

***In vitro* and *in silico* evaluation of anticholinesterase and antidiabetic effects of furanolabdanes and other constituents from *Graptophyllum pictum* (Linn.) Griffith**

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Abstract: *Graptophyllum pictum* is a tropical plant noticeable for its variegated leaves and usually exploited for various medicinal purposes. In this study, seven compounds including three furanolabdane diterpenoids which were Hypopurin E, described for the first time, Hypopurin A and Hypopurin B together with Lupeol, β -sitosterol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside, stigmasterol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside and a mixture of β -sitosterol and stigmasterol were isolated from *G. pictum* and their structures deduced from ESI-TOF-MS, HR-ESI-TOF-MS, 1D and 2D NMR experiments. The compounds were evaluated for their anticholinesterase activities against acetylcholinesterase (AChE) and butyrylcholinesterase (BChE) as well as their antidiabetic potential through inhibition of α -glucosidase and α -amylase. For AChE inhibition, no sample had IC₅₀ within tested concentrations but the most potent was Hypopurin A with percentage inhibition of 40.18 \pm 0.75% compared to galantamine (85.91 \pm 0.58%) at 100 μ g/mL. BChE was more susceptible to the leaves extract (IC₅₀ = 58.21 \pm 0.65 μ g/mL), stem extract (IC₅₀ = 67.05 \pm 0.82 μ g/mL), Hypopurin A (IC₅₀ = 58.00 \pm 0.90 μ g/mL), Hypopurin B (IC₅₀ = 67.05 \pm 0.92 μ g/mL) and Hypopurin E (IC₅₀ = 86.90 \pm 0.76 μ g/mL). In the antidiabetic assay, the furanolabdane diterpenoids, lupeol and the extracts had moderate to good activities. Against α -glucosidase, lupeol, Hypopurin E, Hypopurin A and Hypopurin B had appreciable activities but the leaves (IC₅₀ = 48.90 \pm 0.17 μ g/mL) and stem (IC₅₀ = 45.61 \pm 0.56 μ g/mL) extracts were more active than the pure compounds. In the α -amylase assay, stem extract (IC₅₀ = 64.47 \pm 0.78 μ g/mL), Hypopurin A (IC₅₀ = 60.68 \pm 0.55 μ g/mL) and Hypopurin B (IC₅₀ = 69.51 \pm 1.30 μ g/mL) had moderate activities compared to the standard acarbose (IC₅₀ = 32.25 \pm 0.36 μ g/mL). Molecular docking was been performed to determine the binding modes and free binding energies of Hypopurin E, Hypopurin A and Hypopurin B to the enzymes and decipher structure-activity relationship. The results indicated that *G. pictum* and its compounds could more or less be used in the development of therapies for Alzheimer's disease and diabetes.

Keywords: *Graptophyllum pictum*; furanolabdanes; anticholinesterase; α -amylase; α -glucosidase; molecular docking

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Elemental Composition Report

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Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 20.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

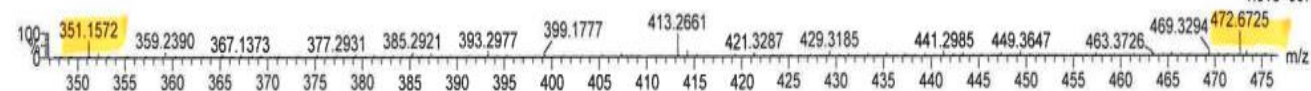
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Elements Used:

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TOF MS ES+
1.61e+007



Minimum: -1.5
Maximum: 5.0 20.0 50.0

Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	Norm	Conf(%)	Formula
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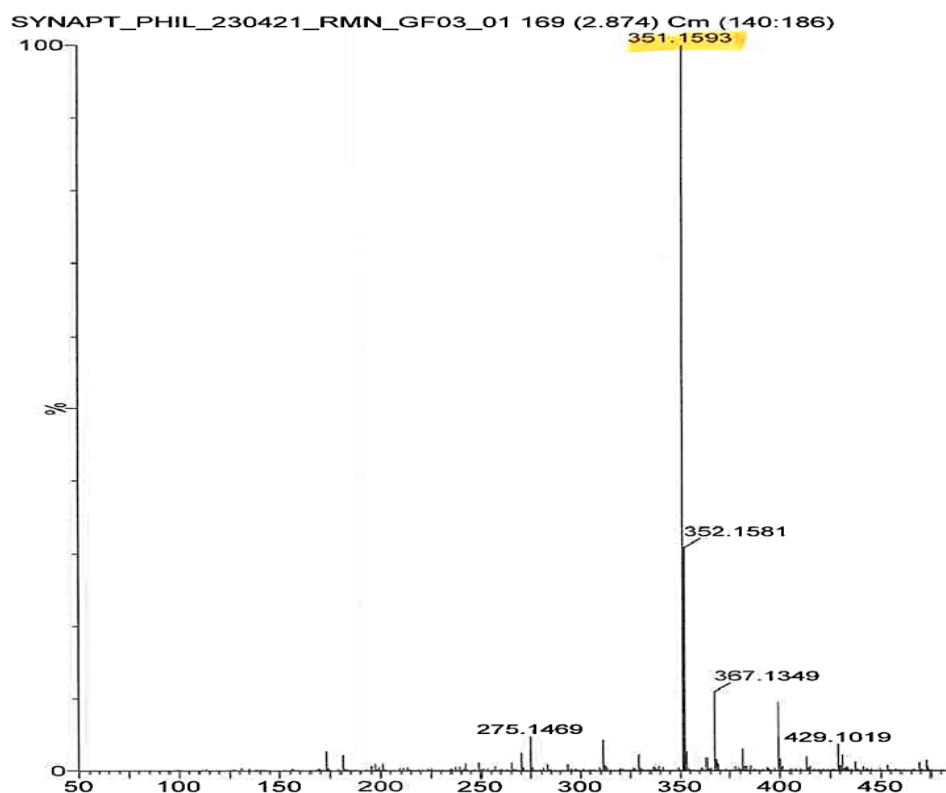


