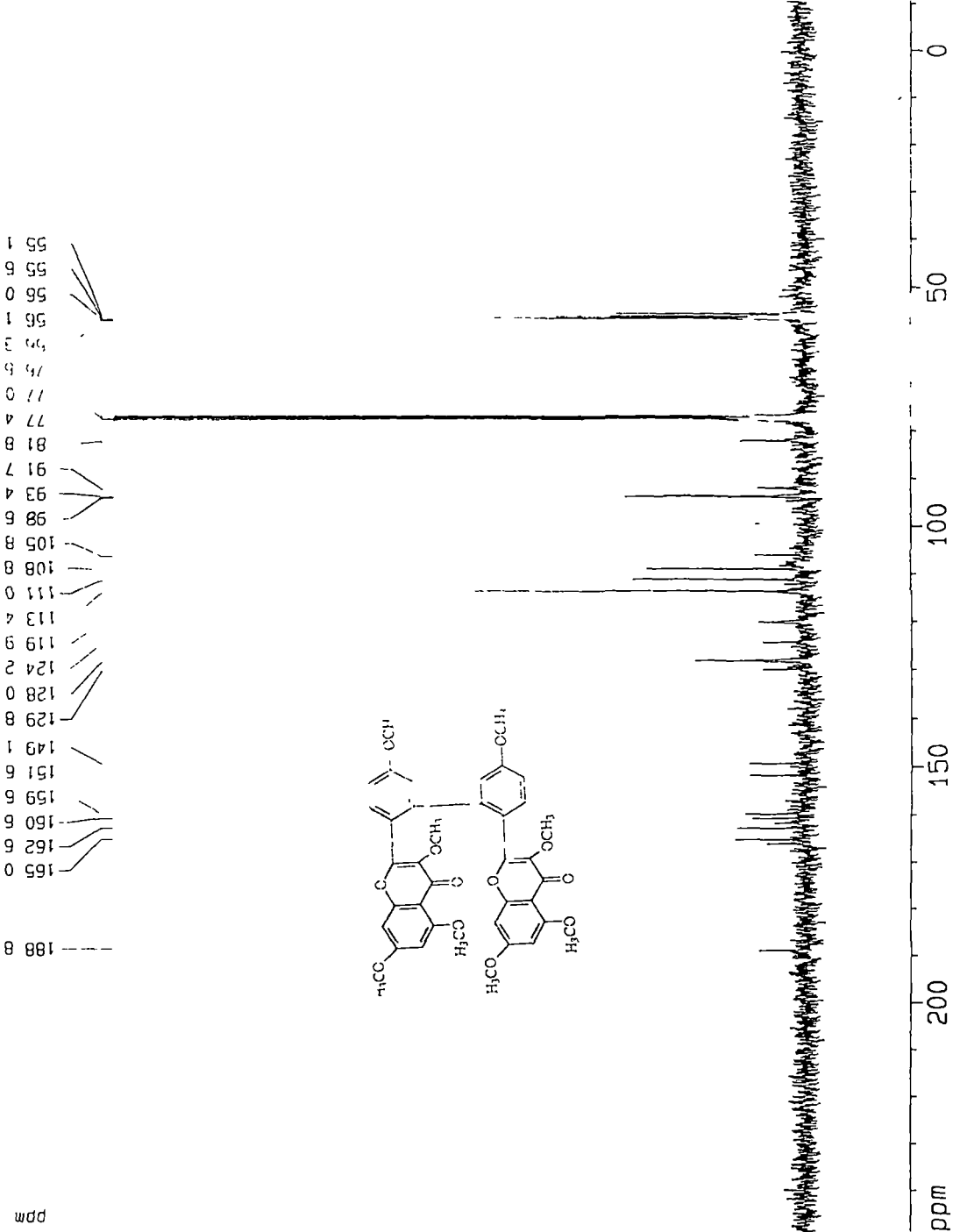


FIG-3

EXPERIMENTAL

The melting points were taken on a Kofler block and are uncorrected. All ultraviolet spectra were measured on Beckmann Model DU and Pye Unicam PU-8800 spectrophotometers in methanol / ethanol. Infrared spectra were taken on Shimadzu IR-408 Perkin Elmer 1800 (FTIR). The mass and $^1\text{H-nmr}$ spectra were obtained from different institutes in the country and outside. The mass spectra were mostly measured in E.I. mode on Jeol D-300 while, the $^1\text{H-nmr}$ spectra were usually recorded on Varian EM-360 L (60 MHz), 270 MHz, JEOL 4H-100 MHz, Perkin Elmer R-32 (90 MHz), Bruker dpx 200 MHz, DRX 300 MHz and WM 400 MHz in CDCl_3 / DMSO-d_6 using TMS as internal standard.

