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10 **ABSTRACT**

11 Mung bean (*Vigna radiata* L.) seeds (MBS) contain abundant nutrients with
12 biological activities. This study was aimed to isolate key bioactive components from
13 MBS with antioxidant and myocardial preservation activities. A new flavonoid C-
14 glycoside, isovitexin-6"-O- α -L-glucoside, and fourteen known compounds were
15 obtained. Their structures were identified by extensive 1D and 2D NMR and FT-ICR-
16 MS spectroscopic analyses. The antioxidant activities of these compounds were
17 evaluated. **1-5, 7-10** displayed ABTS^{•+} scavenging activity, but only **5** and **7** exhibited
18 DPPH[•] scavenging activity. The myocardial preservation effect of **2, 3** and MBS were
19 investigated by measuring the serum levels of LDH, CK and AST as well as the tissue
20 level of MDA and SOD. The results demonstrated that **2, 3** and MBS had a significant
21 protective effect against ISO-induced myocardial ischemia. MBS can be regarded as a
22 potential new source of antioxidants and myocardial preservation agents.

23 **KEYWORDS:** mung bean seeds; vitexin; isovitexin; myocardial preservation;
24 antioxidant; functional foods.

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35 INTRODUCTION

36 Reactive oxygen species (ROS) are free radicals found naturally in the human body,
37 which are well recognised for playing a dual role as both deleterious and beneficial
38 species. Beneficial effects of ROS occur at low/moderate concentrations.¹ When
39 environmental conditions or stress result in excretion of ROS, damage to cellular
40 systems and DNA can occur.² The damage caused by ROS is linked to several
41 diseases, such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, neurological disorders, aging,
42 and cardiovascular diseases.¹ Among these, ROS-induced oxidative stress plays a role
43 in various cardiovascular diseases, such as atherosclerosis, congestive heart failure,
44 hypertension, cardiomyopathies, cardiac hypertrophy, and ischemic heart disease.³
45 Ischemic heart disease secondary to acute myocardial infarction is a severe health
46 problem in the world, and is a primary cause of morbidity and mortality.⁴ The intake
47 of foods rich in antioxidants can result in a lower risk of cardiovascular disease.⁵ In
48 recent years, there has been increasing interest in identifying new sources of natural
49 antioxidants and other health-promoting compounds.⁶ Many natural bioactive
50 constituents, including flavones from vegetables, fruits, or grains, have been used
51 experimentally as effective protection against ROS or myocardial ischemic injury.⁷

52 Mung bean, the seeds of *Vigna radiata* L. (MBS), are popular food legumes in
53 China, India, Korea, Japan, and other parts of Southeast Asian countries. It is well
54 known for its detoxification activities and is used to refresh mentality, alleviate heat
55 stroke, and reduce swelling in the summer.⁸ The seeds and sprouts of mung beans are
56 widely used as a fresh salad vegetable or common food in India, Bangladesh,
57 Southeast Asia, and western countries. In China, they not only have been widely
58 consumed as a food, in the form of soup, cake, or ice cream, but also used as a
59 cosmetic, such as mung bean mask. As a food, MBS contain abundant nutrients with

60 biological activities, including proteins, phenolic acids, fatty acid, and minerals.⁹ In
61 recent years, the sprouts of mung beans have more bioactive components, including
62 flavonoids, phenolic acids, organic acids, amino acids, carbohydrates, and lipids.^{10, 11}
63 Interest in MBS as a functional food ingredient is increasing for its physiological
64 functionalities, such as antiinflammatory,¹² antibacterial,¹³ antitumor,¹⁴
65 hypolipidemic,¹⁵ antidiabetic,¹⁶ detoxication,¹⁷ hepatoprotective effect,¹⁸ and
66 antioxidant activity.^{19, 20} However, until now, reports of antioxidant activity in MBS
67 extract focus on two active components, vitexin and isovitexin.²⁰ Besides these
68 findings, there is no literature published on a systematic phytochemical study of MBS.
69 Accordingly, the active ingredients in the management of myocardial health from
70 MBS are not yet clear.

71 This contribution investigates the phytochemical profiles of MBS and studies
72 isolated key bioactive components from MBS with antioxidant and myocardial
73 preservation activities firstly. These results suggest that bioactive components from
74 MBS are new sources of natural active compounds that can be administered to
75 prevent myocardial ischemic.

76 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

77 **Experimental animals.** Healthy male Sprague-Dawley rats weighing 200-220 g, 7-8
78 weeks old, obtained from the Central Animal House of Shenyang Pharmaceutical
79 University (Shenyang, China) were used in this study. They were housed (three
80 rats/cage) in polypropylene cages (47 × 34 × 20 cm) lined with husk, renewed every
81 24 h under a 12:12 h light and dark cycle at around 22 °C. The rats had free access to
82 standard laboratory water and food. Animal experiments were carried out according to
83 the Guidelines for Animal Experimentation of Shenyang Pharmaceutical University
84 and approved by the Animal Ethics Committee of this institution.

85 **Chemicals and Reagents.** All of the solvents (analytical grade) for the extraction
86 were purchased from Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., Ltd (Qingdao, China).
87 Methanol and glacial acetic acid (chromatography grade) were purchased from
88 Concord Chemical Reagents Co. (Tianjin, China). The water used during HPLC
89 analysis and for sample preparation was obtained from Wahaha Group Co., Ltd.
90 (Hangzhou, China). DPPH (2, 2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl, purity \geq 98.0%), 2, 2'-
91 azino-bis (3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulphonic acid) (ABTS), lactate dehydrogenase
92 (LDH), creatine kinase (CK), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), methane dicarboxylic
93 aldehyde (MDA), and superoxide dismutase (SOD) test kits were obtained from the
94 Jiancheng Institute of Biotechnology (Nanjing, China).

95 **Instrumentation.** ^1H NMR (400 MHz and 600 MHz), ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz and 150
96 MHz) and 2D NMR were acquired on Bruker-ARX-400 and Bruker-AV-600 NMR
97 spectrometers with TMS as an internal standard. FT-ICR-MS spectra were obtained
98 on a Bruker Solarix 7.0T FT-ICR-MS system. Semipreparative HPLC separations
99 were carried out on a LC-10AT instrument with an SPD-10A VP UV/vis detector
100 using YMC-Pack-ODS-A column (250 \times 10 mm, 5 μm) at 210 nm. The UPLC-
101 MS/MS analysis was carried out on an Acquity UPLC I-Class System (Waters Corp.,
102 Milford, MA, USA) combined with a Xevo TQ-S mass spectrometer (Waters Corp.,
103 Milford, MA, USA). The compositions of samples were analyzed by a Thermo
104 Hypersil GOLD C18 column (2.1 \times 50 mm, 1.9 μm). GC was performed in an Agilent
105 7890A gas chromatograph system (Agilent technologies, Inc., Santa Clara, CA, USA)
106 coupled to a flame ionization detector (FID) by use of a HP-5 capillary column (30 m
107 \times 0.32 mm \times 0.25 μm). Antioxidant and myocardial preservation activities were
108 measured by a microplate reader (imark, BIO-RAD, USA). Column chromatography
109 was performed using silica gel (100-200 and 200-300 mesh; Qingdao Ocean

110 Chemical Co. Ltd., Qingdao, China), C18 reversed-phase silica gel (50 μm ; YMC Co.
111 Ltd., Kyoto, Japan), and Sephadex LH-20 (GE Healthcare, Uppsala, Sweden). TLC
112 plates were precoated with silica gel GF254 (Qingdao Ocean Chemical Co. Ltd.,
113 Qingdao, China).