Figure S2: HR-ESI-TOF-MS of Compound 3

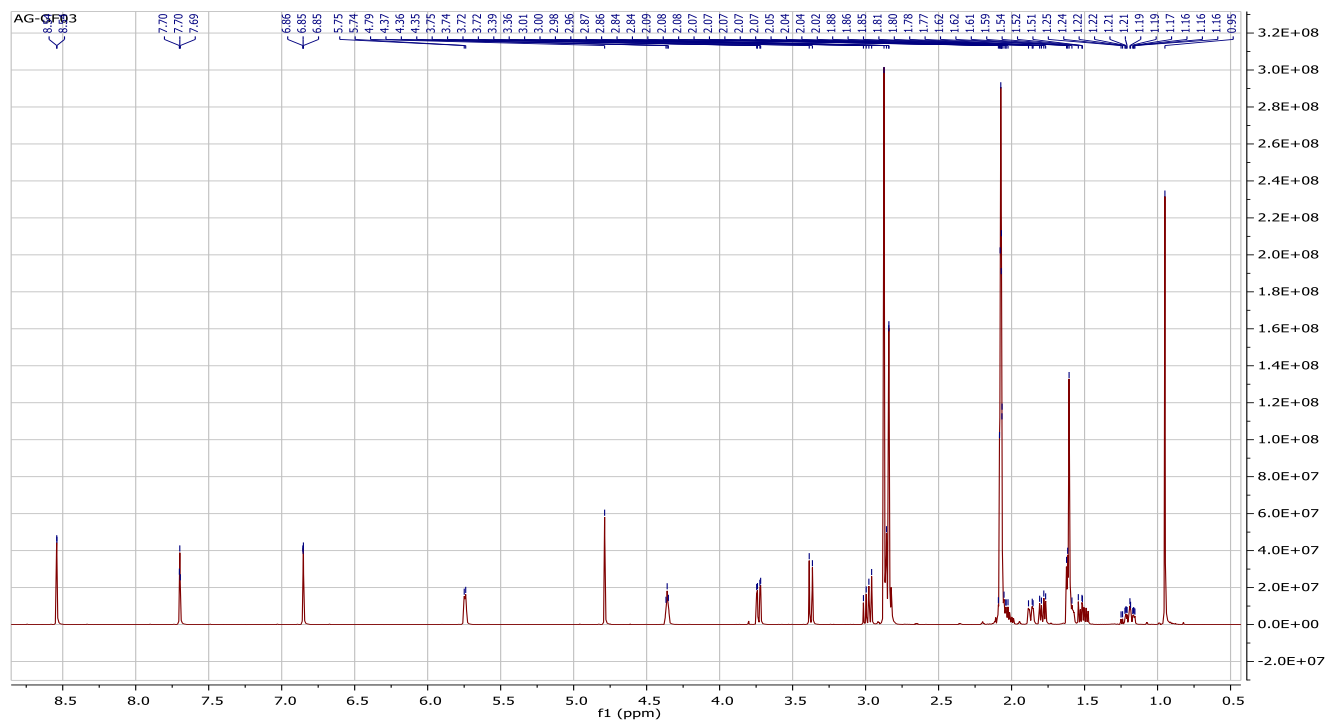


Figure S3: ^1H NMR spectrum (600 MHz, acetone- d_6) of compound 3

