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ISOLATION AND STRUCTURE ELUCIDATION OF A NEW OLEANANE TYPE GLYCOSIDE FROM THE AERIAL PORTION OF *CESTRUM NOCTURNUM*

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ABSTRACT. *Cestrum nocturnum* (Solanaceae) is an ornamental plant cultivated in various parts of the world due to its sweet-scented white flowers. It is commonly called night-blooming Jessamine (Raat ki Rani). The genus is known for its toxicity to feedents. The leaves may cause uneasiness in animals which may lead to severe gastroenteritis. The plant is known to be a rich source of pharmacologically active saponins. Looking to its various pharmacological activities as reported, the plant was explored for the isolation of new phytochemicals. During the process, a new oleanane type glycoside was isolated from the butanolic fraction of the leaves of *Cestrum nocturnum* and was characterized as 3-O-β-D-xylopyranoside-olean-12-en-28-oic acid-28-O-β-arabinopyranosyl-(1-3)-β-D-galacto-pyranosyl-(1-2)-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1-4)-β-D-glucopyranosyl ester, along with two reported compounds nocturnoside A and karativoside A. The structure was elucidated on the basis of 1D and 2D NMR and mass spectrometry.

KEY WORDS: *Cestrum nocturnum*, Solanaceae, Leaves, Butanolic fraction, New glycoside

INTRODUCTION

Cestrum is an important genus of the Family Solanaceae, native to tropical America and Australia and is cultivated in various parts of the world for ornamental purpose due to their sweet-scented white flowers [1]. The genus is known for its toxicity to feedents. The species of this genus have cymose inflorescences that are terminal in position or born axillary and are usually fragrant. There are 175 species belonging to genus *Cestrum* that are native to tropical America and Australia. In Pakistan four cultivated species of the genus *Cestrum* exists, that includes *C. aurantiacum*, *C. diurnum*, *C. nocturnum*, and *C. parqui* [2]. They are commonly known as *Cestrum* or jessamine due to their fragrant flowers. *Cestrum nocturnum* is commonly called night-blooming jessamine (Raat ki Rani) [2-4]. *Cestrum nocturnum* leaf and flower, if ingested cause uneasiness in animals which may lead to severe gastroenteritis and is larvicidal [5]. The toxicity was assigned to the derivatives of tigenin, tigonin [6, 7] and ursolic acid [8]. The essential oil has demonstrated high disease inhibition efficiency on greenhouse-grown pepper plants [9]. The antimicrobial potential was also reported [10]. Alkaloids, saponins, phenolic compounds, tannins, and flavonoids are reported from the species [6]. Some interesting and high molecular weight saponins have been isolated from the species. Phytochemicals from this genus exhibit wide range of pharmacological significances in skin disorders and treating arterial hypotension. They are also used as antiviral, analgesic, abortive, diuretic, antispasmodic, dyspeptic, smooth muscle relaxant, negative inotropic and chronotropic agent [11-13].

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In the course of phytochemical investigations, we isolated a new triterpene glycoside, along with two reported glycosides nocturnoside A [14] and karativoside A [15]. The new structure is a bisdesmosidic glycoside of oleanolic acid [16] with one sugar unit attached at C-3 and other oligosaccharide units to C-28.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A white amorphous powder (32 mg) was isolated from *iso*-butanol fraction of *Cestrum nocturnum* and its molecular formula was determined as $C_{58}H_{94}O_{26}$ (calcd for $C_{58}H_{93}O_{26}$ 1205.342) $[M-H]^+$ from FAB mass spectrum. Its melting point was 205–215 °C. Hum-IV showed broad absorption peaks λ_{max} 3360 and 1040 cm^{-1} in the IR spectrum indicating the glycosidic nature of the compound [17, 18]. The (-ve)-FAB-MS showed a $[M-H]^-$ at m/z 1205.35 and prominent fragments at m/z 1043 $[(M-H)-162]^-$ (cleavage of a hexose unit), 881 $[M-H-(162 \times 2)]^-$ (cleavage of two hexoses) and 587 $[(M-H)-(162 \times 3)-132]^-$ (three hexoses and one pentose unit). The fragment ion peak at 455 was assigned to the aglycone after the cleavage of three hexose units and two pentose units $[(M-H)-(162 \times 3)-132-132]^-$.

