

PHENOLIC ACIDS OF *Equisetum arvense*

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Continuing an investigation of the ether-soluble fraction of a methanolic extract of the herb *Equisetum arvense* L., by preparative chromatography on a polyamide sorbent and dilution with water and water-methanol we have obtained phenolic acid fractions [1].

In the form of their TMS derivatives the phenolic acids were analyzed by the GLC method on a Tsvet-4 chromatograph with a flame-ionization detector, using a column 300 × 0.3 cm with 5% of SE-30 on Chromaton N-AW-DMCS at 212° C with helium as the carrier gas. The relative retention times of the TMS derivatives of the phenolic acids are given below.

TMS Derivatives of the Acids	R _t
p-Hydroxybenzoic	0.666
Vanillic*	1.000
Protocatechuic	1.222
Gallic	2.162
p-Coumaric	2.055
Ferulic	3.444
Caffeic	4.166

*The RT of the standard was 4.5 min.

The acids were identified by the method of additives and by comparison of the retention times of the TMS derivatives with those of authentic samples [2].

It must be observed that the predominating phenolic acid in *Equisetum arvense* is caffeic acid. Phenolic acids of the hydroxybenzoic type (p-hydroxybenzoic, vanillic, gallic) are present in small amounts.

This is the first time that phenolic acids have been found in *Equisetum arvense* L.

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