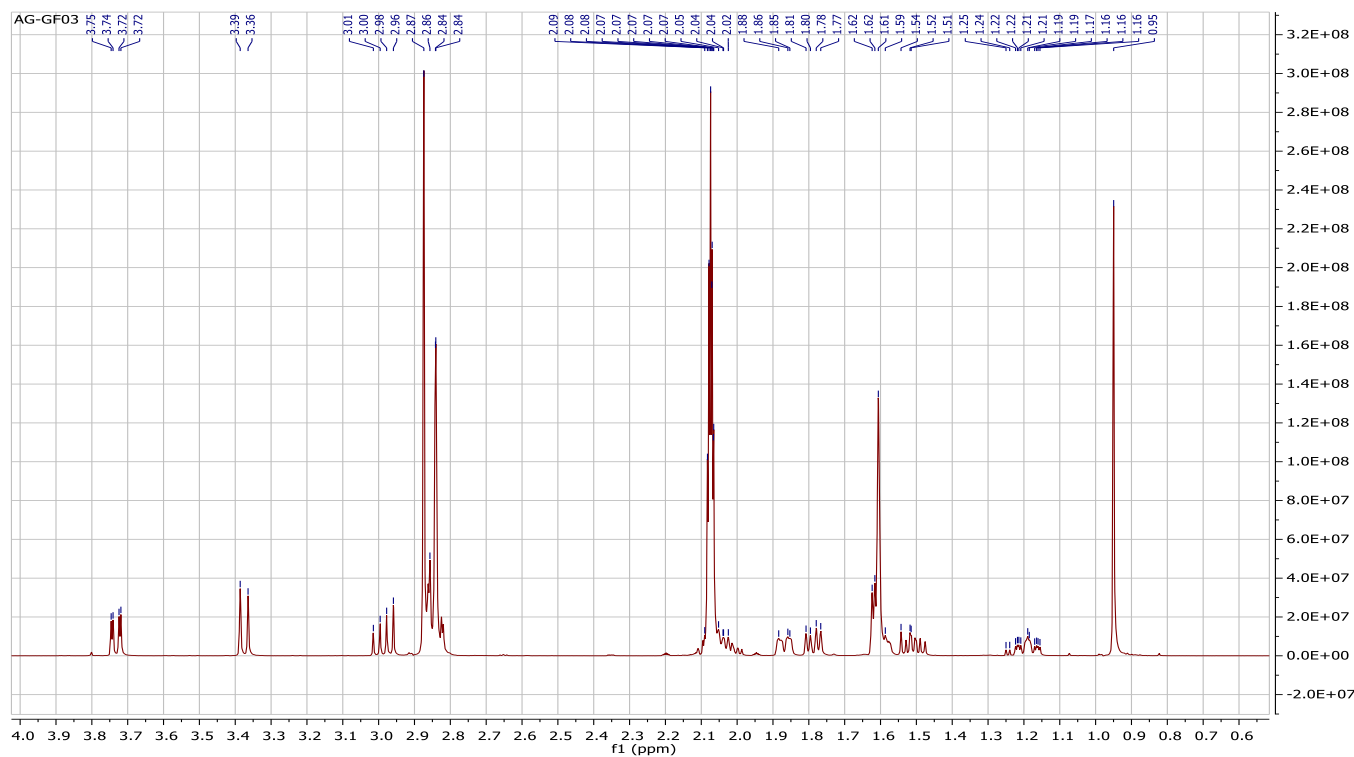


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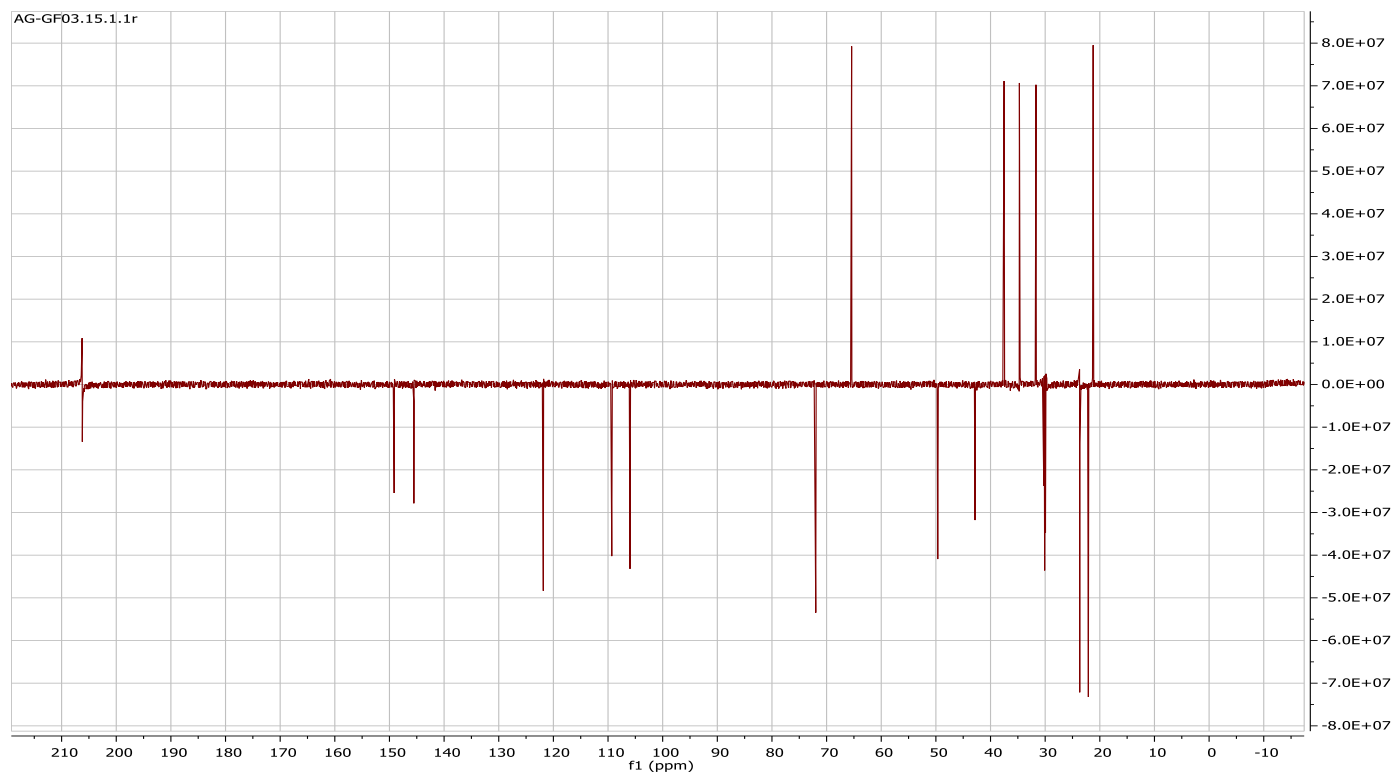


