SPIREASALICIN, A NEW ACYLATED QUERCETIN GLYCOSIDE FROM Spiraea salicifolia

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A new acylated quercetin glycoside and 36 known compounds were isolated from flowering runners of Spiraea salicifolia L. (Rosaceae). The structures of the new glycoside quercetin-3-O-[6''-(4'''-hydroxy-2'''-methylenebutyroyl)]- β -D-glucopyranoside (spireasalicin, **1**) and the 36 known compounds were elucidated using UV, IR, and NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry. The biological screening of the isolated compounds showed that **1** inhibited α -glucosidase. The contents of several phenolic compounds in S. salicifolia organs were studied and found to be unevenly distributed in the separate plant parts.

Keywords: *Spiraea salicifolia*, Rosaceae, quercetin-3-O-[6"-(4"'-hydroxy-2"'-methylenebutyroyl)]- β -D-glucopyranoside, spireasalicin, anti-glucosidase activity, HPLC.

Diabetes mellitus is a metabolic disorder characterized by abnormal post-prandial elevation of the blood glucose level. Recently, research on diabetes treatment has been directed more and more at the discovery of efficacious inhibitors of α -glucosidase, the key enzyme in carbohydrate metabolism. Previously, we showed that plants of the family Rosaceae (*Comarum, Filipendula, Potentilla*) are sources of phenolic compounds with anti-glucosidase activity [1–3]. A promising plant species of this family is *Spiraea salicifolia* L., which is used in Tibetan medicine ('om bu) to treat diabetes-like conditions and gastrointestinal diseases [4]. Few chemical studies of this species were reported. The leaves are known to contain cinnamoyl glycosides [5] and lignans and triterpenes [6]. The biological activity of *S. salicifolia* has not been studied. Our screening studies established that extracts of *S. salicifolia* inhibited α -glucosidase [7]. Research on flowering runners of *S. salicifolia* isolated 37 compounds including the new quercetin glycoside 1. Its anti-glucosidase activity was determined. The distribution of phenolic compounds in separate organs was studied.



According to HR-ESI-MS, **1** had the formula $C_{26}H_{26}O_{14}$ (561.318 [M – H]⁻, calcd 561.480). The ESI-MS spectrum exhibited a quasi-molecular ion with m/z 561 that corresponded to deprotonated [M – H]⁻ and ions with m/z 463 and 301 that were indicative of sequential cleavage of fragment A with m/z 98 and glucose {[(M – H) – 98 – 162]⁻}. The principal products from acid hydrolysis of **1** were quercetin and D-glucose. The UV spectrum was typical of quercetin glycosides [8]. The IR spectrum of **1** showed bands for ester (v_{max} 1710 cm⁻¹) and conjugated carbonyls (v_{max} 1652 cm⁻¹) [9].

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C atom	$\delta_{\rm H}$	$\delta_{\rm C}$	C atom	$\delta_{\rm H}$	$\delta_{\rm C}$
2	_	158.4	6'	7.53 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 2.0)	123.3
3	_	135.4	1‴	5.10(1H, d, J = 8.0)	101.6
4	_	179.5	2‴	3.57 (1H, m)	76.1
5	_	161.3	3‴	3.50 (1H, m)	78.7
6	6.19 (1H, d, J = 2.0)	100.2	4‴	3.43 (1H, m)	71.8
7	-	165.4	5‴	3.87 (1H, m)	75.2
8	6.30 (1H, d, J = 2.0)	95.0	6‴	4.18 (1H, dd, J = 12.0, 6.1)	64.5
9	_	157.8		4.45 (1H, dd, J = 12.0, 2.1)	
10	_	106.3	1‴′′	_	169.2
1′	—	122.0	2′′′	_	139.4
2′	7.92 (1H, d, J = 2.0)	112.7	3′′′	2.43 (2H, t, J = 7.1)	35.1
3'	-	145.3	4‴	3.65 (2H, t, J = 7.1)	60.4
4'	—	146.2	5′′′	5.68 (1H, s)	129.5
5'	6.91 (1H, d, J = 8.1)	116.0		6.15 (1H, s)	