The silica gel used for different chromatographic purposes, was obtained from E. Merck (India), E. Merck (Germany) and SRL (India). TLC solvent systems used were benzene-pyridine-formic acid (BPF, 36:9:5), toluene-ethylformate-formic acid (TEF, 5:4:1), ethylacetate-ethylmethylketone-acetic acid-water (EtOAc-EtMeCO-AcOH- H_2O , 5:3:1:1; 20:3:1:1; 30:3:1:1), ethylacetate-methanol-water (EtOAc-MeOH- H_2O , 8:1:1), petrol-benzene (2:8) n-butanol-acetic acid-water (BAW, 4:1:5), n-butanol-water-ethanol (BEW, 60:28.5:16.5).

Alcoholic ferric chloride, iodine vapours and aniline hydrogen phthalate solutions were used as spray reagents for visualization of spots on TLC and on paper chromatograms.

GM-1

GM-1 was obtained from the column by benzene-ethylacetate (9:1) mixture. It was crystallized from benzene-chloroform as white shining crystals (140 mg). m.p. 149 °C. It gave greenish colour with alcoholic solution of ferric chloride.

Analysed for C₁₀H₁₂O₄.

Calcd. C, 61.22; H, 6.12%

Foud C, 61.19; H, 6.09%

IR ν_{\max}^{KBr} cm⁻¹

3300 (OH), 1660 (C=O), 1460 (C=C).

UV λ_{\max} (MeOH) nm

312

¹H-nmr (300 MHz, CDCl₃), values on δ -scale

2.0 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.16 (3H, s, OMe), 3.41 (3H, s, OMe), 6.38 (1H, s, H-3), 7.10 (1H, s, H-5), 12.5 (1H, s, OH).

¹³C-nmr (300 MHz, CDCl₃), values on δ -scale

16.5 (CH₃), 91.2 (C-3), 94.1 (C-5), 104.8 (C-1), 163.4 (C-6), 165.6 (C-4), 166.2 (C-2), 180.1 (C=O), 55.3 (OCH₃), 56.1 (OCH₃).

Mass m/z (rel. Intensity)

196 [M⁺] (38.0), 181 [M-CH₃] (15.1), 166 [181-CH₃] (10.0), 168 [M-CO] (20.2), 153 [M-COCH₃] (26.0).

GM-2

GM-2 was eluted from the column by benzene-ethyl acetate (8:2) mixture. It was crystallized from chloroform-methanol as yellow shining crystals (100 mg), m.p. 311-12 °C.

Analysed for $C_{15}H_{10}O_7$.

Calcd. C, 59.60; H, 3.31 %

Foud C, 59.64; H, 3.33 %

UV data with shift reagents λ_{max} nm

MeOH	258, 272 sh, 300 sh, 371
NaOAc	258 sh, 275, 390
NaOAc/ H_3BO_3	263, 301, 389
$AlCl_3$	273, 304 sh, 335, 457
$AlCl_3/HCl$	264, 358, 429
NaOMe	248 sh, 321

Acetylation of GM-2

GM-2 (20 mg) was heated with pyridine (1 ml) and acetic anhydride (2 ml) on a water bath for about two hours. After cooling, the mixture was poured on crushed ice and left over night. The solid obtained was collected, washed with water and dried. On crystallization from ethylacetate, it gave cream coloured crystals (15 mg), m.p. 194-95 °C.

1H -nmr (60 MHz, $CDCl_3$), values on δ -scale

2.38 (3H, s, OAc), 2.35 (12H, m, 4x OAc), 6.79 (1H, d, $J=2.5$ Hz, H-6), 7.21 (1H, d, $J=2.5$ Hz, H-8), 7.27 (1H, d, $J=9.0$ Hz, H-5'), 7.67 (1H, q, $J_1=2.5$ Hz, $J_2=9.0$ Hz, H-6'), 7.73 (1H, d, $J=2.5$ Hz, H-2').

Methylation of GM-2

Crystalline GM-2 (25 mg), dry acetone (30 ml), dimethylsulphate (1 ml) and anhydrous potassium carbonate (0.5 g) were refluxed for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and the inorganic residue washed several times with hot acetone. On distilling off the solvent, a colourless semi-solid mass was left behind. It was washed with hot petroleum ether to remove the excess of dimethyl sulphate. The solid residue on crystallization from methanol-ethylacetate gave colourless needles (20 mg), m.p. 151-52 °C.

GM-3

The fraction obtained from the elution of the column with benzene-ethylacetate (7:3) mixture gave a yellow solid mass which was crystallized from benzene-acetone as yellow needles (180 mg), m.p. 352°C.