114 **Plant Material.** Mung bean (*Vigna radiata* L.) seeds in Jilin Province of China were
115 purchased from Carrefour supermarket in Shenyang, Liaoning, China in March, 2014.
116 A voucher specimen (No. 20140801) has been deposited in the Herbarium of
117 Shenyang Pharmaceutical University, Liaoning, China.

118 **Extraction and Isolation.** MBS (50 kg) were extracted three times with 95% EtOH
119 (3 \times 8 L) under reflux (2 h each). After concentrating the extract solutions under
120 reduced pressure at 45 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, the crude residue was suspended in water (1.5 L), which
121 was successively partitioned with petroleum ether (3 \times 1.5 L), dichloromethane (3 \times
122 1.5 L), and *n*-butanol (3 \times 1.5 L) to obtain petroleum ether, dichloromethane, and *n*-
123 butanol fractions. The *n*-butanol fraction (63.2 g) was chromatographed over a silica
124 gel column (80 \times 650 mm, 386 g) by use of a gradient system of increasing polarity
125 with CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH (from 100:0 to 1:1, *v/v*) to afford five fractions (A-E), and
126 compounds **2** (8.2 g), **6** (108 mg), **9** (1.6 g), **13** (28 mg), and **15** (159 mg). The
127 fraction A (3.1 g) was subjected to a Sephadex LH-20 (25 \times 1300 mm) eluting with
128 MeOH to afford two fractions: frs. A₁ to A₂. Fraction A₁ was purified by preparative
129 TLC, eluting with PE-Acetone-HAc (400:50:1, *v/v/v*) to provide compounds **10** (37
130 mg) and **11** (14 mg). Fr. A₂ was passed over an ODS column (50 \times 500 mm, 60 g)
131 eluting with MeOH-H₂O (from 1:4 to 1:1, *v/v*) to afford three fractions: frs. A_{2a} to A_{2c}.
132 Fractions A_{2a} to A_{2c} were purified by preparative TLC, eluting with CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH
133 (30:1, *v/v*) to obtain **7** (19 mg), **12** (6 mg), and **14** (29 mg), respectively. The fraction
134 D (7.5 g) was subjected to an ODS column (50 \times 500 mm, 60 g) eluting with MeOH-

135 H₂O (from 1:9 to 1:1, v/v) to obtain fraction D₁ and to yield **3** (4.2 g). Fraction D₁ was
136 purified by preparative TLC, eluting with CH₂Cl₂-MeOH-HAc (250:50:1, v/v/v) to
137 give **5** (7 mg). The fraction E (6.8 g) was subjected to a Sephadex LH-20 (25 × 1300
138 mm) with MeOH to afford two fractions: frs. E₁ to E₂. Fraction E₁ was purified by
139 preparative TLC, eluting with CH₂Cl₂-MeOH-HAc (150:50:1, v/v/v) to give **1** (253
140 mg), and **4** (14 mg). Fraction E₂ was separated by preparative HPLC (MeOH/H₂O,
141 45:55) to afford **8** (85 mg, *t_R* 19.2 min).

142 Isoviteixin-6"-*O*- α -*D*-glucoside (**1**): yellow oil; UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 334
143 (0.59) and 271 (0.51); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3409, 2924, 1653, 1510, 1355, 1020, 835, and
144 780 cm⁻¹. FT-ICR-MS *m/z*: 593.151194 [M-H]⁺ (C₂₇H₂₉O₁₅, calculated for
145 593.150365). For ¹H and ¹³C NMR, see [Table 1](#).

146 **Acid Hydrolysis of Compound 1.** Compound **1** (2 mg) was hydrolyzed with 2 M
147 HCl (2 mL) at 90°C for 3 h. After cooling, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 ×
148 3.0 mL). The EtOAc layer and the aqueous layer were then evaporated under vacuum
149 to give residues. The solutions were examined by TLC and compared with authentic
150 samples. Flavone was detected in the EtOAc layer solution and glucose was detected
151 in the aqueous layer solution. The remaining sugar residue was dissolved in
152 anhydrous pyridine (2 mL) and mixed with *L*-cysteine methyl ester hydrochloride (2
153 mg). The mixture was kept at 60 °C for 3 h, and 0.5 mL of trimethylsilylimidazole
154 (TMSI) was added. The reactant was then cooled to ambient temperature and
155 partitioned between *n*-hexane and H₂O (2 mL each). The *n*-hexane fraction was
156 analysed by GC under the following conditions: column (HP-5, 30 m × 0.32 mm ×
157 0.25 μ m, Agilent); detection (FID); detector temperature (280 °C); injection
158 temperature (270 °C); injection volume (1 mL); column temperature (120 to 280 °C at
159 the rate of 8 °C/min); carrier gas (N₂, 1.4 mL/min). The peaks of authentic samples of

160 *D*-glucose and *L*-glucose after treatment in the same manner were detected at 20.25
161 min and 21.48 min, respectively.

162 **UPLC-MS/MS Analysis.** The mass spectrometry was operated in positive scan mode.
163 The mobile phase was composed of methanol-0.1% formic acid in water (28:72, v/ v).
164 The total running time was 5 min with a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min. The main working
165 parameters were set as follows: cone voltage, 30 V; the desolvation temperature, 350
166 °C; ion source temperature, 150 °C; gas flow (N₂), 700 L/h.

167 **Assay for ABTS Radical Scavenging Activity.** The ABTS 2, 2'-azinobis (3-
168 ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulphonic acid) diammonium salt assay was carried out
169 according to the method of Cai et al.²¹ with slight modifications. The ABTS radical
170 cation solution was prepared by mixing 7 mM ABTS and 2.45 mM potassium
171 persulphate. The mixture was incubated in darkness at room temperature for 12 h
172 before use, and the radical was stable in this form for more than 2 days when stored in
173 the dark at room temperature. The ABTS cation radical solution was then diluted with
174 water to obtain an absorbance of 0.70 ± 0.02 at 734 nm. One hundred microlitres of
175 test sample with various concentrations were added to 3.0 mL of diluted
176 ABTS^{•+} solution and mixed vigorously, incubated in darkness for 6 min at room
177 temperature and the absorbance was measured at 734 nm. *L*-Ascorbic acid was used
178 as the positive control. The negative control used 100 µL ethanol instead of the
179 sample. The test was carried out in triplicate and the results were mean values. The
180 ABTS^{•+} scavenging effect was calculated as follows: ABTS^{•+} scavenging effect (%) =
181 $[1 - (S - S_b)/(C - C_b)] \times 100\%$, where S, S_b, C, and C_b are the absorbances of the sample,
182 blank sample, negative control, and blank control, respectively.

