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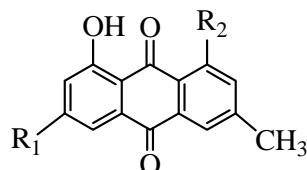
## CHARACTERISTIC OF MASS-SPECTROMETRIC FRAGMENTATION MOLECULAR IONS OF EMODINE AND ITS METHYL ETHERS

**Abstract.** The work is devoted to the mass-spectrometric study and comparative analysis of mass-spectrometric fragmentation of molecular ions of 1,6,8-trihydroxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (emodin) and its mono- and dimethyl ether. The influence of the substituent on the stability of molecular ions to ionization by electrons is considered, and schemes for their mass-spectrometric decay proposed. It is shown that the fragmentation of the derivatives depends on the location of the substituent in the anthraquinone system.

**Key words:** mass-spectrum, molecular ion, fragmentation, electron ionization, elimination, derivatives of 9,10-anthraquinone

Anthraquinones represent the most numerous group of natural quinones with diverse biological activity [1, 2]. Among them, one of the most common derivatives of 9,10-anthraquinone is emodin (1), which is identified not only in the free state, but in glycosidated, dimeric and condensed forms, in plants of such families as Rhamnaceae (Rhamnus, Maesopsis, Ventilage), Fabaceae (Cassia), Senna, Polygonaceae (Rheum, Rumex, Polygonum), Liliaceae (Aloe, Bulbine), Hypericaceae [3-8]. Modern studies have made it possible to establish, in addition to the laxative, also its antibacterial, vasorelaxant, cardiotonic, hepatoprotective and antitumor effects [9-12], and the ability of derivatives of emodin to inhibit the enzymatic activity of ATP-citrate lyase (ACL), a key player in the metabolism of cancer cells [13].

Considering the importance of the emodin derivatives (1) as biologically active compounds and continuing research into the mass spectrometric fragmentation of 9,10-anthraquinone derivatives [14-17]. This article is devoted to the analysis of the mass spectra of 1,6,8-trihydroxy-3 -methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (emodin) (1) and its methyl esters (2,3). The structure of the derivatives is presented below:



- 1 R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>-OH
- 2 R<sub>1</sub>- OCH<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>-OH
- 3 R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>

Table 1 shows the total mass spectra of emodin (1) and its methyl esters (2,3), and table 2 shows the data on the stability of MI ( $W_{mi}$ ) for ionization by electrons (IE), as well as the characteristic ions ( $F_1$ - $F_7$ ) from of the total ion current. From the data in table 1, it can be seen that for the anthraquinones studied the MI peak in the spectra is the maximum ( $I = 100\%$ ), and the MI stability to the IE ( $W_{mi}$ ) is in the range 11.9  $\div$  40.6% (table 2).

Table 1 – Mass spectra of 9,10-anthraquinone derivatives (1-3)