Analysed for C₁₅H₁₀O₅.

Calcd. C, 66.66; H, 3.70 %

Foud C, 66.78, H, 3.74 %

UV data with shift reagents λ_{\max} nm

MeOH	266, 298 sh, 339
NaOAc	279, 304, 377
NaOAc/H ₃ BO ₃	268, 301 sh, 338
AlCl ₃	280, 302, 342, 392
AlCl ₃ /HCl	280, 301, 342, 391

Acetylation of GM-3

GM-3 (40 mg) was heated with pyridine (1 ml) and acetic anhydride (2 ml) on water bath for about two hours. On usual work-up, the solid obtained was crystallized from chloroform-methanol as colourless needles (35 mg), m.p. 183-84 °C.

¹H-nmr (300 MHz, CDCl₃), values on δ -scale

2.35 (6H, s, OAc-4',7), 2.44 (3H, s, OAc-5), 6.58 (1H, s, H-3), 6.74 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz, H-6), 6.89 (1H, d, J=2.5 Hz, H-8), 7.20 (2H, d, J=8.6 Hz, H-3',5'), 7.76 (2H, d, J=8.6 Hz, H-2',6').

GM-4

The fraction obtained by the elution of the column by benzene-ethylacetate (1:1), on TLC examination was found to be an intricate mixture of several compounds, one of them was the major one. Repeated column chromatography followed by preparative-TLC failed to separate the mixture. However, by PTLC using TEF (5: 4: 1) system as the developing solvent most of the minor fractions were

removed. The mixture was methylated with dimethyl sulphate and major band was separated. It was purified by crystallization (160 mg), m.p.189-90 °C. The uv spectrum and colour test showed it to be a flavone. Elemental analysis gave the molecular formula as C₃₈H₃₄O₁₂. Further confirmed by the molecular ion peak at m/z 682.

Methylation of GM-4

Crystalline GM-4 (150 mg), dry acetone (30 ml), dimethylsulphate (2 ml) and anhydrous potassium carbonate (0.5 g) were refluxed for 24 hours. After usual work-up the solid obtained was crystallized from chloroform-methanol as white crystals (165 mg), m.p.189-90 °C.

Analysed for C₃₈H₃₄O₁₂

Calcd. C, 66.86; H, 4.98%

Found C, 66.90; H, 5.01%

IR $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

3200-3400 (br, OH), 1680 (C=O), 1600, 1510, 1440

UV data with shift reagent $\lambda_{\max} \text{ nm}$

MeOH	258 sh, 268, 294 sh, 323 sh, 368
NaOAc	276, 304, 387
NaOAc/H ₃ BO ₃	277, 304, 388
AlCl ₃	262 sh, 278, 303 sh, 351, 424
AlCl ₃ /HCl	263 sh, 279, 303 sh, 351, 424
NaOMe	279, 316, 416 (dec.)

¹H-nmr (300 MHz, CDCl₃), values of δ -scale

3.68 (6H, s, 2 x OMe), 3.85 (6H, s, 2 x OMe), 3.91 (6H, s, 2 x OMe), 3.94 (6H, s, 2 x OMe), 6.16 (2H, s, H-I-6, H-II-6), 6.20 (2H, s, H-I-8, H-II-8), 7.09-7.17 (4H, dd, J₁=8.0 Hz, J₂=2.0 Hz, H-I-3', 5', H-II-3', 5'), 7.32 (2H, d, J=8.1 Hz, H-I-6', H-II-6').

¹³C-nmr (300 MHz, CDCl₃), values of δ -scale

55.64, 55.99, 56.10, 56.28 (8 x OMe), 160.6 (I-II-C-2), 105.8 (I-II-C-3), 188.8 (I-II-C-4), 159.6 (I-II-C-5), 98.4 (I-II-C-8), 162.6, (I-II-C-7). 98.6 (I-II-C-6), 151.6 (I-II-C-9), 108.8 (I-II-C-10), 119.9 (I-II-C-1'), 129.8 (I-II-C-2'), 113.4 (I-II-C-3',5'), 165.0 (I-II-C-4'), 128.0 (I-II-C-6').

Mass m/z (rel. int.)

682 [M⁺] (2.5), 502 (2.1), 475 (2.0), 474 (3.8), 473 (8.5), 460 (5.4), 459 (4.2), 444 (8.1), 416 (2.9), 342 (2.0), 341 (2.9), 327 (2.2), 312 (2.0), 295 (2.8), 268, 240 (2.6), 238 (3.6), 181 (18.3), 180 (100), 165 (2.7), 153 (3.8), 151 (18.7), 150 (2.6).

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