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LUTEOLIN 5-O- β -L-GALACTOSIDE FROM Dracocephalum nutans

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We have previously isolated cosmosinin and cynaroside from the herb Dracocephalum nutans L. [1]. When an ethanolic extract was chromatographed on cellulose, 85% ethanol yielded a flavonoid which we have called DN₃.

The substance DN₃, $C_{21}H_{20}O_{11}$, had mp 220-222°C, R_f 0.18 (15% acetic acid), ν_{max} (ethanol) 352, 269, 252 nm. Acid hydrolysis (5% sulfuric acid, 3 h) gave the aglycone with mp 326-328°C, R_f 0.46 (60% acetic acid), ν_{max} (ethanol): 355, 268, 252 nm. On the basis of the results of physicochemical and spectral investigations in comparison with an authentic sample, the aglycone was identified as luteolin [2]. L-Galactose, identified by paper chromatography, was found in the hydrolyzate. The results of IR spectroscopy and enzymatic hydrolysis show the pyranose form of the sugar and the presence of a β -glycosidic bond [3].

On the basis of the facts given above and the results of UV spectroscopy with complex-forming and ionizing additives, the substance DN_3 can be characterized as lutiolin 5-O- β -L-galactoside.

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