№	Compound	Mass spectrum: $M^+$ , m/z ( $I_{orc}$ %)*
1	1,6,8-Trihydroxy-3-Methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (emodin)	271 (17), $M^+$ 270 (100), 269 (2), 255 (2), 254 (2), 253 (3), 243 (2), 242 (14), 241 (9), 227 (1), 226 (1), 225 (3), 224 (1), 215 (1), 214 (7), 213 (10), 200 (3), 199 (2), 197 (4), 196 (3), 195 (1), 186 (2), 185 (5), 172 (1), 171 (2), 169 (2), 168 (5), 167 (2), 158 (1), 157 (2), 155 (1), 145 (1), 141 (1), 140 (2), 139 (8), 137 (2), 136 (1), 135 (3), 129 (2), 128 (4), 127 (3), 126 (1), 121 (4), 116 (1), 115 (5), 114 (1), 108 (1), 107 (2), 106 (2), 105 (2), 102 (1), 101 (1), 92 (2), 91 (1), 90 (1), 84 (4), 79 (2), 78 (2), 77 (5), 76 (2), 75 (2), 74 (2), 70 (2), 69 (7), 65 (2), 64 (2), 63 (4), 62 (2), 53 (2), 52 (2), 51 (6), 50 (2), 39 (4).
2	1,8-Dihydroxy-6-Methoxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (physcion) (emethine methyl ester)	286 (4), 285 (23), $M^+$ 284 (100), 283 (5), 269 (1), 267 (8), 257 (1), 256 (7), 255 (13), 254 (9), 253 (1), 242 (2), 241 (10), 239 (1), 237 (1), 228 (2), 227 (6), 226 (7), 225 (6), 214 (1), 213 (7), 212 (1), 211 (1), 210 (1), 199 (2), 198 (5), 197 (2), 195 (2), 185 (4), 184 (2), 167 (2), 139 (4), 129 (2), 128 (7), 127 (2), 115 (3), 106 (2), 105 (2), 79 (2), 78 (1), 77 (3), 76 (2), 75 (2), 63 (2), 51 (2), 28 (4).
3	1-Hydroxy-6,8-dimethoxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (emodin dimethyl ether)	300 (4), 299 (21), $M^+$ 298 (100), 297 (8), 295 (2), 285 (2), 284 (5), 283 (5), 282 (5), 281 (22), 280 (49), 279 (3), 271 (2), 270 (7), 269 (26), 268 (10), 267 (5), 266 (3), 265 (15), 256 (3), 255 (9), 254 (6), 253 (19), 252 (70), 251 (6), 250 (3), 249 (2), 248 (2), 242 (1), 241 (4), 240 (5), 239 (10), 238 (11), 237 (27), 236 (2), 229 (3), 228 (8), 227 (6), 226 (10), 225 (7), 224 (7), 223 (7), 222 (3), 213 (3), 212 (7), 211 (10), 210 (12), 209 (13), 208 (3), 207 (3), 199 (4), 198 (5), 197 (13), 196 (6), 195 (5), 194 (4), 185 (3), 184 (10), 183 (7), 182 (11), 181 (15), 169 (12), 168 (8), 167 (4), 166 (4), 165 (6), 157 (4), 156 (8), 155 (8), 154 (5), 153 (11), 152 (10), 151 (7), 150 (5), 141 (12), 140 (9), 139 (20), 138 (4), 135 (24), 129 (5), 128 (17), 127 (13), 126 (7), 119 (7), 115 (17), 113 (7), 106 (7), 102 (7), 101 (6), 99 (6), 98 (6), 91 (9).

**1,6,8-Trihydroxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (1).** In the mass spectrum of 1,6,8-trihydroxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (emodin) (2), the peak of MI has a maximum intensity ( $I = 100\%$ ), whose stability is  $W_{mi} = 35.2\%$  (table 2). The most intense peak of MI emodin (2) decays under the action of ionization by electrons (IE) along four directions and gives low-intensity ions (scheme 1).

Table 2 – Stability of molecular ions ( $W_{mi}$ ) and characteristic ions ( $F_1-F_7$ ) ( $W_f$ ) from the total ion current of anthraquinone derivatives (1-3)