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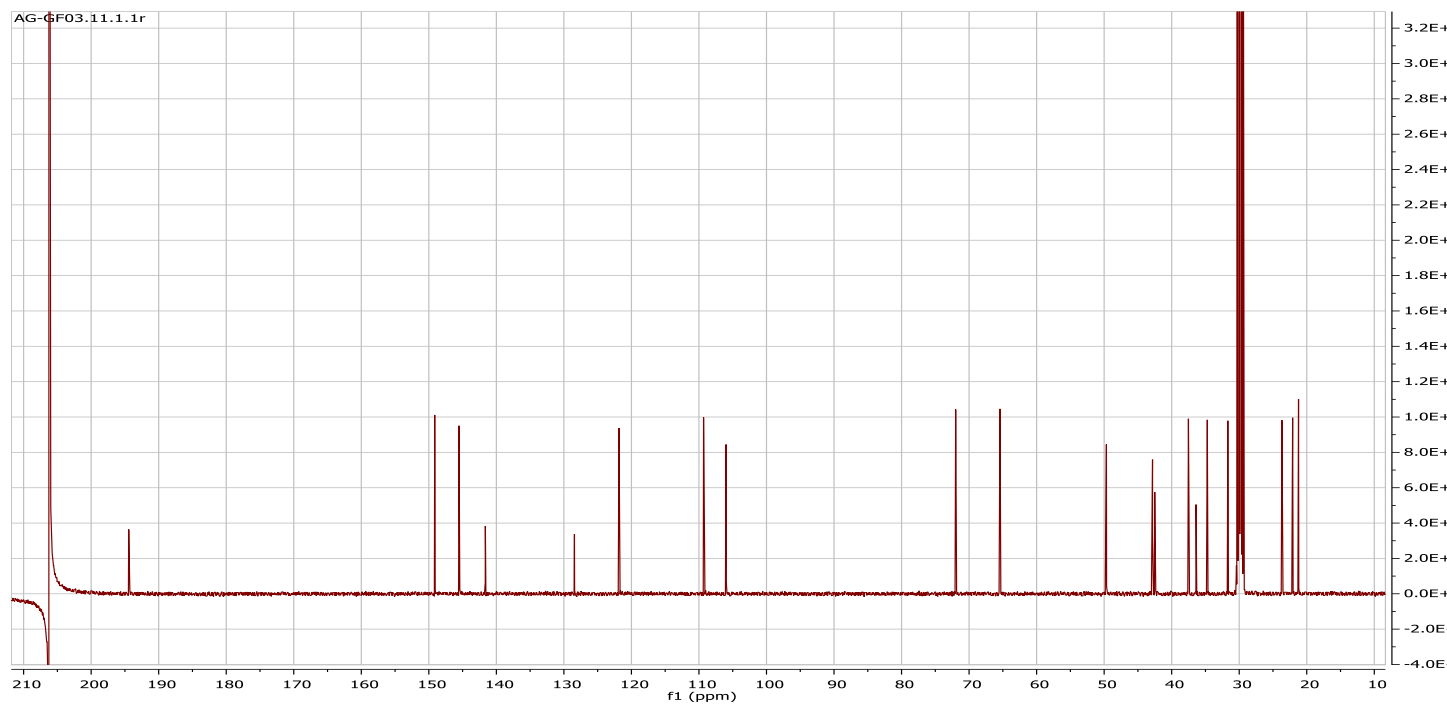


Figure S6: ¹³C NMR spectrum (150 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) of compound 3