183 **Assay for DPPH Radical Scavenging Activity.** The DPPH free radicals scavenging
184 activity of fifteen compounds was determined by the method mentioned by Hatano²²

185 with slight modifications. One hundred microlitres of different concentrations of the
186 ethanol solution of the sample (the negative control used 100 μ L ethanol instead of
187 the sample) was added to 96-wells, followed by 100 μ L of 0.15 mM DPPH. The
188 mixtures were incubated for 30 min in darkness at room temperature. The reduction of
189 the DPPH radical was determined by measuring the absorbance at 517 nm with a
190 microplate reader (imark, BIO-RAD, USA). *L*-Ascorbic acid was used as the positive
191 control. The test was carried out in triplicate and the results were mean values. The
192 percentage of DPPH free radical scavenging activity was calculated using the same
193 formula as for the ABTS assay.

194 **Myocardial Preservation Experimental Design.** The animals were grouped into five
195 groups of six rats each, including a normal control, a isoproterenol (ISO) model
196 control, a vitexin group (VG), an isovitexin group (IVG), and a mung bean seeds
197 extract group (MBSG). Rats in the VG and the IVG were given an oral dose of vitexin
198 and isovitexin saline solution at dosages of 6 mg/kg body weight. Rats in the MBSG
199 were given an oral dose of 750 mg/kg (6.75 mg for **2** and 11.25 mg for **3**) saline
200 solution. Rats in the normal control and ISO model control groups were given equal
201 volumes saline (5 mL/kg). Then, all of the rats, except for the normal control group
202 were injected subcutaneously with ISO (6 mg/kg body weight) at an interval of 24 h
203 for 2 days to induce myocardial infarction (MI) (on 6th and 7th day).²³ All treatments
204 were performed once daily for 7 consecutive days. Two hours after the second dose of
205 ISO injection (on 7th day), all of the rats were anesthetized with diethyl ether. Blood
206 was collected in dry tubes without anticoagulant. The blood samples were centrifuged
207 at $10000 \times g$ for 10 min at 4 °C to obtain the serum. The serum samples were stored at
208 -80 °C until required for the assay of LDH, CK, and AST. All of the rats were
209 sacrificed by cervical decapitation. Heart tissues were excised immediately and rinsed

210 in ice-chilled saline. The homogenate was centrifuged at $10000 \times g$ for 10 min and the
211 supernatant was collected for determination of MDA content and SOD activity. A
212 portion of the heart was retained for histopathologic observation.

213 **Biochemical Analyses.** LDH, CK, AST, MDA, and SOD in heart tissues were
214 measured by the detection kits according to the manufacturer's instructions (Nanjing
215 Jiancheng Institute of Biotechnology, Nanjing, China).

216 **Histopathological Examination.** Portions of the heart tissues were fixed in 10%
217 formalin. After the proper dehydration, the tissues were embedded in paraffin wax.
218 Sections ($5 \mu\text{m}$) were prepared and stained with hematoxylin and eosin.

219 **Statistical Analysis.** The compound content of MBS and antioxidant activities were
220 repeated in triplicate and data were analyzed by an ANOVA test with SPSS 17.0
221 (Statistical Program for Social Sciences, SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA). All statistical
222 comparisons were made by means of a one-way ANOVA test followed by Dunett's *t*-
223 test. All of the results were expressed as mean \pm standard deviation (SD). *P* values <
224 0.05 were considered significant.

225 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

226 Compound **1** was obtained as a yellow oil; FT-ICR-MS *m/z*: 593.151194 $[\text{M-H}]^+$
227 ($\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_{15}$, calculated for 593.150365). Its UV spectrum showed absorbances at λ_{max}
228 271 and 334 nm, and the IR spectrum showed absorption bands for hydroxyl (3409
229 cm^{-1}) and carbonyl (1653 cm^{-1}) groups. Its $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) spectrum
230 showed signals for two phenolic hydroxyl δ_{H} 13.52 and 10.35, two aromatic protons
231 signals at δ_{H} 6.75 (1H, s) and 6.48 (1H, s), and an AA'BB' system at δ_{H} 7.90 (2H, d, *J*
232 = 8.6 Hz) and 6.92 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz) of ring B, which indicated it was a flavone,
233 with apigenin as the aglycone. The proton signals at δ_{H} 4.57 (1H, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz) and
234 4.72 (1H, d, *J* = 3.5 Hz) were assigned to a β -glucopyranosyl and α -glucopyranosyl,

235 respectively. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **1** (Table 1) also suggested the presence of β -
236 glucopyranosyl and α -glucopyranosyl residues. The chemical shift value of C-1'' (δ_c
237 73.3 ppm) suggested that **1** was a C-glycoside. In addition, the (1 \rightarrow 6) glycosidic bond
238 of the outside glucose to the inner glucose was characterized by the HMBC
239 correlations of δ 3.60 and 3.70 (H-6'') to δ 98.6 (C-1'''). The linkage position of the
240 glucose chain to flavone nucleus was determined at C-6 from the HMBC correlations
241 of δ 4.57 (H-1'') to δ 160.6 (C-5), 108.8 (C-6) and 163.4 (C-7) (Fig. 2). After acid
242 hydrolysis, isovitexin was detected in the EtOAc solution (Isovitexin was a flavonoid
243 C-glycoside, which was hard to be hydrolyzed under acid condition). The *L*-
244 configuration of the glucopyranosyl moiety was determined by acid hydrolysis
245 followed by derivatization and GC analysis. The structure of compound **1** was
246 therefore characterized as a new flavone C-glycoside and named isovitexin-6''-*O*- α -*L*-
247 glucoside (Fig. 1).

248 Fourteen known compounds (Fig. 1) were identified as vitexin (**2**),²⁴ isovitexin
249 (**3**),²⁵ dulcinoside (**4**),²⁶ (2*R*, 3*R*)-taxifolin (**5**),²⁷ scopolin (**6**),²⁸ *p*-coumaric acid (**7**),²⁹
250 *L*-tryptophan (**8**),³⁰ *D*-3-*O*-methyl inositol (**9**),³¹ muconic acid (**10**),³² benzoic acid
251 (**11**),³³ 2*H*-1, 3-thiazine-2, 4 (3*H*)-dione (**12**),³⁴ nicotinic acid (**13**),³⁵ nicotinamide
252 (**14**),³⁶ and methyl- α -*D*-glucoside (**15**).³⁷

253 Quantitation is the key issue for quality control of functional foods. In this study,
254 content analysis was conducted to determine the content of **1-4**, **8**, and **13** in 95%
255 EtOH extract by UPLC-MS/MS analysis. Product ion scan spectra and representative
256 multiple-reaction monitoring (MRM) chromatograms of the six analytes are shown in
257 Fig. 3. The contents of the six analytes exhibited remarkable differences. Among the
258 analytes, the content of **3** with 5.32 mg/g was the highest. The second one is **2** with
259 2.97 mg/g. In the remaining analytes, **8** showed a content of 2.29 mg/g, followed by **1**

260 with 1.70 mg/g, **13** with 0.38 mg/g, while **4** showed the lowest content with 0.13 mg/g
261 (Table 2). Given these results, **2** and **3** were the major secondary metabolite
262 components in MBS.