The oleanane-type triterpenoid saponin nature of the isolated compound was revealed through analysis of its spectral features. Seven methyl groups (δ_H 0.70, δ_H 0.90, δ_H 0.94, δ_H 1.05, δ_H 1.25, δ_H 1.45, δ_H 1.48) and vinylic H-12 proton (a multiplet at δ_H 5.32) were observed in the 1H -NMR (400.13 MHz, pyridine- d_5) spectrum. ^{13}C -NMR (125 MHz, pyridine- d_5) showed that the aglycone had seven methyl carbons at δ_C 15.10, δ_C 16.31, δ_C 17.30, δ_C 18.30, δ_C 20.41, δ_C 21.80 and δ_C 23.19, two olefinic carbons at δ_C 121.80 (CH) and δ_C 140.03 (C) and one carbonyl carbon at 178.80 (Table 1).

Table 1. ^{13}C and 1H spectral data of Hum-IV from one and two dimensional experiments.

S. No.	^{13}C	δ_C	DEPT	Multiplicity	δ_H	HMBC connectivity
1	1	39.71	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	(1 α) 0.92, (1 β) 1.71	2 α (1.48), 2 β (1.67)
2	2	26.02	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	(2 α) 1.48, (2 β) 1.67	1 α (0.92), 1 β (1.71), 3 α (4.53)
3	3	81.10	CH	<i>m</i>	(3 α) 4.53	2 α (1.28), Gal 1 (4.93), 1 β (1.71),
4	4	40.53	C	----	--	--
5	5	50.16	CH	<i>m</i>	(5 α) 0.95	H-9 (1.7), H-24 (0.8)
6	6	21.16	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	(6 α) 1.20, (6 β) 1.45	(7 α) 1.65, H-5 (0.95)
7	7	32.16	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	(7 α) 1.28, (7 β) 1.65	(6 α) 1.45, (5 α) 0.95
8	8	40.43	C	----	--	--
9	9	47.50	CH	<i>m</i>	1.28	H-11 (1.83)
10	10	37.90	C	----	--	--
11	11	32.16	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	(11 α) 1.78, (11 β) 1.83	H-9 (1.28), H-12 (5.32)
12	12	121.80	CH	<i>m</i>	5.32	11 α (1.83),
13	13	140.03	C	----	--	--
14	14	56.49	C	----	--	--
15	15	29.69	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	(15 α) 1.25, (15 β) 1.55	H-16 α (1.30), 16 β (1.44)
16	16	24.07	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	(16 α) 1.30, (16 β) 1.44	15 β (1.55), H-18 (4.40)
17	17	45.12	C	----	--	--
18	18	41.50	CH	<i>m</i>	4.40	1.67
19	19	39.74	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	1.67, 2.78	H-18 (4.40), H ₃ -30 (1.25)
20	20	40.00	C	<i>s</i>	--	--
21	21	32.16	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	(21 α) 1.48, (21 β) 1.50	H-30 (1.25), H-22 α (1.80)
22	22	30.67	CH ₂	<i>m</i>	(22 α) 1.80, (22 β) 1.85	H-21 α (1.65),
23	23	29.15	CH ₃	<i>s</i>	1.25	(3 α) 4.53, H-5 (0.95), H-24 (0.82)
24	24	16.31	CH ₃	<i>s</i>	1.12	H-23 (1.57)
25	25	15.00	CH ₃	<i>s</i>	0.90	
26	26	17.30	CH ₃	<i>s</i>	0.70	H-7, H-9
27	27	18.30	CH ₃	<i>s</i>	1.45	H-15, H-13
28	28	178.81	C	--	--	--

