

# **$\alpha$ -Glucosidase and $\alpha$ -amylase Inhibitory Constituents of *Tinospora crispa*: Isolation and Chemical Profile Confirmation by Ultra-high Performance Liquid Chromatography-quadrupole Time-of-flight/mass spectrometry**

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## **ABSTRACT**

*Tinospora crispa* has been used in Malaysia to treat diabetes mellitus. We evaluated the effects of compounds isolated from *T. crispa* vines on the starch digestive enzymes,  $\alpha$ -glucosidase and  $\alpha$ -amylase. Borapetoside C was the most potent  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitor ( $IC_{50} = 0.0527 \pm 0.008$  mg/ml), followed by 4-hydroxy benzaldehyde ( $IC_{50} = 0.557 \pm 0.004$  mg/ml), and the alkaloids lysicamine and liriodenine ( $IC_{50} = 0.562 \pm 0.003$  mg/ml). Borapetoside C also potently inhibited  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibitory activity ( $IC_{50} = 0.775 \pm 0.005$  mg/ml). The relationship between compound activity and content in the extracts was determined by ultra-high performance liquid chromatography-quadrupole time-of-flight/mass spectrometry (UPLC-QToF/MS). These results suggest that borapetoside C is the main primary active component of *T. crispa* extracts, mediating  $\alpha$ -glucosidase and  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition.

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