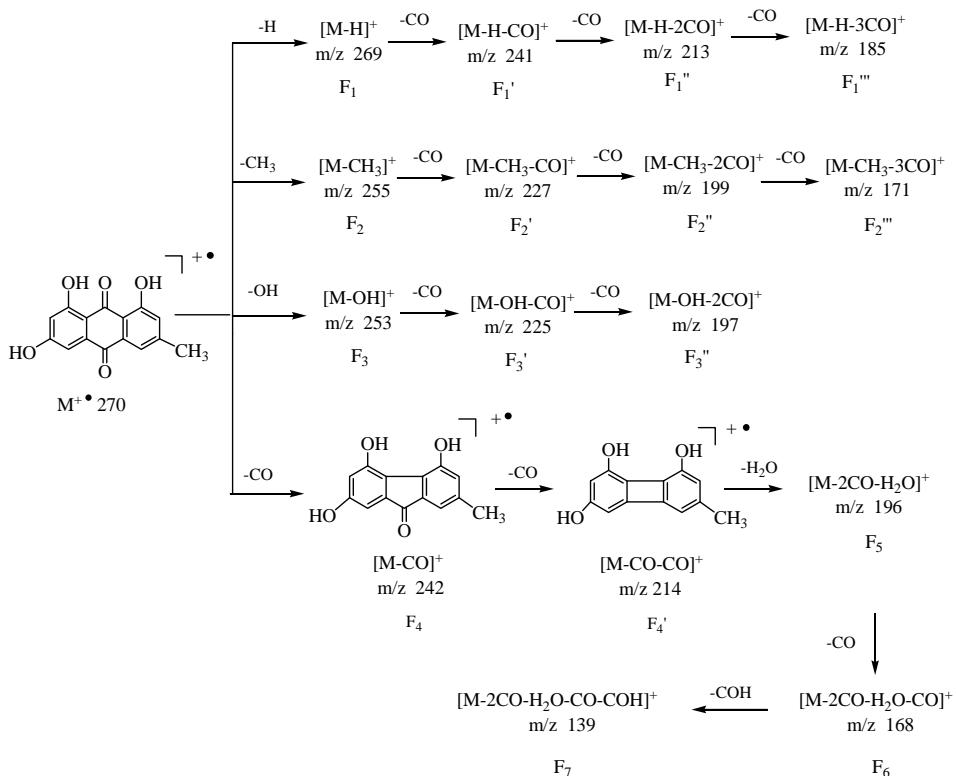
№	$W_{mi}$ , %	m/z ( $W_f$ , %)							
		$F_1 / F_1' - F_1'''$	$F_2 / F_2' - F_2'''$	$F_3 / F_3' - F_3'''$	$F_4 / F_4' - F_4'''$	$F_5 / F_5'$	$F_6 / F_6', F_6''$	$F_7$	
1	35,2	<u>269 (0,6)</u>	<u>255 (0,6)</u>	<u>253 (0,9)</u>	<u>242 (4,1)</u>	214 (2,0)	196 (0,9)	168 (1,5)	139 (2,4)
		<u>241 (2,7)</u>	<u>227 (0,3)</u>	<u>225 (0,9)</u>	<u>197 (1,2)</u>				
		<u>213 (3,0)</u>	<u>199 (0,6)</u>	<u>197 (1,2)</u>	<u>169 (0,6)</u>				
		185 (1,5)	171 (0,6)						
2	40,6	<u>283 (1,6)</u>	<u>269 (0,3)</u>	<u>267 (0,65)</u>		256 (2,3)	254 (3,0)	226 (2,3)	198 (1,6)
		<u>255 (4,2)</u>	<u>241 (3,2)</u>	<u>239 (0,3)</u>	<u>211 (0,3)</u>				
		<u>227 (1,9)</u>	<u>213 (2,2)</u>	<u>211 (0,3)</u>	<u>183 (0,3)</u>				
		199 (0,65)	185 (1,3)						
3	11,9	<u>297 (0,8)</u>	<u>281 (2,1)</u>	<u>280 (4,7)</u>	<u>265 (1,4)</u>	237 (2,6)	268 (0,9)	<u>255 (0,9)</u>	–
		269 (2,5)	253 (1,8)	252 (6,7)	209 (1,2)				

When hydrogen is lost, a peak of the ion  $F_1 [M-H]^+$  with m/z 269 ( $I = 2\%$ ) is formed, which successively loses three molecules of carbon monoxide, which leads to the appearance of the ions  $F_1' [M-H-CO]^+$  with m/z 241,  $F_1'' [M-H-CO-CO]^+$  with m/z 213 and  $F_1''' [M-H-CO-CO-CO]^+$  with m/z 185. The most intense, from the formed peaks, with  $I = 10\%$  is the peak of the ion  $F_1'' [M-H-CO-CO]^+$  with m/z 213 and with  $I = 9\%$  - the peak of the ion  $F_1' [M-H-CO]^+$  with m/z 241, and the intensity of the ion  $F_1''' [M-H-CO-CO-CO]^+$  is  $I = 5\%$  (table 1).