263 In the present study, the ABTS^{•+} scavenging assay and DPPH[•] scavenging assay
264 were performed to study the antioxidant properties of MBS extract and isolated
265 compounds. As shown in Table 3, **1-5**, **7-10** demonstrated ABTS^{•+} scavenging activity
266 with EC₅₀ values ranging from 2.21 to 71.12 μM. Significantly, **3-5**, **7**, **8**, and **10**
267 exhibited significant ABTS^{•+} scavenging activity with EC₅₀ values less than 10 μM,
268 which were more potent than the positive control, *L*-ascorbic acid (EC₅₀ = 11.06 μM).
269 However, most of isolates (EC₅₀ > 100 μM) were found to be less active than the
270 positive control *L*-ascorbic acid (EC₅₀ = 21.55 μM) in the DPPH[•] scavenging assay
271 except for **5** (EC₅₀ = 17.32 μM) and **7** (EC₅₀ = 19.33 μM). This finding is in
272 accordance with the knowledge that the compounds with more phenolic hydroxyl
273 groups show stronger radical scavenging activity.³⁸ Significant differences were
274 observed between DPPH[•] and ABTS^{•+} scavenging assays. The antioxidant capacity
275 detected by ABTS^{•+} scavenging assay was markedly higher than by DPPH[•]
276 scavenging assay for fruits, vegetables, and beverages,²⁹ which is in agreement with
277 our results.

278 Vitexin (**2**) has a reported myocardial preservation effect.⁷ Thus, the question
279 arises, whether isovitexin (**3**) and extract from MBS could have a similar effect. LDH,
280 CK, and AST are major metabolic enzymes in the heart and can be released into the
281 serum during cardiac damage. As shown in Fig. 4, serum LDH, CK, and AST levels
282 increased quickly in the model control group ($P < 0.01$), indicating that the ISO-
283 induced myocardial ischemia model in rats was successfully established. Vitexin,
284 isovitexin, or MBS extract preconditioning showed a significant protective effect on

285 the ISO-induced myocardial ischemia by markedly preventing any elevation in the
286 serum levels of LDH, CK, and AST ($P < 0.01$). However, both VG and IVG showed a
287 better protective effect than MBSG ($P < 0.05$). The MDA levels and SOD activities in
288 heart tissues are shown in Fig. 4. Compared with the levels in the normal control
289 group, there was a significant increase in the MDA level and a marked reduction in
290 SOD activity in the ISO-induced myocardial ischemia model group ($P < 0.01$). The
291 administration of vitexin, isovitexin or MBS extract resulted in a significant decrease
292 in the level of MDA and a marked increase in the level of SOD, compared with the
293 ISO-induced myocardial ischemia model group ($P < 0.01$). The changed trend of
294 MDA and SOD is in accordance with the serum LDH, CK, and AST levels.

295 Obvious morphological changes were observed in the heart cells of the
296 myocardial ischemia rats. As shown in Fig. 5, in the hearts of the normal rats, cells
297 had clear borders with intact cytoplasm and prominent nuclei. In addition, no
298 inflammatory cell infiltrates were observed (Fig. 5A). In contrast, changes in the
299 features of the myocardium appeared after injection of ISO. Cardiac interstitial edema
300 and infiltration of inflammatory cells were observed in the ISO-induced myocardial
301 ischemia model group (Fig. 5B). After administration of vitexin or isovitexin, cardiac
302 interstitial edema diminished and less infiltration of inflammatory cells was observed
303 (Fig. 5C and D). Rats fed with MBS extract exhibited still less cardiac interstitial
304 edema and infiltration of inflammatory cells, but the histopathologic changes were
305 markedly improved compared with ISO-induced myocardial ischemia model group
306 (Fig. 5E). These data suggest a myocardial preservation effect of MBS and vitexin as
307 well as isovitexin appear to be the major compounds responsible for the effect.
308 Administration of either vitexin or isovitexin alone showed much better effects on
309 myocardial preservation than treatment with MBS extract. Isovitexin-6"-O- α -L-

310 glucoside (**1**) would be hydrolyzed *in vivo* to produce the isovitexin (**3**). Thus, **1** may have
311 effect on myocardial preservation as well, which should be further studied.

312 The correlation between antioxidant and cardioprotective activities of flavone C-
313 glycosides has been reported. Antioxidant activity of orientin and isoorientin (two
314 flavone C-glycosides) appears to reduce the L-NAME induced damage in rats to make
315 *Lagenaria siceraria* fruit possess antihypertensive and cardioprotective activity.³⁹
316 Therefore, the antioxidant property of vitexin and isovitexin may contribute to the
317 myocardial preservation effect. Further studies should be carried out to assess the link
318 between antioxidant activity and myocardial preservation action of vitexin and
319 isovitexin.

320 In conclusion, we report here the structures of 15 compounds isolated from MBS,
321 as well as their *in vitro* antioxidant activities for the first time. **1-5**, **7-10** displayed
322 ABTS^{•+} scavenging activity, and only **5** and **7** exhibited DPPH[•] scavenging activity.
323 By UPLC-MS/MS analysis, **2** and **3** were the major secondary metabolite components
324 in the MBS extract. In the investigation of the myocardial preservation effect, **2**, **3**,
325 and MBS extract showed significantly decreased the activities of LDH, CK, and AST
326 of the myocardial ischemic, MDA contents decreased and the activity of SOD
327 increased in the hearts of ISO-induced myocardial ischemic rats. In addition,
328 histopathologic changes induced by ISO were markedly improved by **2**, **3**, and MBS
329 extract. **2** and **3** are the major constituents responsible for the myocardial preservation
330 effect in MBS. This finding is in accordance with the knowledge that many natural
331 bioactive constituents have protection effect against myocardial ischemic injury. The
332 results obtained in our study provide a potential justification for the use of the seeds
333 from *Vigna radiata* L. industrial byproducts as a valuable source of raw material for
334 new antioxidant and myocardial preservation agents.

335 **ASSOCIATED CONTENT**336 **Supporting Information.**

337 The Supporting Information is available free of charge on the ACS Publications
338 website at DOI:

339 UV, IR, NMR, and FT-ICR-MS data of compound **1**. (PDF)

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350 **ABBREVIATIONS USED**

351 NMR, nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry; HPLC, highperformance liquid
352 chromatography; HSQC, heteronuclear single-quantum coherence; HMBC,
353 heteronuclear multiplebond correlation; FT-ICR-MS, fourier transform ion cyclotron
354 resonance mass spectrometry; UV, ultraviolet spectrometry; IR, infared absorption
355 spectrum; DPPH, 2, 2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl; ABTS⁺, 2, 2'-azinobis-(3-
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Figure 4. Effects of vitexin, isovitexin and extract from MBS on serum and tissue biochemical parameters in rats with ISO-induced myocardial ischemia. Normal: normal control group; Model: ISO model control group; VG: vitexin group; IVG: isovitexin group; MBSG: mung bean seeds extract group. Values were presented as mean \pm standard deviation ($n = 6$). ** $P < 0.01$ vs. normal control group; # $P < 0.05$ vs. model control group; ## $P < 0.01$ vs. model control group by one-way ANOVA.