29	29	20.41	CH ₃	<i>s</i>	0.94	H-30 (1.48), H-21 α (1.65)
30	30	23.19	CH ₃	<i>s</i>	1.25	H-19 (1.70), H-21 α (1.65), H-21 β (1.68)
31	Xyl.					
32	1	105.39	CH	<i>d, J = 7.6 hz</i>	5.12	Xyl. H-2 (4.52)
33	2	72.66	CH		4.52	H-3 (4.53), H-1 (5.12)
34	3	81.08	CH		4.53	H-2 (4.52)
35	4	68.19	CH		4.80	H-3 (4.53), H-5 β (4.30)
36	5	67.23	CH ₂		(Xyl H-5 α) 3.64 (Xyl H-5 β) 4.30	H-4 (4.80)
37	Ara.					
38	1	103.29	CH	<i>t, distorted</i>	5.55	Ara. H-2 (4.13)
39	2	87.69	CH		4.13	Ara. H-1 (5.55), H-3 (3.78)
40	3	70.05	CH		3.78	Ara. H-2 (4.13), H-4 (4.38)
41	4	68.15	CH		4.38	Ara. H-3 (3.78), Ara. H-5 α (4.20), H-5 β (4.15)
42	5	60.61	CH ₂		(H-5 α) 4.20 (H-5 β) 4.15	Ara. H-4 (4.38)
43	Gal.					
44	1	103.91	CH	<i>d, J = 7.1 Hz</i>	4.93	Gal H-2 (4.58),
45	2	79.0	CH		4.58	Gal H-1 (4.93), H-3 (4.41), Glc H-1 (5.18)
46	3	69.0	CH		4.41	Gal H-4 (4.29)
47	4	80.55	CH		4.29	Gal H-3 (4.41), H-5 (4.10)
48	5	75.0	CH		4.10	Gal H-6 (4.45)
49	6	68.0	CH ₂		(Gal H-6 α) 4.45 (Gal H-6 β) 4.13	Gal H-5 (4.10)
50	Glc.					
51	1	104.81	CH	<i>d, J = 7.6 Hz</i>	5.10	Glc H-2 (4.08), Gal H-4 (4.29)
52	2	74.92	CH		4.08	Glc H-1 (5.10), Glc H-3 (4.10)
53	3	78.44	CH		4.10	Glc H-4 (3.88)
54	4	70.01	CH		3.88	Glc H-3 (4.10)
55	5	78.00	CH		4.08	(Glc. H-6 α) 4.48, (Glc. H-6 β) 4.62
56	6	62.30	CH ₂		4.48 4.62	(Glc. H-5) 4.08
57	Glc. I					
58	1	104.28	CH	<i>d, J = 7.7Hz</i>	5.18	(Glc. H-2) 4.05, (Gal. H-2) 4.58
59	2	74.74	CH		4.05	(Glc. H-1) 5.18, (Glc. H-3) 4.15
60	3	78.20	CH		4.15	Glc' H-4 (4.18)
61	4	71.42	CH		4.18	Glc' H-5 (3.98)
62	5	78.41	CH		3.98	Glc' H-6 β (4.26), Glc' H-6 α (4.51)
63	6	62.46	CH ₂		(Gal' H-6 α) 4.51 (Gal' H-6 β) 4.26	Glc' H-5 (3.98)

Bidesmosidic nature of the glycoside was established due to the upfield chemical shift at C-28 and the absence of the distinguished carboxyl proton signal at δ_{H} 10-12, in the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum [19].