TABLE 1. PMR (500 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz) Spectra of 1 (MeOH-d₄, δ , ppm, J/Hz)

UV spectroscopy with diagnostic additives found that **1** was characterized by unsubstituted hydroxyls on C-5, C-7, C-3', and C-4'. Thus, fragment A was an acyl moiety on the carbohydrate substituent. The nature of the acyl moiety was determined by analyzing the alkaline hydrolysis products of **1**, which showed a compound with molecular mass 116 that was identified using NMR and MS data as 4-hydroxy-2-methylenebutyric acid [10].

PMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 1 were similar to those of quercetin-3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (isoquercitrin) [11] with the exception of additional resonances in the ¹³C NMR spectrum for ester carboxyl (δ 169.2), a pair of alkene C atoms >C=CH₂ (δ_C 139.4, 129.5), saturated –CH₂– (δ 35.1), and a terminal –CH₂OH (δ 60.4) [12]. The PMR spectrum also contained two additional strong-field resonances for saturated –CH₂–(δ 2.43, 3.65) and weak-field vinyl=CH₂ resonances (δ 5.68, 6.15) [13] (Table 1). HMBC correlations between inequivalent H-6" protons of glucopyranose (δ 4.18, 4.45) and the carboxyl of 4-hydroxy-2-methylenebutyric acid (δ 169.2) and a weak-field shift of the glucopyranose C-6" resonance (δ 64.5) [8] were consistent with a substituted carbohydrate C-6". Thus, the results elucidated the structure of 1 as quercetin-3-*O*-[6"-(4"'-hydroxy-2"'-methylenebutyroyl)]-β-D-glucopyranoside, which we called spireasalicin.

The 4-hydroxy-2-methylenebutyric acid moiety was also found in the natural glycosides 6-tuliposide A [6-O-(4'-hydroxy-2'-methylenebutyroyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside] from *S. thunbergii* Siebold ex Blume [14] and 1-O-cinnamoyl-6-O-(4"-hydroxy-2"-methylenebutyroyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside and 1-O-(4'-hydroxy-2'-methylenebutyroyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside and 1-O-(4'-hydroxy-2'-methylenebutyroyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside and 1-O-(4'-hydroxy-2'-methylenebutyroyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside and 1-O-(4'-hydroxy-2'-methylenebutyroyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside from *S. thunbergii* [12] and *S. prunifolia* Siebold & Zucc. [15]. Until now, flavonoids containing this type of acyl substituent were not observed.

Besides 1, the known compounds 2–37 were also isolated from runners of *S. salicifolia*. They were identified using UV, IR, and NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry as kaempferol-3-O-(6"-caffeoyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (2), kaempferol-3-O-(6"-caffeoyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (2), kaempferol-3-O-(6"-caffeoyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (4), quercetin-3-O-(6"-caffeoyl)- β -D-glacopyranoside (5) [16], tiliroside (6) [17], helichrysoside (7) [18], astragalin (8), trifoliin (9), isoquercitrin (10), hyperoside (11), quercitrin (12), miquelianin (13), kaempferol-4'-glucoside (14), spireoside (15) [19], nicotiflorin (16), rutin (17) [11], caffeic acid (18), 3-O-caffeoylquinic acid (19) [20], 4-O-caffeoylquinic acid (20), 1-O-caffeoyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (21), cinnamic acid (22), *p*-coumaric acid (23), 4-methoxycinnamic acid (24) [5], 6-O-*cis-p*-coumaroyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (26), 6-O-*trans*-4-methoxycinnamoyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (28), 1-O-*trans*-cinnamoyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (27), 6-O-*trans*-4-methoxycinnamoyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (28), 1-O-*trans*-cinnamoyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (29) [12], protocatechoic acid (30), gallic acid (31) [20], 5-O-galloylquinic acid (32), (+)-catechin (33), (-)-epicatechin (34) [21], and procyanidins B₁ (35), B₂ (36), and C₁ (37) [22]. Previously, leaves of *S. salicifolia* afforced 11 and 22–24 [5]. Compounds 2–10, 12–21, and 25–37 were detected in this plant species for the first time.