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Table 1 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data of compound **1** (in DMSO- d_6)

position	δ_{C}	δ_{H}	position	δ_{C}	δ_{H}
2	163.4		2''	70.1	4.02 m
3	102.7	6.75 s	3''	79.0	3.20 m
4	181.7		4''	70.0	3.06 m
5	160.6		5''	79.6	3.32 m
6	108.8		6''	66.8	3.60 m, 3.70 m
7	163.4		1'''	98.6	4.72 d (3.5)
8	93.8	6.48 s	2'''	72.0	3.15 m
9	156.3		3'''	73.1	3.39 m
10	103.1		4'''	70.2	3.30 m
1'	121.1		5'''	72.5	3.37 m
2', 6'	128.4	7.90 d (8.6)	6'''	60.6	3.39 m, 3.51 m
3', 5'	116.0	6.92 d (8.6)	5-OH		13.52 s
4'	161.2		7-OH		10.35 br s
1''	73.3	4.57 d (9.8)			

NMR spectroscopic data were recorded at 600 MHz (^1H NMR) and 150 MHz (^{13}C NMR)

Table 2 Calibration and quantitation of six analytes (n = 3)^a

No.	Analytes	Regression equation	Correlation coefficient (r^2)	X ranges ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	Contents (mg/g) ^b
1	isovitexin-6''-O- α -L-glucoside	Y = 68294X-2422	0.9998	0.1397-5.5897	1.70 \pm 0.22
2	vitexin	Y = 1E+06X+2E+06	0.9991	0.1884-7.5370	2.97 \pm 2.00
3	isovitexin	Y = 2E+06X+8E+06	0.9985	0.4373-17.4904	5.32 \pm 0.27
4	dulcinoside	Y = 30760X+29378	0.9993	0.0103-0.4130	0.13 \pm 0.08
8	L-tryptophan	Y = 3E+06X+4E+07	0.9985	0.2447-9.7893	2.29 \pm 0.25
13	nicotinic acid	Y = 136549X+434939	0.9997	0.0031-1.2333	0.38 \pm 0.09

^a n = number of samples; data represent the mean \pm SD of triplicate tests for each sample.

^b Milligram per 1 g of 95% EtOH extract.

Table 3 Antioxidant activities of MBS extract and compounds 1-15

compound	ABTS (EC ₅₀ , ^a μM)	DPPH (EC ₅₀ , ^a μM)
1	12.20 ± 2.66	>100
2	38.29 ± 3.86	>100
3	4.09 ± 0.37	>100
4	3.70 ± 0.12	>100
5	2.21 ± 0.15	17.32 ± 2.01
6	>100	>100
7	3.02 ± 0.18	19.33 ± 1.99
8	4.17 ± 0.62	>100
9	71.12 ± 4.28	>100
10	9.08 ± 0.07	>100
11	>100	>100
12	>100	>100
13	>100	>100
14	>100	>100
15	>100	>100
MBS extract	0.13 ± 0.26 mg/mL	3.00 ± 0.23 mg/mL
<i>L</i> -Ascorbic acid	11.06 ± 0.62	21.55 ± 1.61

^a EC₅₀ values correspond to the sample concentration achieving 50% of activity

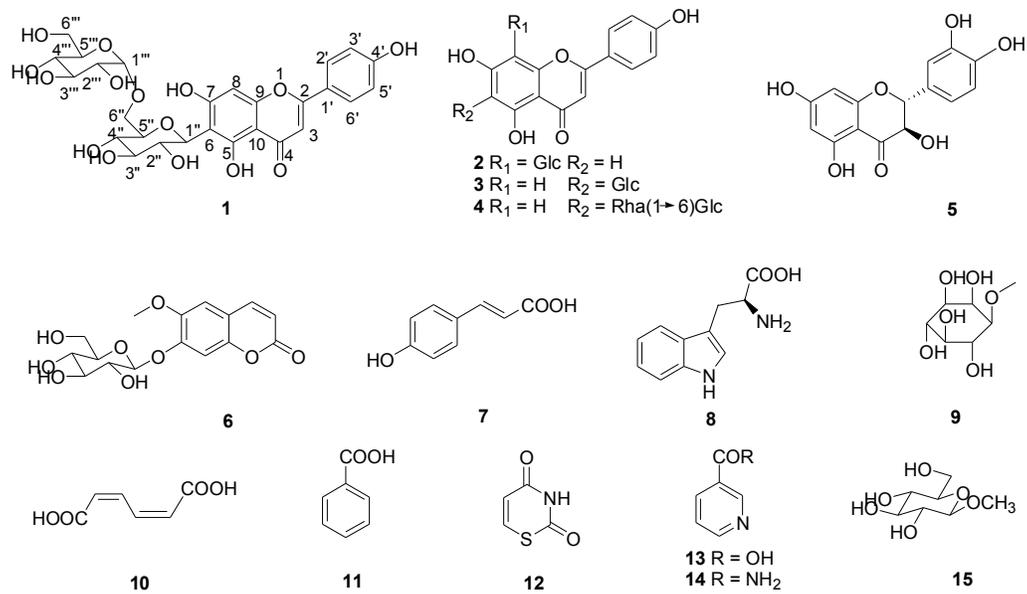


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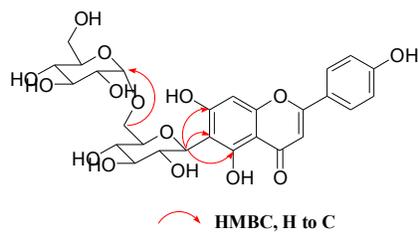


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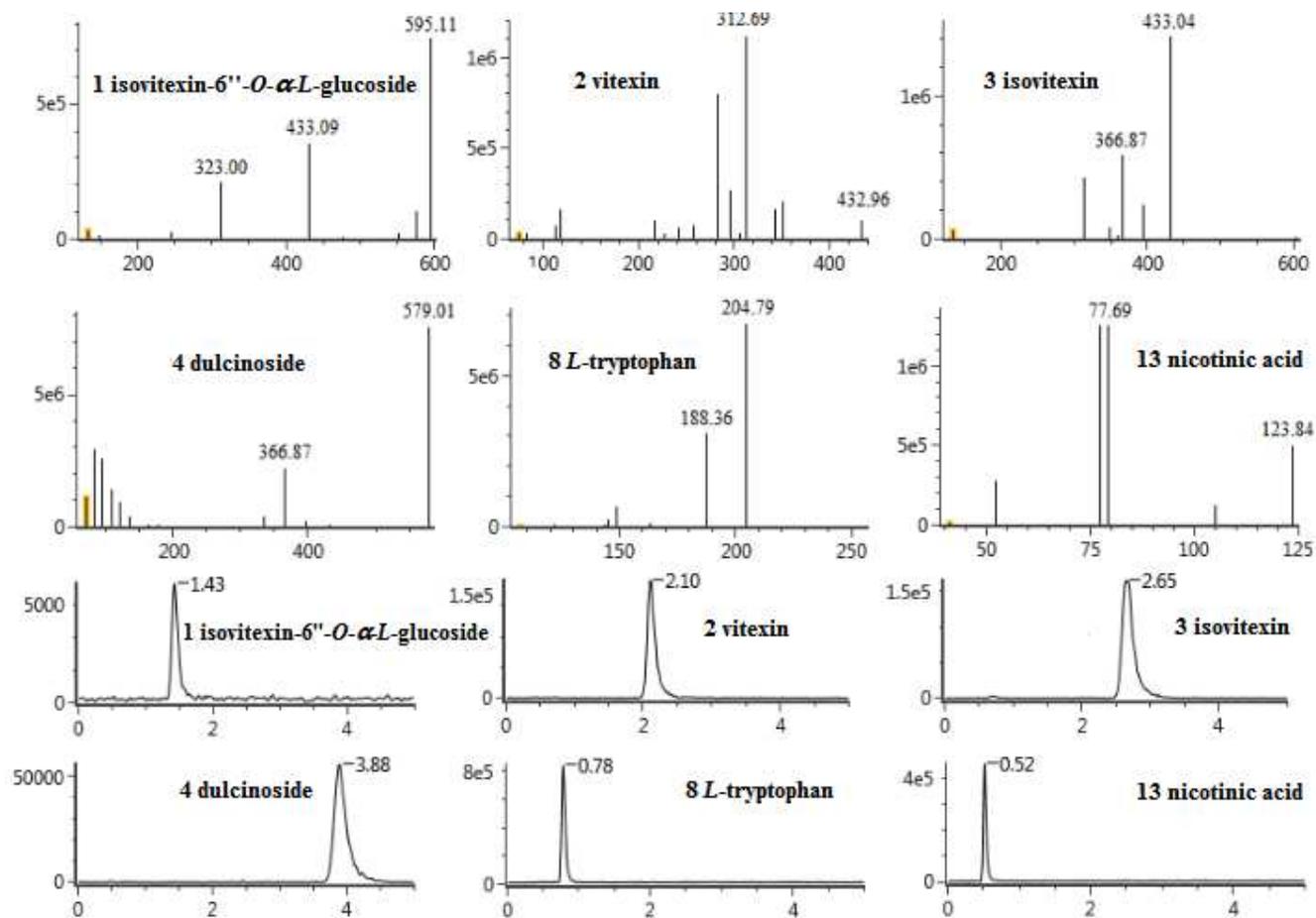