The second direction of MI fragmentation occurs when a methyl radical is lost with the formation of the  $F_2 [M-CH_3]^+$  ion with m/z 255. Further, the  $F_2 [M-CH_3]^+$  ion sequentially eliminates three CO molecules to form  $F_2' [M-CH_3-CO]^+$  with m/z 227,  $F_2'' [M-CH_3-CO-CO]^+$  with m/z 199 and  $F_2''' [M-CH_3-CO-CO-CO]^+$  with m/z 171, the intensity of the ions formed is  $I = 1-2\%$ .

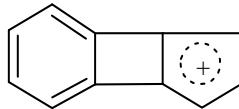
The third direction of fragmentation begins with the release of the OH group and the formation of the  $F_3 [M-OH]^+$  ion with m/z 253, from which the CO molecules are eliminated, which leads to  $F_3' [M-OH-CO]^+$  fragment ions with m/z 225,  $F_3'' [M-OH-CO-CO]^+$  with m/z 197 and  $F_3''' [M-OH-CO-CO-CO]^+$  with m/z 169, with intensity  $I = 2-4\%$  .

The fourth direction of MI disintegration proceeds analogously to the decay of MI 9,10-anthraquinone and is associated with the sequential elimination of the carbon monoxide molecule. The ions of 1,6,8-trihydroxy-3-methylfluorenone  $F_4 [M-CO]^{\bullet+}$  with m/z 242 ( $I = 14\%$ ) and 1,6,8-trihydroxy-3-methylbiphenylene are formed  $F_4' [M-CO-CO]^{\bullet+}$  with m/z 214 ( $I = 7\%$ ). The formed ion  $F_4'$ , in turn, can consecutively lose the water molecule (the ion  $F_5 [M-2CO-H_2O]^+$ , m/z 196), CO (ion  $F_6 [M-2CO-H_2O-CO]^+$ , m/z 168) and CHO (ion  $F_7 [M-2CO-H_2O-COOH]^+$ , m/z 139) due to reorganization processes, that is scrambling of hydrogen atoms due to migration and scrambling of carbon atoms as a result of valence isome-



Scheme 1 – Fragmentation of a molecular ion 1,6,8-trihydroxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (1)

