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Constituents of the Seed of *Malva verticillata*. II. Characterization of Two Novel Neutral Polysaccharides*

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Two novel minor polysaccharides, designated as MVS-IIA and MVS-IIG, were isolated from the seeds of *Malva verticillata*. L. by affinity chromatography with Con A-Sepharose. Each polysaccharide was homogeneous on gel chromatography and glass-fiber paper electrophoresis. Gel chromatography gave values of 57000 and 10400 for the molecular weights of MVS-IIA and MVS-IIG, respectively.

MVS-IIA is composed of L-arabinose: D-galactos: D-mannose in the molar ratio of 14:28:1, and MVS-IIG is composed of D-glucose: D-galactose: D-mannose in the molar ratio of 10:1:1.

The results of methylation analysis and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra of the polysaccharides suggested that the minimal repeating unit of MVS-IIA is composed of six terminal α -L-arabinofuranose, eight 1,5-linked α -L-arabinofuranose, three terminal β -D-galactopyranose, fifteen 1,3-linked β -D-galactopyranose, ten 3,6-branched β -D-galactopyranose, and one terminal α -D-mannopyranose. The results also suggested that the repeating unit of MVS-IIG is composed of one terminal α -D-glucopyranose, seven 1,4-linked α -D-glucopyranose, two 4,6-branched α -D-glucopyranose, one 1,3-linked α -D-galactopyranose, and one terminal α -D-mannopyranose.

The controlled Smith degradation of MVS-IIA resulted in complete elimination of the sugar residues located at side chains in the molecule. It may be concluded that MVS-IIA contains the unit shown in Chart 1. The presence of α -D-mannopyranosyl terminal residues is especially unique.

MVS-IIG is apparently an amylopectin-type glucan. However, the average length of unit chains in it is very short. The presence of terminal α -D-mannopyranose units and 1,3-linked α -D-galactopyranosyl residues is an additional unique feature of MVS-IIG as a glucan of this type.

$$[\longrightarrow 3 \ \beta\text{-D-Gal} p \ 1 \longrightarrow]_a [\longrightarrow 6 \ \beta\text{-D-Gal} p \ 1 \longrightarrow]_b$$
side chains A, B, C

Chart 1. Structural Unit of MVS-IIA

Side chain A, α -L-Araf 1 \rightarrow [5 α -L-Araf 1 \rightarrow] $_c$; side chain B, β -D-Galp 1 \rightarrow [5 α -L-Araf 1 \rightarrow] $_d$; side chain C, α -D-Manp 1 \rightarrow [5 α -L-Araf 1 \rightarrow] $_e$ a: b=3:2, a+b=25, 6c+3d+e=8, side chain A: side chain B: side chain C=6:3:1.

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