Five monosaccharide unites were indicated through easily distinguishable signals of the anomeric carbons resonating at δ_{C} 105.39, δ_{C} 103.29, δ_{C} 103.91, δ_{C} 104.81 and δ_{C} 104.28, having anomeric protons resonating at δ_{H} 5.12 (*d, J = 7.6 Hz*), δ_{H} 5.55 (a distorted triplet), δ_{H} 4.93 (*d, J = 7.1 Hz*), δ_{H} 5.10 (*d, J = 7.6 Hz*) and δ_{H} 5.18 (*d, J = 7.7 Hz*), respectively. β -Linkage was assigned to all the anomeric protons. The spectra were solved with the help of *J*-resolve. Very fruitful correlation observations were interpreted from the HMBC spectrum of the compound. The methyl (CH₃) protons at C-29 (δ_{H} 0.94) showed a strong correlation to carbons at position 19 (δ_{C} 39.74), 20 (δ_{C} 40.00) and 21 (δ_{C} 32.16). A very prominent correlation was

detected for the vinylic proton (δ_{H} 5.32) with carbon 11 (δ_{C} 32.16). The methyl group at position 24 (δ_{H} 1.05) displayed a correlation with C-4 (δ_{C} 40.53) and C-3 (δ_{C} 81.10). C-27 was distinguished from the carbon 26, with the help of the correlations it made with C-13 (δ_{C} 140.03) and C-15 (δ_{C} 29.69) in the HMBC spectrum [20].

The assignments for the vinylic H-12 proton at δ_{H} 5.32 was confirmed by its COSY-45° correlations with H-11 α (δ_{H} 1.78) and H-11 β (δ_{H} 1.83), and in turn the protons at C-11 are showing coupling with H-9 (δ_{H} 1.28). The assignments of protons at position 19 were confirmed by their interactions with H-18 α (δ_{H} 4.40) and H₃-29 (δ_{H} 0.94) [19].

In 2D-COSY interactions, cross-relations between the anomeric protons (Xyl H₁ (δ_{H} 5.12), Gal H-1 (4.93), Glc H-1 (5.10) and Glc' H-1 (5.18)) and the adjacent vicinal protons (Xyl H-2, Gal H-2, Glc H-2 and Glc I H-2) were observed as doublets ($J = 7.6, 7.1, 7.6$ and 7.7 Hz). A distorted triplet was observed for the arabinose anomeric proton at δ_{H} 5.55. The chemical shifts of the anomeric carbons and the respectively coupled protons were obtained by using HMQC and HMBC experimental techniques. In the end, 2D-COSY experiments authenticated all the assignments allotted to the atoms in the structure (Figure 1).