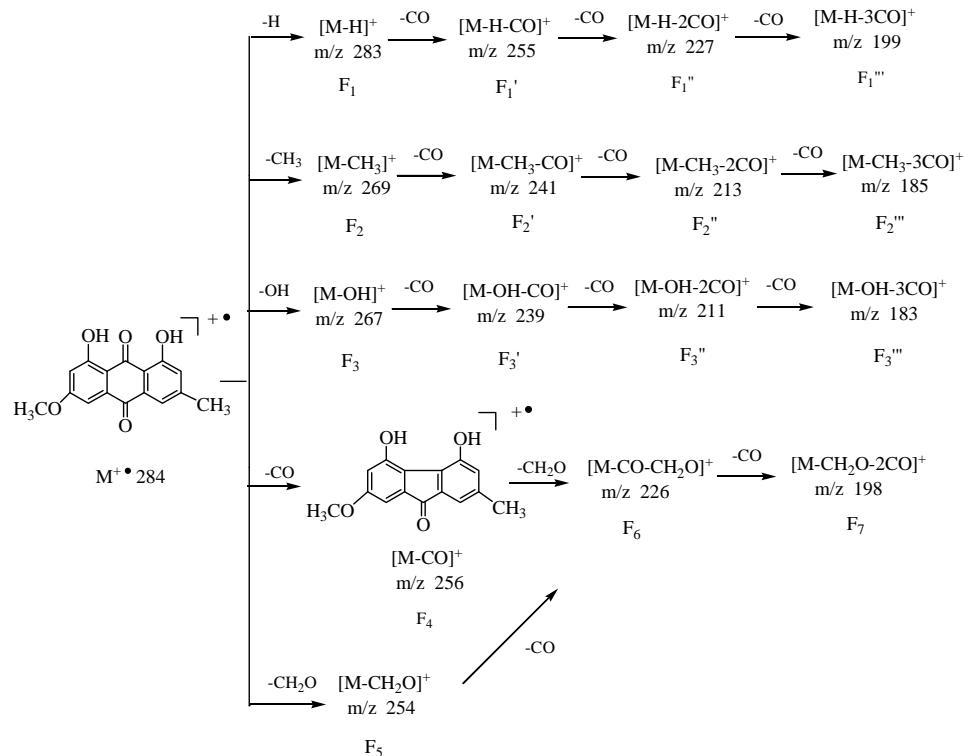
rism, as well as processes of randomization-displacement hydrogen atoms and carbon [18, 19]. Consequently, a significant peak with m/z 139 in the mass spectrum corresponds to the F<sub>7</sub> ion:

F<sub>7</sub>  $[M-2CO-H_2O-COH]^+$ , m/z 139

**1,8-Dihydroxy-6-methoxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (2).** The substitution of the β-hydroxyl group for the methoxy group in the molecule of emodin (1) in the case of β-methoxyemodine (physcion) (2) practically does not affect the character of the initial MI decay in the mass spectrum, but increases the stability of MI ( $W_{mi} = 40.6\%$ ) (table 2).

For the mass-spectrometric decomposition of 1,8-dihydroxy-6-methoxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (2), the original fragmentation of MI, as in the case of the emodin molecule (1), occurs as a result of the splitting off of the hydrogen

atom, OH and CO with the formation of primary fragment ions  $F_1 [M-H]^+$  with m/z 283,  $F_2 [M-CH_3]^+$  with m/z 269,  $F_3 [M-OH]^+$  with m/z 267 and  $F_4 [M-CO]^{+•}$  with m/z 256 (scheme 2).



Scheme 2 – Fragmentation of a molecular ion  
1,8-dihydroxy-6-methoxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (2)

A distinctive feature of the mass-spectrometric decay of MI (2), in contrast to the emodin spectrum (1), is the elimination of the formyl radical  $CH_2O$  and the formation of the fragment ion  $F_5 [M-CH_2O]^+•$  with m/z 254 (scheme 2). The intensity of the formed  $F_1-F_5$  ions is  $I = 5-9\%$  (table 1). The further decay of the fragment ions  $F_1 [M-H]^+$  with m/z 283,  $F_2 [M-CH_3]^+$  with m/z 269 and  $F_3 [M-OH]^+$  occurs by successive elimination of carbon monoxide molecules, which leads to the formation of ions  $F_1' [M-H-CO]^+$  with m/z 255,  $F_1'' [M-H-CO-CO]^+$  with m/z 227,  $F_2' [M-CH_3-CO]^+$  with m/z 241,  $F_3' [M-OH-CO]^+$  with m/z 239,  $F_3'' [M-OH-CO-CO]^+$  with m/z 211. The most intense of these are  $F_1'$  ( $I = 13\%$ ) and  $F_2$  ( $I = 10\%$ ).

