

COUMARINS OF *Adonis amurensis*

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In the roots of the herb *Adonis amurensis* Rgl. et Radde (Amur adonis) collected in the environs of the village of Korfovskii (Khabarovsk region) we have found substances of coumarin nature by paper chromatography in the chloroform-formamide system and by qualitative reactions [1].

The isolation of these compounds by the method described previously [2, 3], both from the roots and from the verdure gave two hydroxycoumarins showing a bright blue fluorescence in UV light. These compounds [$C_9H_6O_3$, mp 232-233°C, R_f 0.22 (chloroform-formamide) and $C_{10}H_8O_4$, mp 200-202°C, R_f 0.62] have been identified as umbelliferone and scopoletin, respectively, on the basis of their physicochemical properties, their methylation products, their IR spectra and UV spectra with ionizing additives [4], and mixed melting points.

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