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Biologically Degradable Labelled Esters of Triterpenic Acids

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Triterpenes are natural substances obtained by isolation from common species of plants and fruits. Together with its semisynthetic derivatives, have different biological effects such as analgesic, antibacterial, antios-teoporotic, antihypertensive, antimicrobial, diuretic, antiviral, hepatoprotective, anti-inflammatory or a wide range of antitumor activities.

From this perspective are interesting lupane, oleanane, ursane and taraxastane derivatives. The well-known representatives of these compounds are betulin and betulinic acid. In order to increase the cytotoxic activity and retain good chemical and pharmacological properties of these compounds were prepared their esters. As most beneficial appears acetoxymethyl-esteric group because the cytotoxic activity of these compounds is comparable or even higher than the starting acid. For these reasons could be acetoxymethyl esters suitable prodrug and suitable candidates for the selective labelling.¹

In this work were selective labelled acetoxymethylesters of oleanolic, ursolic, morolic and heterobetulinic acids. For this labelling were used hydrogen isotopes and was accomplished by reduction of ketones of previously prepared acetoxymethylesters using NaB[²H]4 or NaB[³H]4.²

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