It is possible to eliminate the formyl radical  $CH_2O$  from the  $F_4 [M-CO]^{+•}$  m/z 256 fragment with the formation of the  $F_6 [M-CO-CH_2O]^+$  ion with m/z 226 ( $I = 7\%$ ). The  $F_6$  ion can also arise from the  $F_5$  ion, after the elimination of the carbon monoxide molecule. The emission of a CO molecule from the  $F_6$

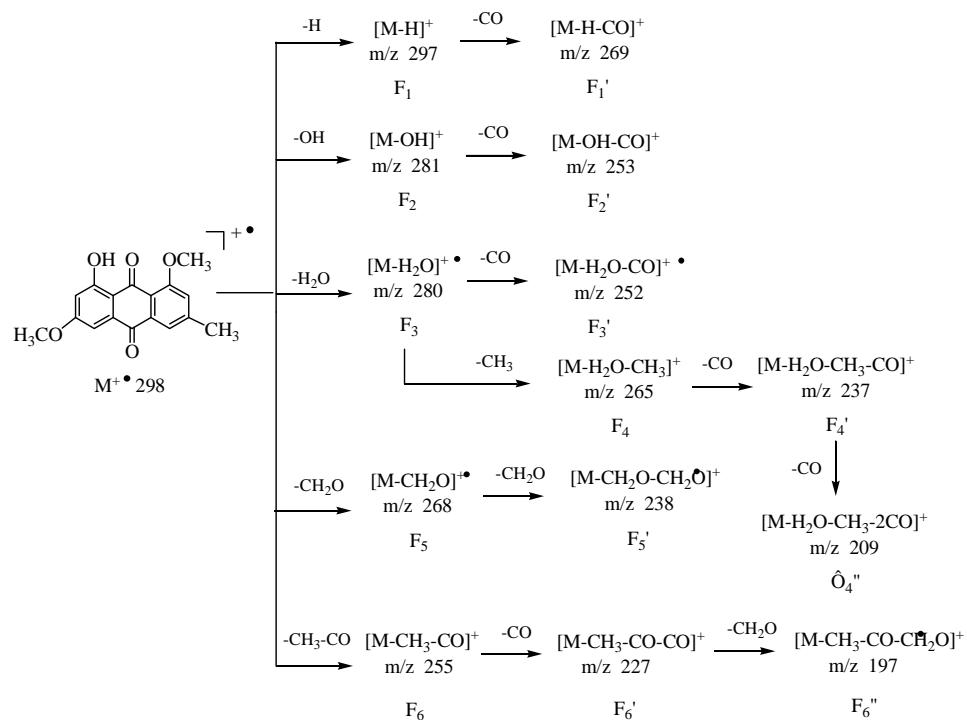
[M-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> ion with m/z 226 leads to the pairing of the F<sub>7</sub> [M-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>O-CO]<sup>+</sup> ion with m/z 198 (I = 5%).

**1-Hydroxy-6,8-dimethoxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (3).** The replacement of one  $\alpha$ -hydroxyl group with an electron-donor methoxy group does not affect the intensity of MI of compound (3), which is I = 100% (table 1), but sharply decreases its stability - W<sub>mi</sub> = 11.9% (table 2). Due to the diversity of the MI decay channels, in the mass spectrum, multiple peaks of fragment ions are observed.

For 1-methoxyanthraquinone, the main direction of the mass-spectral decomposition of MI is the elimination of the carbon monoxide molecule to form the ion fragment F<sub>1</sub> (m/z 210), from which the methyl radical and CO, as well as the separation of H, HCO and CH<sub>2</sub>O, [M-H]<sup>+</sup>, [M-HCO]<sup>+</sup> and [M-CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> respectively [14]. The replacement of one  $\alpha$ -hydroxyl group with a methoxy group in the case of the derivative (3) sharply changes the picture of the MI decay, in comparison with the mass spectrum of the phycion (2). In the case of mass-spectrometric fragmentation of 1-hydroxy-6,8-dimethoxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (3), primary MI decays occur as a result of the splitting off of the hydrogen atom, OH, H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>O and the group of COCH<sub>3</sub> atoms, of the primary fragment ions F<sub>1</sub> [M-H]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 297, F<sub>2</sub> [M-OH]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 281, F<sub>3</sub> [M-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> c m/z 280, F<sub>5</sub> [M-CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 268, F<sub>6</sub> [M-CO-CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 255 (scheme 3). The most intense peaks in the spectrum are due to the release of the water molecule - F<sub>3</sub> [M-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 280 (I = 49%) and OH- F<sub>2</sub> [M-OH]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 281 (I = 22 %) (table 1).

