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BACKGROUND

In recent years, diabetes has become a common disease. Accounting for roughly 90% to 95% of all diabetes cases worldwide, type-2 diabetes is affecting 246 million worldwide and its incidence and serious complications continue to grow rapidly. Patients with type 2 diabetes suffer from different serious complications such as high blood pressure, blindness, kidney failure, heart disease and stroke.

METHOD

- Chloroform, ethanol and water extracts were evaluated for α -glucosidase and α amylase inhibitory activity.
- The most active extracts were investigated on analytical-scale HPLC.
- Samples were fractionated into 96-well microplates, followed by α -glucosidase¹ and α -amylase² inhibition assaying of each well.

AIM OF THE STUDY

Vietnam is a tropical country with more than 10.000 plant species, many of which have been long used as folk remedies for the treatment of diseases. 18 medicinal plants traditionally used for the management of diabetes were collected for the investigation of the non-tannin compounds able to cure type 2 diabetes.





Ludwigia octavalvis Phyllanthus urinaria Phyllanthus amarus Phyllanthus reticulatus

Euphorbia hirta



Nepenthes mirabilis







Scorparia dulcis

Cassia fistula Cardiospermum halicacabum Syzygium cumini Lagerstroemia speciosa Mirabilis jalapa









Kandelia candel Pandanus odoratissimius Ficus racemosa Pithecellobium dulce Rhizophora mucronata Morinda citrifolia

- High-resolution biochromatograms constructed from these assays allowed fast identification of active compounds.
- Subsequent HPLC and NMR experiments will allow isolation and structural elucidation.



Figure 1. Flowchart of the procedure used in this work

HIGH-RESOLUTION BIOCHROMATOGRAMS

P. amarus, P. urinaria, and L. speciosa water extracts and F. racemosa ethanol

BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION

Ethanol and water extracts of P. amarus, P. urinaria, L. speciosa, N. mirabilis, S. *cumini*, *R. mucronata* and *K. candel* show IC₅₀ below 40 μ g/mL in the α glucosidase inhibition assay, and ethanol extracts of N. mirabilis, K. candel and F. *racemosa* show IC₅₀ below 75 μ g/mL in the α -amylase inhibition assay.

α -Glucosidase inhibition assay 120 100 Nepenthes mirabilis Nepenthes mirabilis 80 Phyllanthus amarus inhibition 🔶 Phyllanthus urinaria 60 60 Phyllanthus urinaria \star Kandelia candel 40 gerstroemia speciosa % of Syzygium cumini 20 Rhizophora mucronata Kandelia candel Concentration (ug/mL) Concentration (ug/mL)

Figure 2. IC₅₀ curves of extracts. (a) Water extracts, IC₅₀ values in μ g/mL: *N. mirabilis* = 3.31 ± 0.77, *P. amarus* = 34.92 ± 1.52, *P. urinaria* = 14.64 ± 4.56, *L. speciosa* = 5.39 ± 0.54, *S. cumini* = 20.93 ± 1.77, *R. mucronata* = 3.32 ± 0.55 , *K. candel* = 3.99 ± 0.75 (b) Ethanol extracts, IC₅₀ values in μ g/mL: *N. mirabilis* = 32.70 ± 6.33 ; *P. urinaria* = 39.72 ± 9.73; *K. candel* = 35.38 ± 13.93



extract were chosen for microfractionation followed by α -glucosidase and α amylase inhibition assays. High-resolution biochromatograms of *P. amarus* and *P. urinaria* extracts showed several active peaks against α -glucosidase



Figure 4. High-resolution α-glucosidase biochromatogram of water extract of *P. amarus* (a) and *P. urinaria* (b)

Figure 3. IC₅₀ curves of ethanol extracts. IC₅₀ values in μ g/mL: *N. mirabilis* = 73.66 ± 10.18; *F. racemosa* = 46.70 ± 23.60; *K. candel* = 7.66 ± 0.90

PERSPECTIVE AND FUTURE WORK

Biochromtograms of P. amarus and P. urinaria water extracts have many promising peaks with more than 90% inhibitory activity. Further work could include structure determination of the remaining active peaks and bioactivity tests of all isolated compounds.

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ISOLATION AND STRUCTURE ELUCIDATION

Peak 1a-3a and 1b-5b in chromatograms of P. amarus and P. urinaria were isolated and purified. The structures of 1a and 1b were identified as corilagin³.