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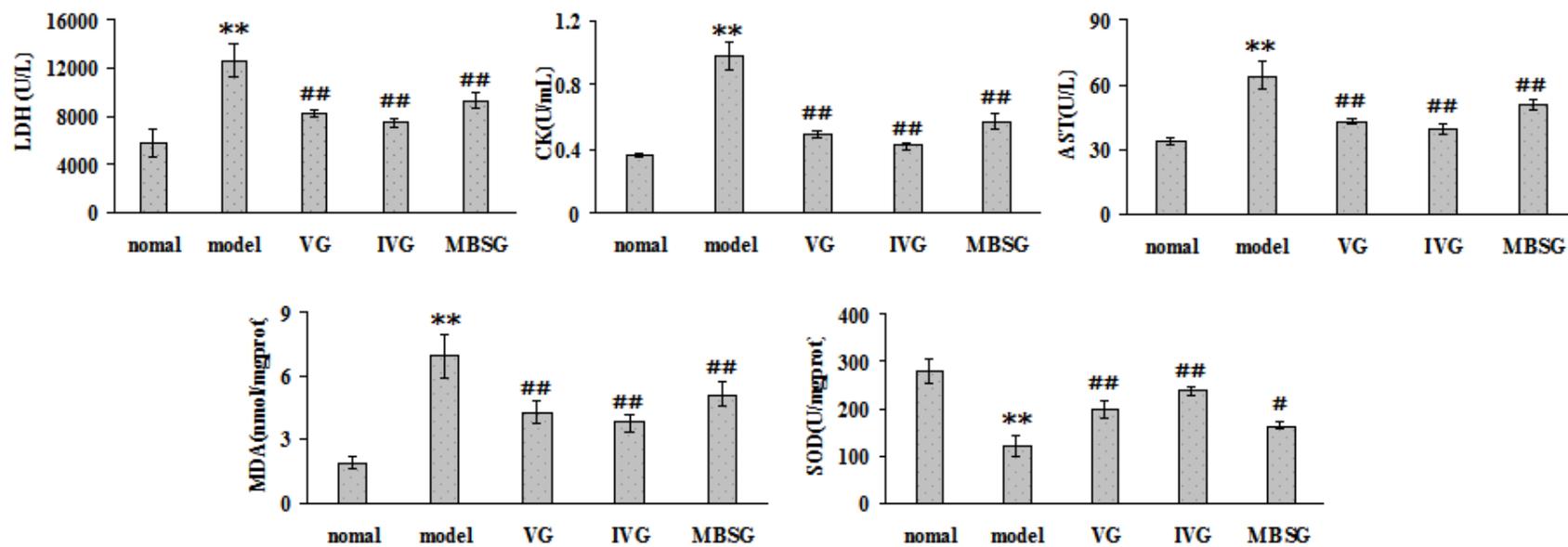