Further, the ions F<sub>1</sub>-F<sub>3</sub> and F<sub>6</sub> eliminate the CO molecule, with the formation of the secondary fragment ions F<sub>1'</sub> [M-H-CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 269, F<sub>2'</sub> [M-OH-CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 253, F<sub>3'</sub> [M-H<sub>2</sub>O-CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 252 and F<sub>6'</sub> [M-CO-CH<sub>3</sub>-CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 227, and in the case of the F<sub>5</sub> ion [M-CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> c m/z 268, another formyl group of CH<sub>2</sub>O eliminates to form the radical cation F<sub>5'</sub> [M-CH<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 238. The most intense peaks correspond to the ions F<sub>1'</sub> [M-H-CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z = 269 (I = 26%), F<sub>2'</sub> [M-OH-CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 253 (I = 19%) and F<sub>3'</sub> [M-H<sub>2</sub>O-CO]<sup>+</sup> c m/z 252 (I = 70%) (table 1). The fragment ion F<sub>3</sub> can also consecutively lose the methyl group and carbon monoxide molecules to form the F<sub>4</sub> ion [M-H<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 265 (I=15%), F<sub>4'</sub> [M-H<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>3</sub>-CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 237 (I = 27%) and F<sub>4''</sub> [M-H<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>3</sub>-2CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 209 (I = 13%). The secondary ion F<sub>6'</sub> [M-CO-CH<sub>3</sub>-CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 227 due to the loss of the formyl group CH<sub>2</sub>O forms the fragment ion F<sub>6''</sub> [M-CO-CH<sub>3</sub>-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 197 (I = 13%).

Thus, an analysis of the mass-spectral decomposition of MI of the group of derivatives considered showed that if the decomposition of 1,8-dihydroxyanthraquinone (1) is associated with the successive elimination of two carbon monoxide molecules to form the cation of dihydroxyfluorenone with m/z 212 (I = 15%) and dihydroxybiphenylene F<sub>2</sub> [M-CO-CO]<sup>+</sup> with m/z 184 (I = 16%), the fragmentation of the derivatives (2,3) depends on the position of the substituent in the anthraquinone system. In the case of mass-spectrometric decomposition of emodin (1), in the region of high mass numbers, several low-intensity peaks of the



Scheme 3 – Fragmentation of a molecular ion  
1-hydroxy-6,8-dimethoxy-3-methyl-9,10-anthraquinone (3)

characteristic ions associated with the initial decay of MI can be identified as a result of the splitting off of the hydrogen atom,  $CH_3$ , OH and CO with formation of primary fragment ions  $F_1$   $[M-H]^{+}$ ,  $F_2$   $[M-CH_3]^{+}$ ,  $F_3$   $[M-OH]^{+}$  and  $F_4$   $[M-CO]^{+\bullet}$ . The main direction of the decomposition of stable MI of emodin (1) ( $I = 100\%$ ,  $W_{mi} = 35.2\%$ ) is the consecutive elimination of CO molecules by the "anthraquinone" type with the formation of the radical cation 1,6,8-trihydroxy-3-methyl-fluorenone  $F_4$   $[M-CO]^{+\bullet}$  with  $m/z$  242 ( $I = 14\%$ ) and 1,6,8-trihydroxy-3-methyl-biphenylene  $F_4'$   $[M-CO-CO]^{+\bullet}$  with  $m/z$  214 ( $I = 7\%$ ). MI physcion (2) decays with EI mainly by sequential ejection from MI of a hydrogen atom and two CO molecules, and for a dimethoxy derivative (3), the underlying direction of decomposition is the consecutive loss of  $H_2O$  and CO molecules. The replacement of one or two hydroxyl groups by the methoxy group in compounds (2,3) causes the appearance of yet another direction of fragmentation associated with the elimination of the formyl radical  $CH_2O$ . As in the case of the previously considered methoxy derivatives of 9,10-anthraquinone [14, 17], substitution of the  $\alpha$ -hydroxyl group by the methoxy group reduces the stability of MI to ionization by electrons. So, if the stability of the MI physcion (2) is  $W_{mi} = 40.6\%$ , then its  $\alpha$ -methyl ester (3) -  $W_{mi} = 11.9\%$  (Table 2). The low stability of the MI compound (3) promotes the diversity of the MI decay channels, which is reflected in the mass

