



Minutaside A, new α -amylase inhibitor flavonol glucoside from *Tagetes minuta*: Antidiabetic, antioxidant, and molecular modeling studies

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Abstract:

Investigation of the EtOAc fraction of *Tagetes minuta* L. (Asteraceae) aerial parts has afforded a new flavonol glucoside, minutaside A (quercetagenin 6-O-(6-O-hexanoyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside) (1), together with four known flavonoids: axillarin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (2), quercetagenin 3,7-dimethoxy-6-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (3), quercetagenin 7-methoxy-6-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (4), and quercetagenin 6-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (5). Their structures were established by multiple spectroscopic methods in addition to HRESIMS (high-resolution electrospray ionisation mass spectra) and comparison with literature data. The antioxidant and anti-diabetic activities of the isolated flavonoids were evaluated using 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) and α -amylase inhibition assays. Compounds 1 and 5 showed significant antioxidant activity (84.1 and 83.0% at a 20 mM dose, respectively). Compounds 1, 4, and 5 exhibited strong α -amylase inhibitory activity compared with acarbose (a reference α -amylase inhibitor). However, 2 and 3 showed moderate activity. Molecular modeling studies of 1–5 that included docking, flexible alignment, and surface mapping were performed to evaluate their recognition profile α -amylase receptor. In docking simulations, 5 displayed a binding mode similar to that of acarbose in the active site of α -amylase enzyme.

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