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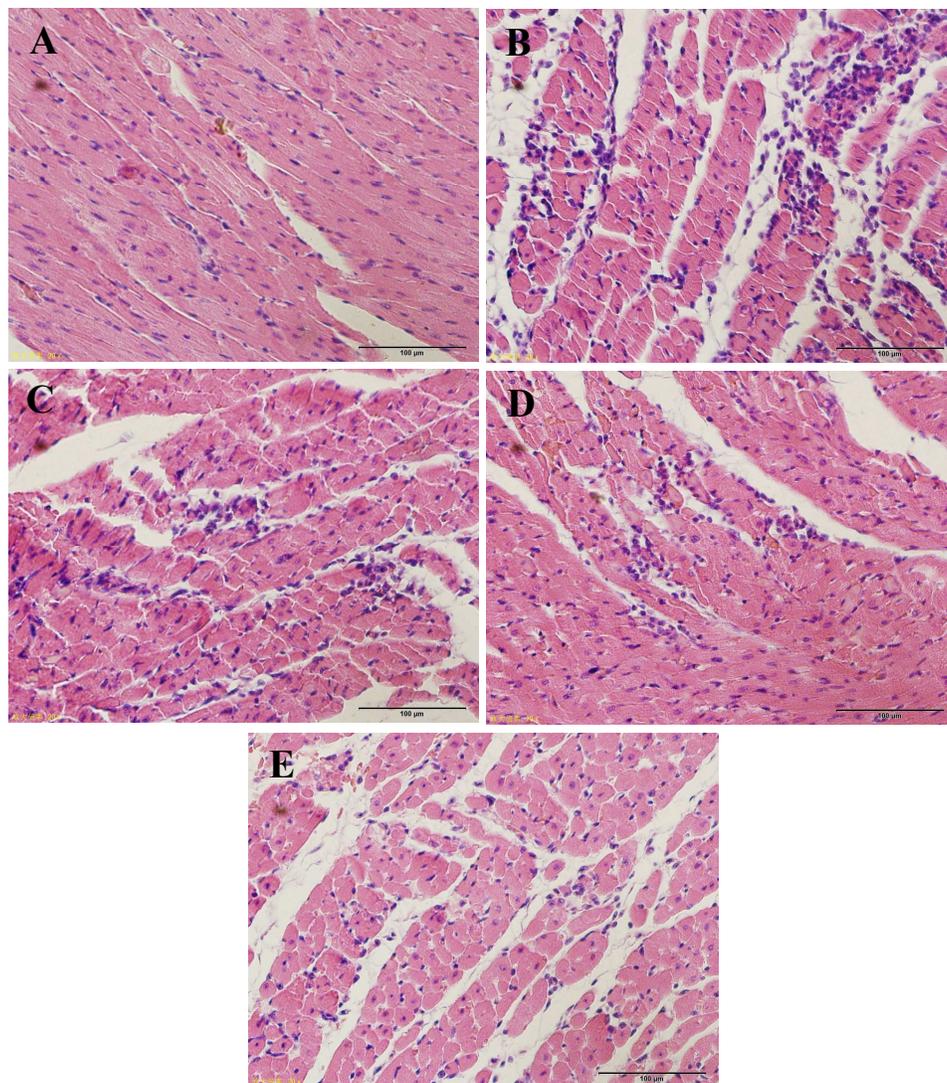
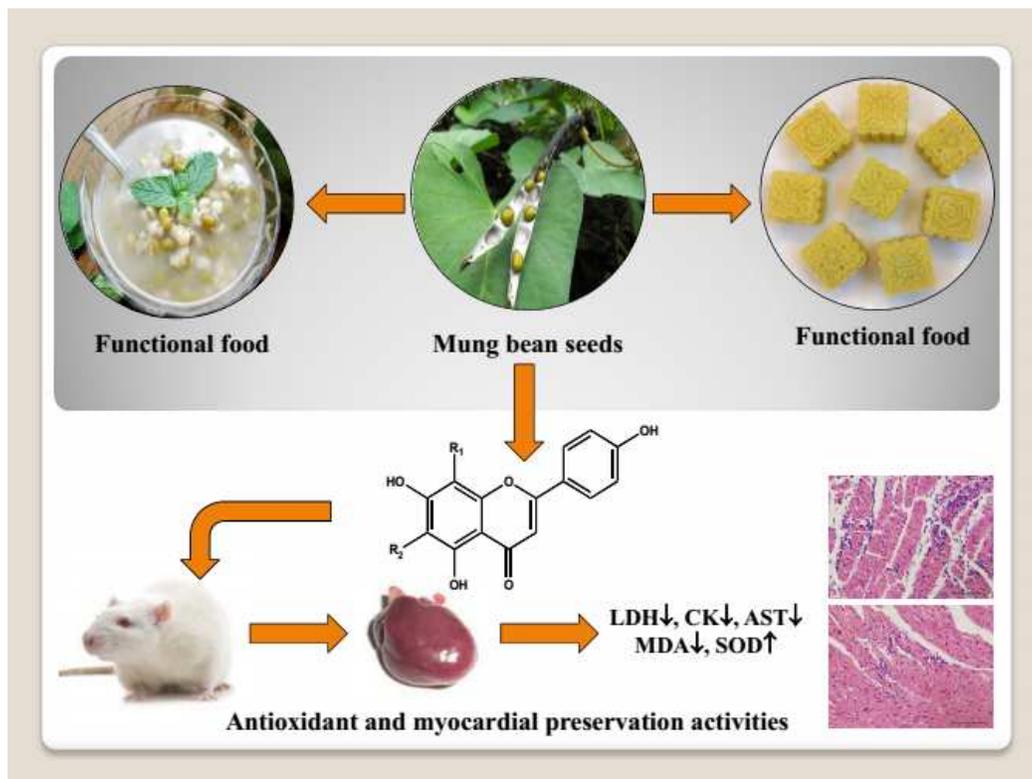


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Graphic Abstract



Supporting Information

**Antioxidant and myocardial preservation activities of
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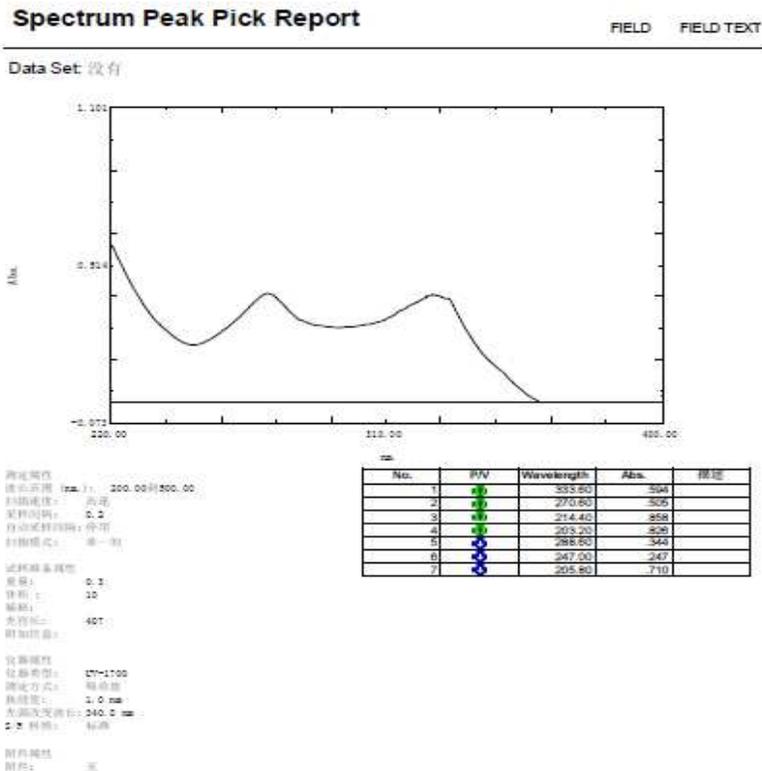


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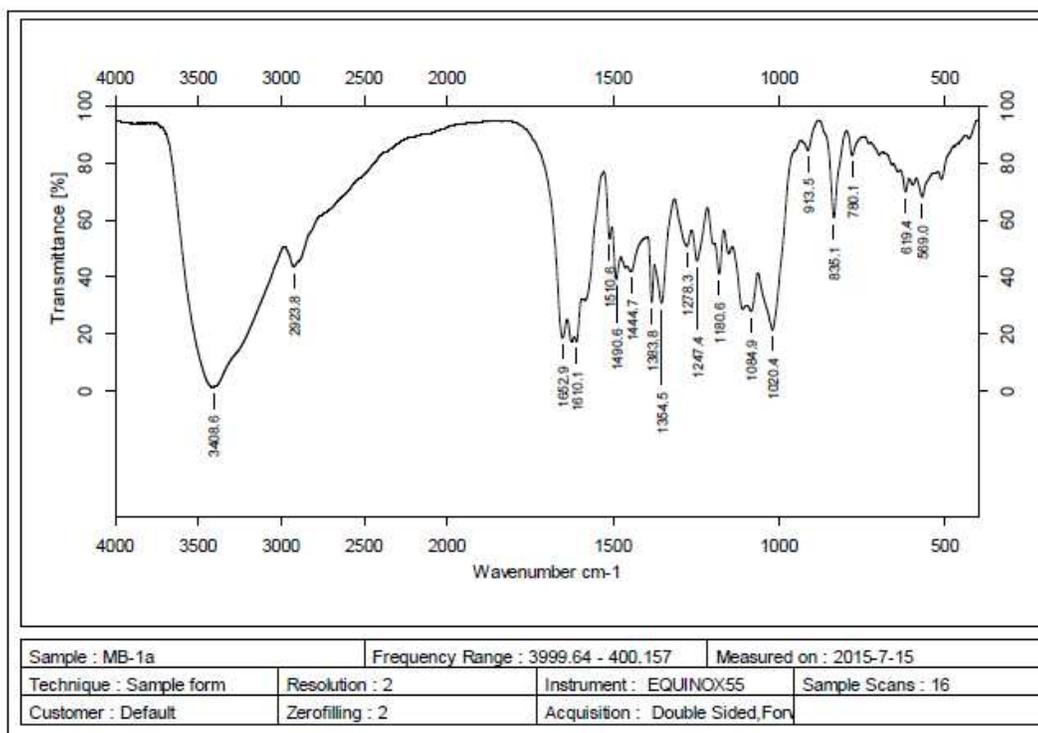