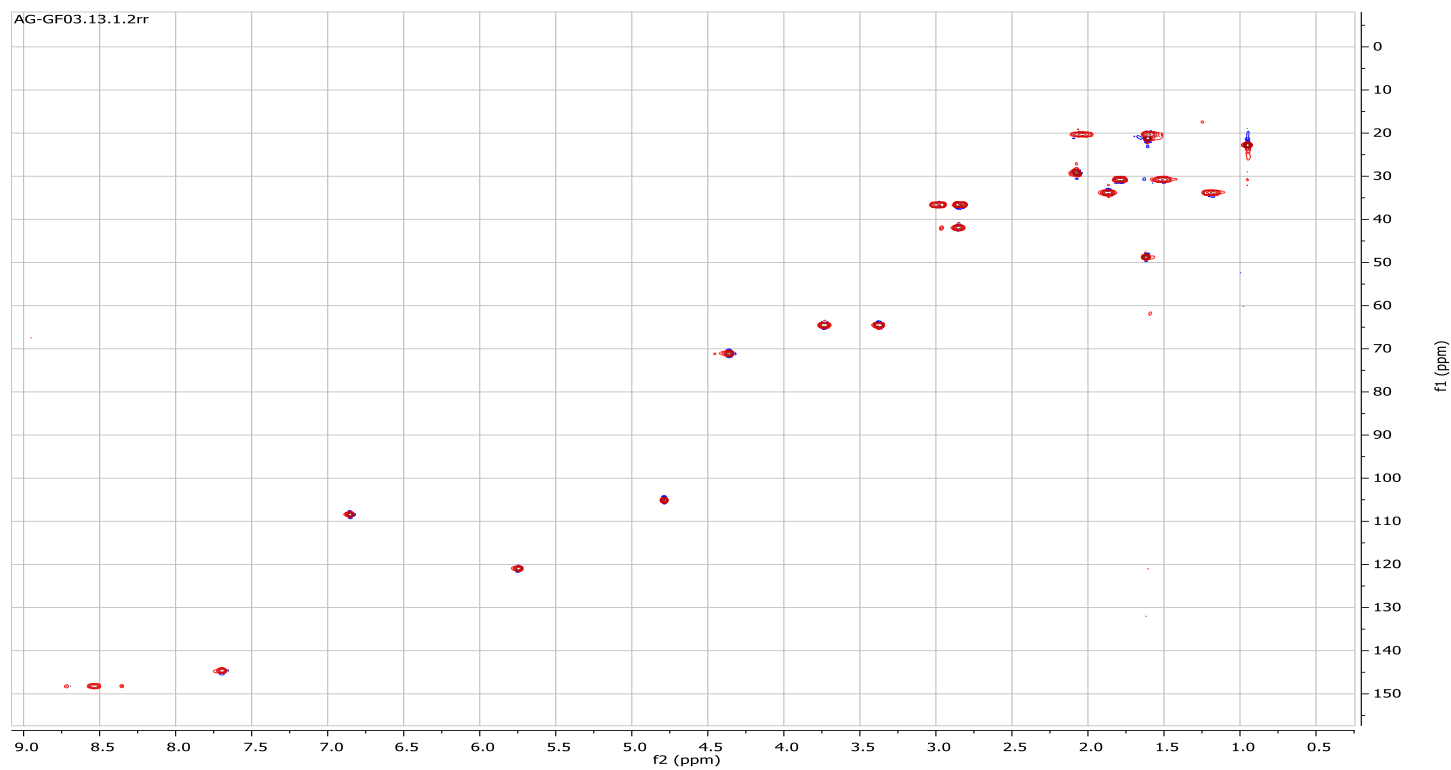


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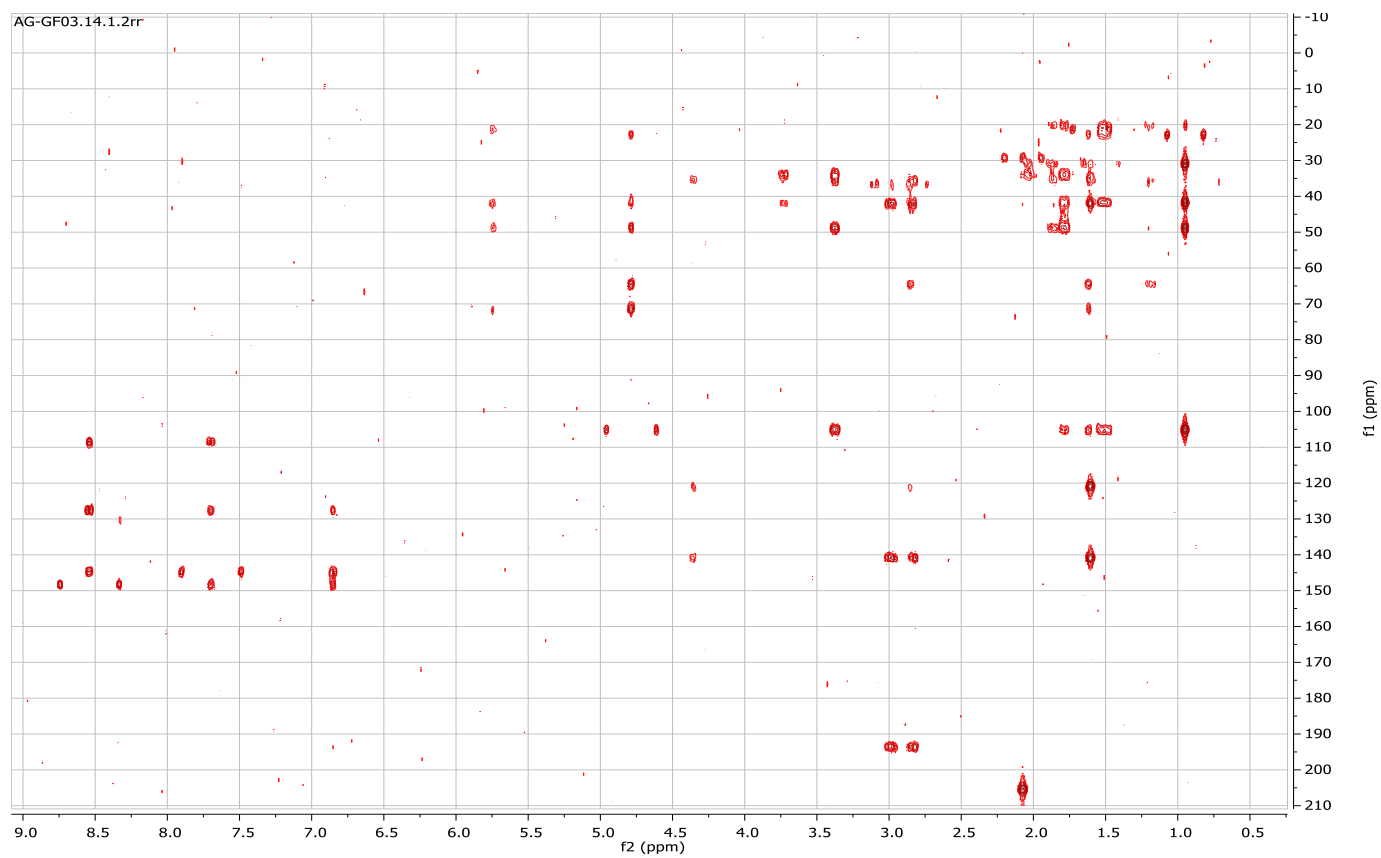