spectrum of the derivative by the presence of a large number of peaks of fragment ions.

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#### **ЭМОДИН ЖӘНЕ ОНЫҚ МЕТИЛ ЭФИРЛЕРІНІҢ МОЛЕКУЛАЛЫҚ ИОНДАРЫНЫҢ МАСС-СПЕКТРОМЕТРИЯЛЫҚ ФРАГМЕНТАЦИЯСЫНЫҢ СИПАТТАМАСЫ**

Зерттеу жұмыс 1,6,8-үшгидрокси-3-метил-9,10-антрахинонның (эмодиннің) және оның кейбір метил эфирилерінің масс-спектрометриялық зерттеуінде молекуларлық иондарының масс-спектрометралды фрагментациясының салыстырмалы талдауына арналған. Караптырылған қосылыстар топтарына МИ қарқынды шыңы сипатты және оның тұрақтылығы  $W_{\text{ми}}=11,9\div40,6\%$  құбылту мөлшерінде екені көрсетілген. Молекуларлық иондардың (МИ) ионизациялау электрондармен (ИЭ) мықтылығына орынбасардың әсері қаралған және олардың масс-спектрометралды ыдырау кестесі ұсынылған. Тұындылардың фрагментациясы орынбасардың антрахинон системасында орналасқан орнына тәуелділігі көргелтілген. Эмодин молекуласының МИ бастапқы фрагментациясы сутегі атомы,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{OH}$  және  $\text{CO}$  бөліну нәтижесінде жүреді, ал оның метокситуындилары және формил радикалының  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  элиминирленуі сипатты.

**Түйін сөздер:** масс-спектр, молекуларлық ион, фрагментациялау, электрондық ионизациялау, элиминирлеу, 9,10-антрахинон тұындылары.

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#### **ХАРАКТЕРИСТИКА МАСС-СПЕКТРОМЕТРИЧЕСКОЙ ФРАГМЕНТАЦИИ МОЛЕКУЛЯРНЫХ ИОНОВ ЭМОДИНА И ЕГО МЕТИЛОВЫХ ЭФИРОВ**

Работа посвящена масс-спектральному исследованию и сравнительному анализу масс-спектральной фрагментации молекулярных ионов 1,6,8-дигидрокси-3-метил-9,10-антрахинона (эмодина) и его метиловых эфиров. Показано, что для рассматриваемой группы соединений характерен интенсивный пик МИ, а его стабильность варьируется в пределах  $11,9\div40,6\%$ . Рассмотрено влияние заместителя на устойчивость молекулярных ионов к ионизации электронами и предложены схемы их масс-спектрального распада. Показано, что фрагментация производных зависит от расположения заместителя в антрахиноновой системе. Первоначальная фрагментация МИ молекулы эмодина происходит в результате отщепления атома водорода,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{OH}$  и  $\text{CO}$ , а для его метоксипроизводных характерно также элиминирование формильного радикала  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ .

**Ключевые слова:** масс-спектр, молекулярный ион, фрагментация, электронная ионизация, элиминирование, производные 9,10-антрахинона.