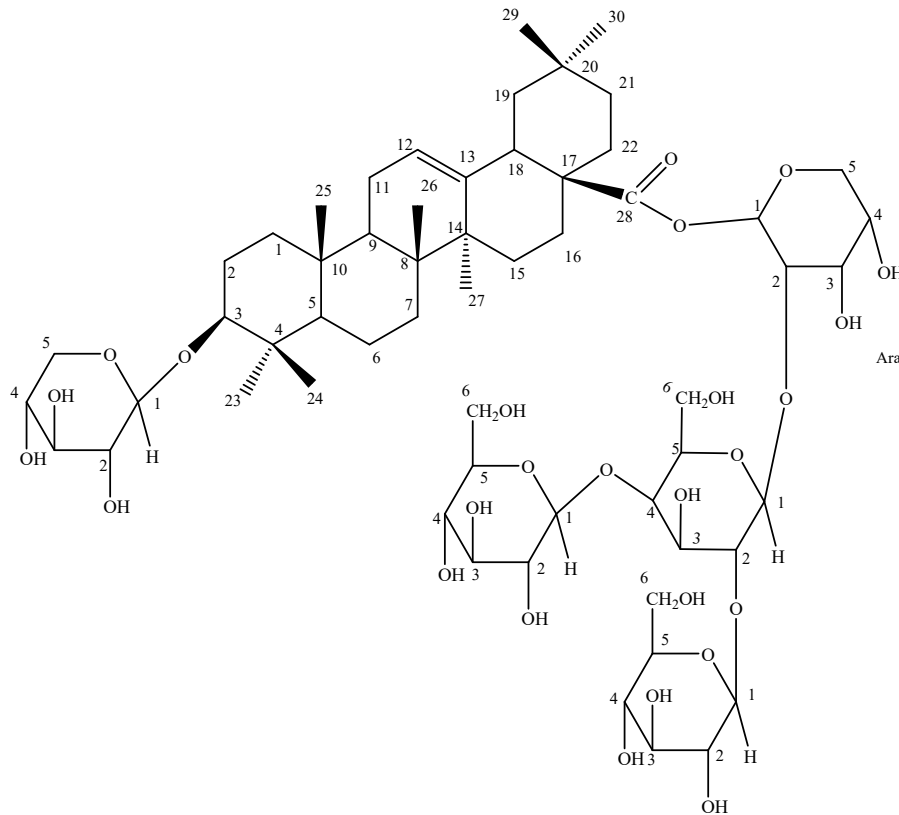


Figure 1. 3-*O*- β -D-xylopyranoside-olean-12-en-28-oic acid-28-*O*- β -arabinopyranosyl-(1-3)- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1-2)- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1-4)- β -D-glucopyranosyl ester.

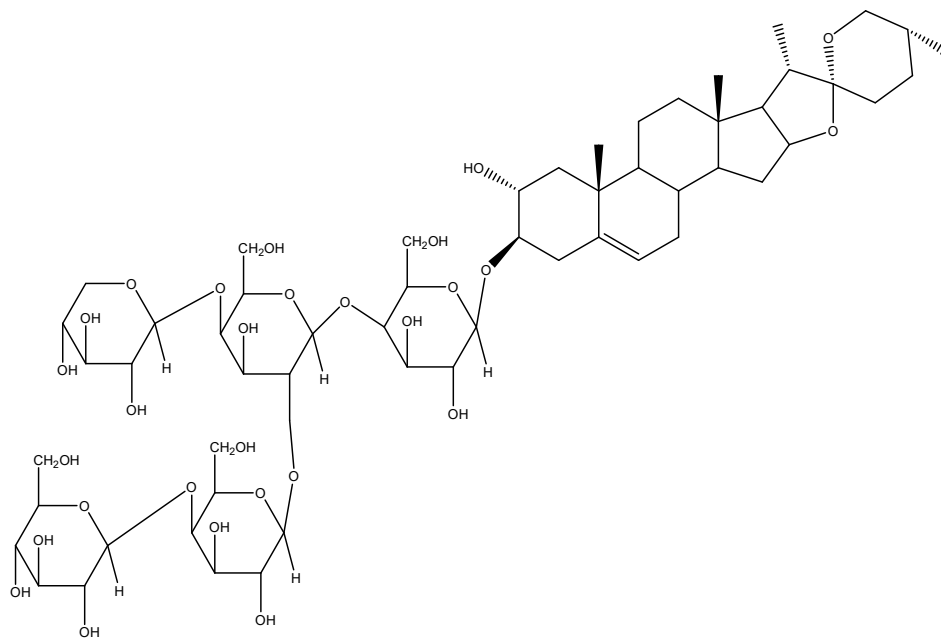
For the identification of monosaccharide, acid hydrolysis of the compound was performed with 20% HCl. The sugars were identified as xylose, arabinose, galactose and glucose on the basis of paper chromatography using ninhydrin as visualizing agent [1].

Two other compounds nocturnoside A and karativoside A were also isolated from the plant. All the spectroscopic techniques were applied and the structures of were confirmed by comparing the spectra with the reported data (Figure 2).

EXPERIMENTAL

Cestrum nocturnum leaves were shade dried crushed and then extracted with methanol. The dried methanolic extract was partitioned with various solvents having different polarities, including, n-hexane, ethyl acetate and *iso*-butanol. The butanolic fraction was passed through vacuum liquid chromatography, using ethyl acetate-hexane (EtAc/Hex) and then ethanol and ethyl acetate (EtOH/EtAc) mixed in various proportions and different fractions were collected from 17- 45.