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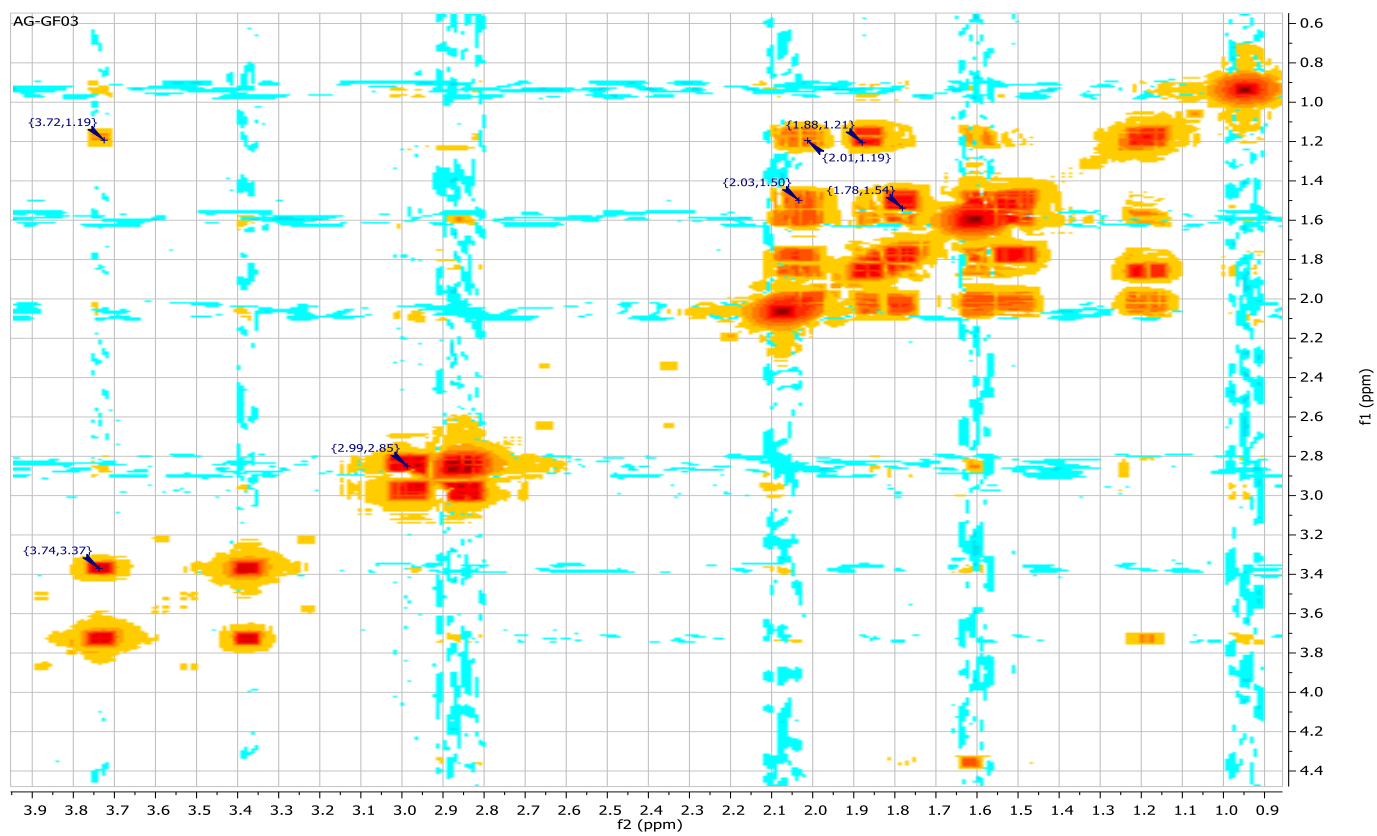


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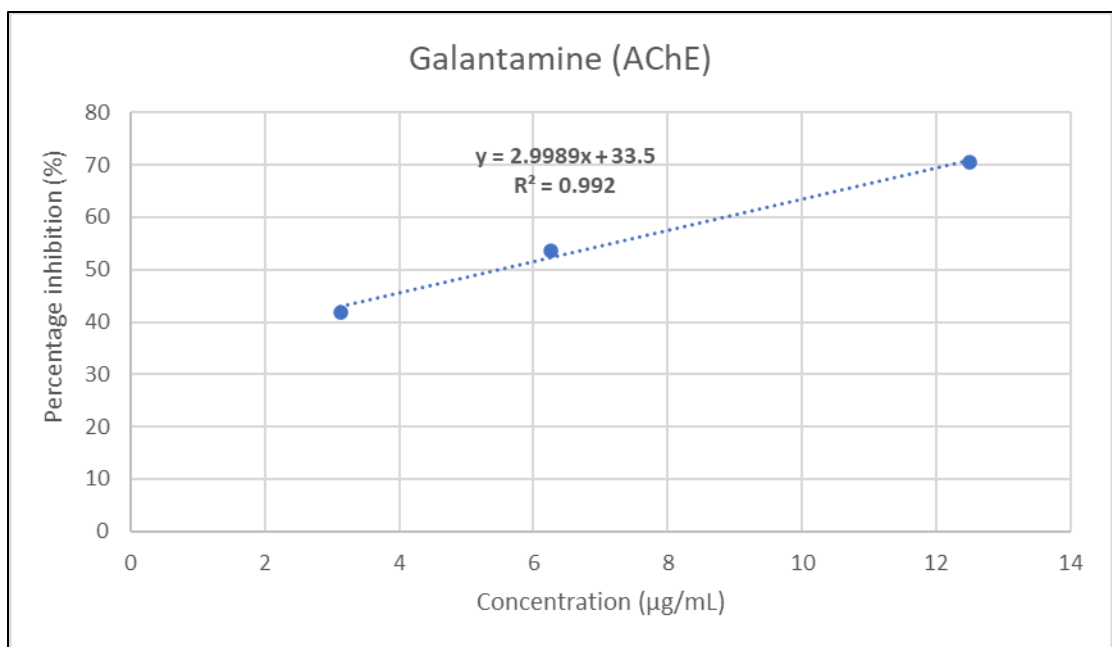