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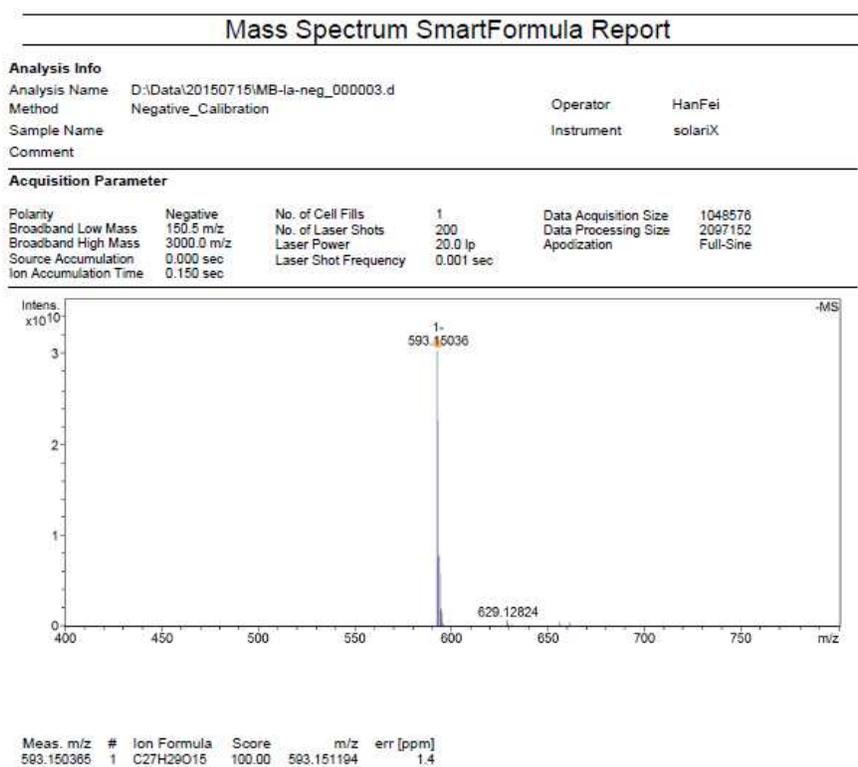
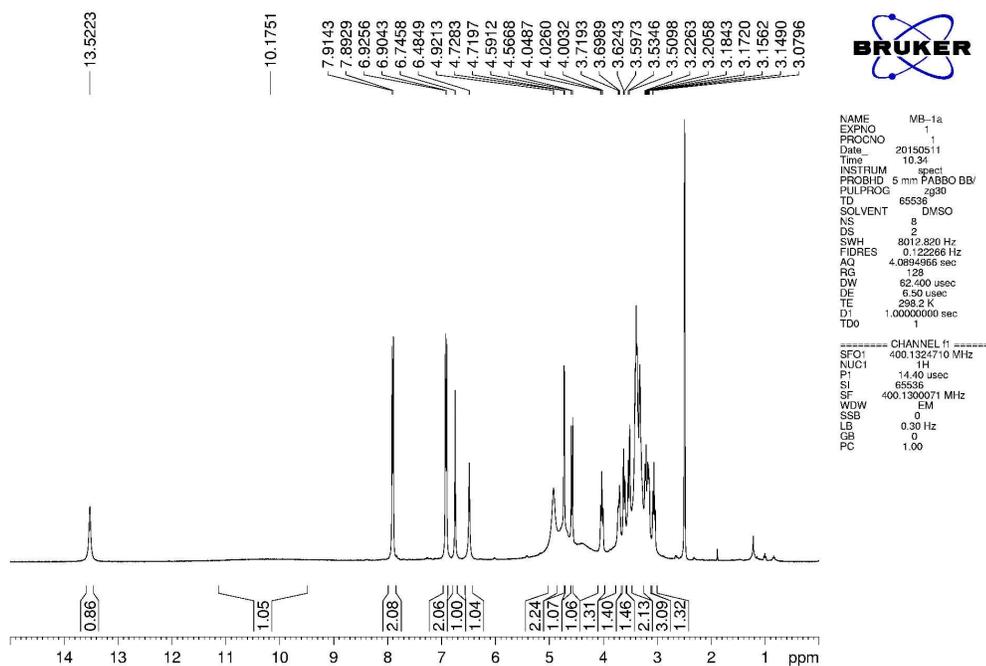
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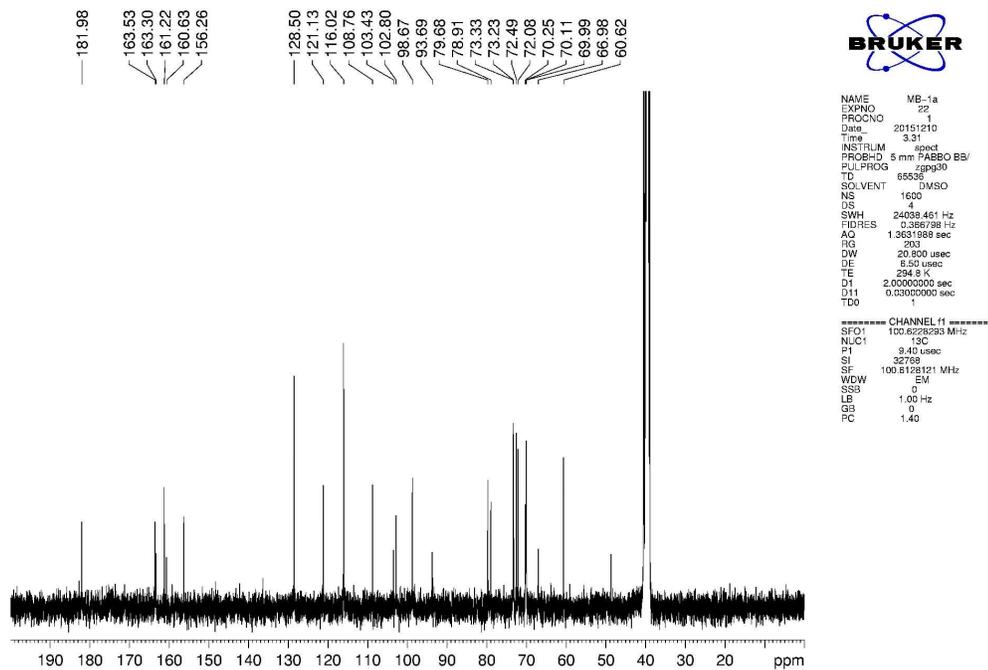
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