From fraction 32-34 two compounds were isolated using prep-TLC in BAW (butanol: acetic acid: water) 12:3:2 (Figure 2b). Fractions 37-42 were combined (11.61 g) and subjected to column chromatography. The column was eluted with hexane, EtAc/Hxn, EtAc, EtOH/EtAc, EtOH and MeOH. Fractions from 1-50 were obtained. Fraction 22 was concentrated and on Prep-TLC (12:3:2 BAW) gave a pure compound (Figure 1). Fraction 23 gave a pure compound, white ppt. (Figure 2a). Scheme 1 shows the isolation of various compounds from *Cestrum nocturnum*.



Nocturnoside A

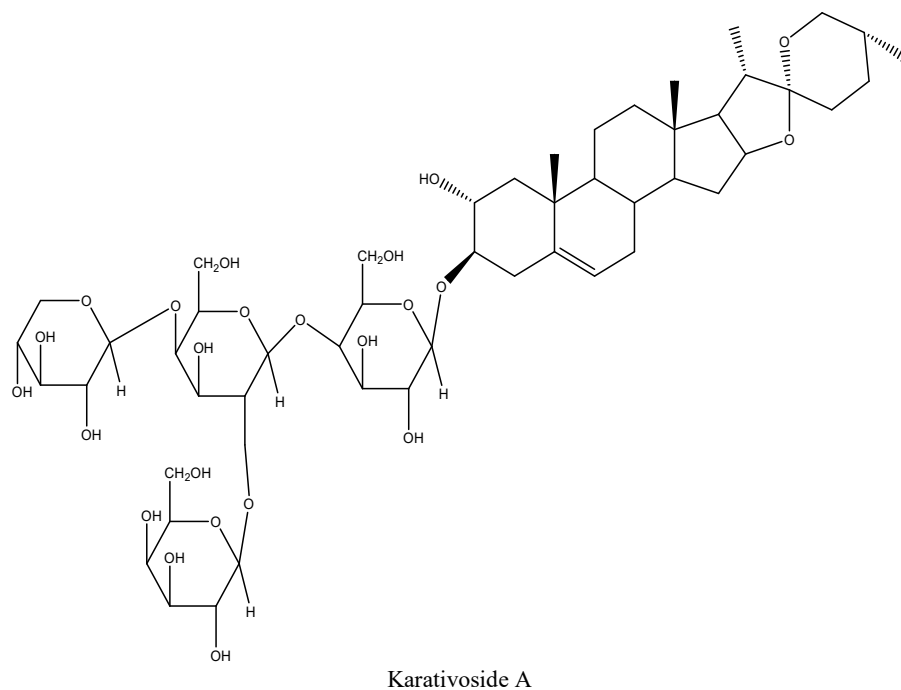
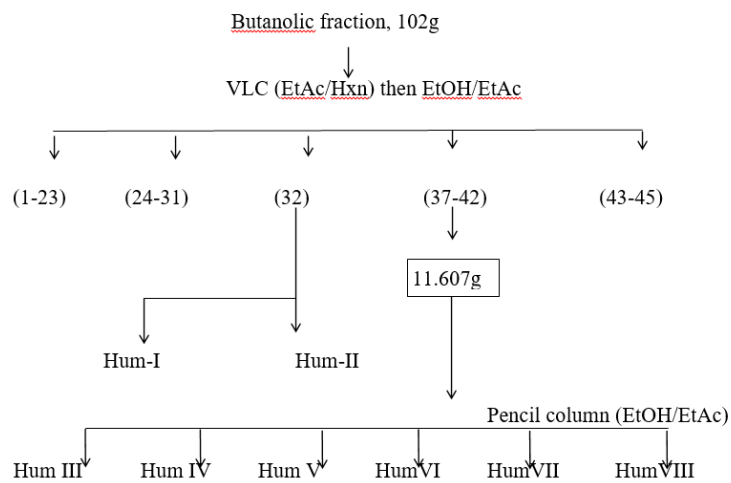


Figure 2. (a) Nocturnoside A and (b) karativoside A.

Scheme 1. Extraction and isolation of compounds from *Cestrum nocturnum*.

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