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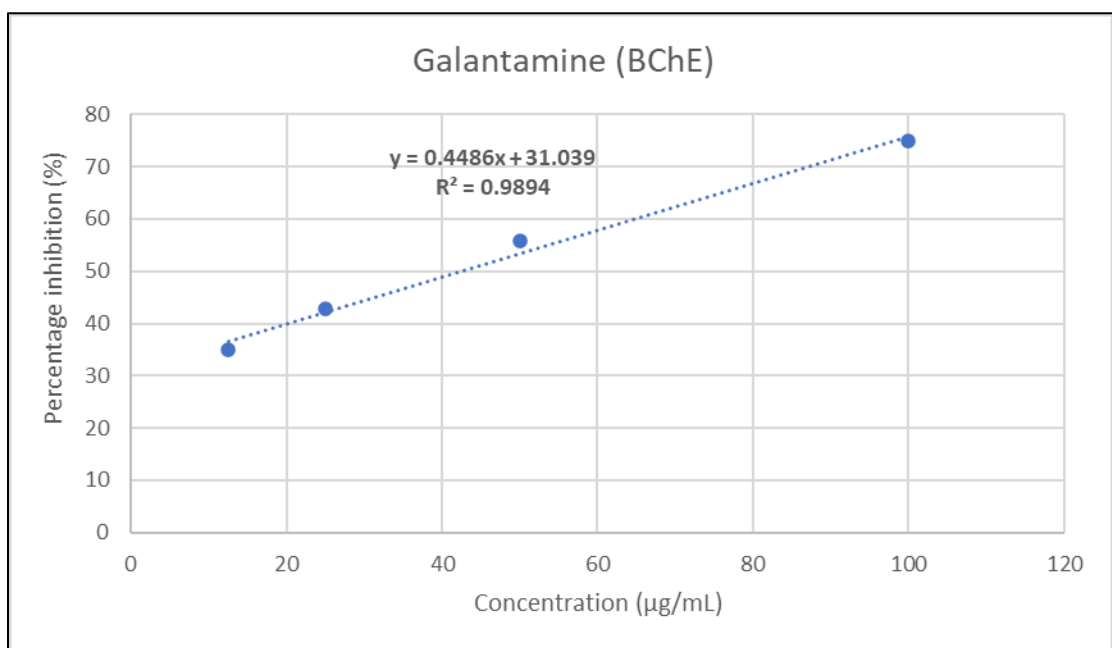


Figure S11: Galantamine graph for IC₅₀ calculation of the acetylcholinesterase (AChE) enzyme inhibition (Concentration range 12.5 – 100 µg/mL)

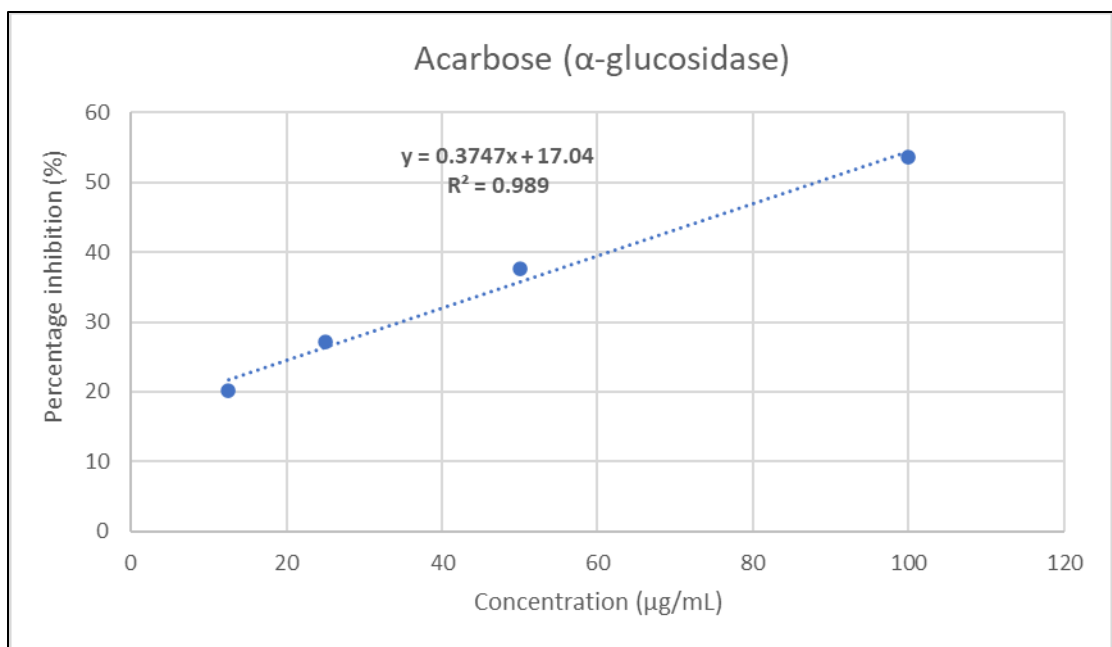


Figure S12: Acarbose graph for IC_{50} calculation of the α -glucosidase enzyme inhibition (Concentration range 12.5 – 100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$)

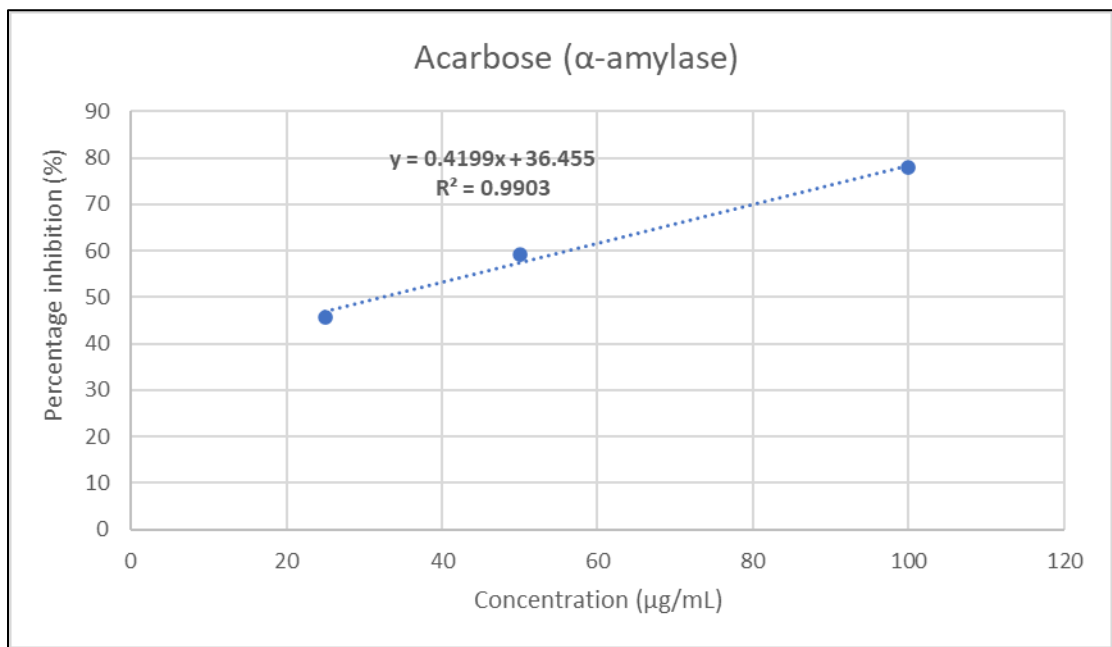


Figure S13: Acarbose graph for IC_{50} calculation of the α -glucosidase enzyme inhibition (Concentration range 25 – 100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$)

Table S1: Equations used for IC₅₀ calculation of the anticholinesterase activity of the samples
(Concentration range 25 – 100 µg/mL)

Test sample	Anticholinesterase activity	
	AChE Equation (R ²)	BChE Equation (R ²)
Leaves extract	-	$y = 0.5394x + 18.6$ (R ² = 0.9952)
Stem extract	-	$y = 0.504x + 16.2$ (R ² = 0.9983)
Hypopurin A	-	$y = 0.4434x + 24.06$ (R ² = 0.9906)
Hypopurin B	-	$y = 0.5049x + 16.15$ (R ² = 0.9985)
Hypopurin E	-	$y = 0.369x + 17.965$ (R ² = 0.9877)
Lupeol	-	-
β-Sitosterol glucoside	-	-
Stigmasterol glucoside	-	-
Stigmasterol & β-sitosterol	-	-

Table S2: Equations used for IC₅₀ calculation of the antidiabetic activity of the samples (Concentration range 25 – 100 µg/mL)

Test sample	Antidiabetic activity	
	α-glucosidase Equation (R ²)	α-amylase Equation (R ²)
Leaves extract	$y = 0.2881x + 36.055$ (R ² = 0.9918)	$y = 0.3931x + 22.34$ (R ² = 0.9895)
Stem extract	$y = 0.4349x + 30.18$ (R ² = 0.9902)	$y = 0.4543x + 20.6$ (R ² = 0.9878)
Hypopurin A	$y = 0.4164x + 8.685$ (R ² = 0.9997)	$y = 0.507x + 19.355$ (R ² = 0.9987)
Hypopurin B	$y = 0.308x + 28.075$ (R ² = 0.9996)	$y = 0.2837x + 30.25$ (R ² = 0.9996)
Hypopurin E	$y = 0.2576x + 30.325$ (R ² = 0.9987)	$y = 0.3143x + 26.8$ R ² = 0.9912
Lupeol	$y = 0.4024x + 21.895$ (R ² = 0.9985)	-
β-Sitosterol glucoside	-	-
Stigmasterol glucoside	-	-
Stigmasterol & β-sitosterol	-	-
Acarbose	$y = 0.3747x + 17.04$ (R ² = 0.989)	$y = 0.4199x + 36.455$ (R ² = 0.9903)