TABLE 2. α -Glucosidase Activity 50% Inhibitory Concentration (IC₅₀) of Several Flavonoids from S. salicifolia, μ g/mL ± SD

Carbohydrate part ^a	Aglycone ^b		
	kaempferol	quercetin	
	> 350	207.10 ± 8.69	
3-O-Glcp	>350 (8)	273.57 ± 11.21 (10)	
3- <i>O</i> -Gal <i>p</i>	>350 (9)	291.64 ± 11.95 (11)	
3- <i>O</i> -(6"-HMB)-Glcp	_	254.31 ± 7.62 (1)	
3- <i>O</i> -(6"-Caf)-Glcp	302.07 ± 12.38 (2)	42.97 ± 1.93 (4)	
3- <i>O</i> -(6"-Caf)-Galp	308.16 ± 13.25 (3)	40.69 ± 1.66 (5)	
3- <i>O</i> -(6''-Cou)-Glc <i>p</i>	> 350 (6)	331.14 ± 14.23 (7)	
Acarbose ^c	273.11 ±	12.28	

^aCaf = caffeoyl; Cou = p-coumaroyl; Galp = galactopyranose; Glcp = glucopyranose; HMB = 4'-hydroxy-2'-methylenebutyroyl; ^bcompound number shown in parentheses; "-", not determined (compound missing); ^creference compound.

An examination of the occurrence in the genus *Spiraea* of phenolic glycosides containing an acyl substituent on the carbohydrate found that flavonoid acylglycosides **2**, **3**, and **5** were also observed in flowers of *S. cantoniensis* Lour. [16]; **6**, in fruit of *S. formosana* Hayata [23] and runners of *S. canescens* D. Don [24]. Phenolic glycosides **25–29** were detected as constituents in the aerial part of *S. canescens* [24], *S. prunifolia* [15], and *S. thunbergii* [12]. Acylation of phenolic glycosides is probably a systematic chemical feature of the genus *Spiraea*.

Studies of the biological activities of the isolated compounds with respect to α -glucosidase showed that several flavonoids were very potent inhibitors of the enzyme (Table 2). The 50% inhibitory concentrations (IC₅₀) for phenylpropanoids **18–29**, benzoic acids **30–32**, catechins **33** and **34**, and procyanidins **35–37** were \geq 400 µg/mL, which indicated that they were not efficacious. The degree of α -glucosidase inhibition increased from kaempferol to quercetin for both the aglycones and glycosides. This indicated that substitution of flavonoid ring B was very important for the manifestation of biological activity. The activities of the glycoside derivatives decreased if a carbohydrate moiety (glucose, galactose) was added to the flavonoid C-3 position. However, a C-6" *p*-coumaroyl or caffeoyl substituent on the sugar helped to increase the inhibition efficacy with caffeoyl being the most potent. Quercetin glycosides **4** (IC₅₀ 42.97 µg/mL) and **5** (IC₅₀ 40.69 µg/mL) were the most efficacious α -glucosidase inhibitors. Their activities were significantly greater than that of the reference compound acarbose (IC₅₀ 273.11 µg/mL). The efficacy of **1** (IC₅₀ 273.57 µg/mL) and acarbose.

HPLC-UV was used for quantitative characterization of S. salicifolia flowering runners as a source of phenolic α -glucosidase inhibitors. An analysis of S. salicifolia organs showed that the various compound groups were unevenly distributed in the plant (Table 3). Flowers of S. salicifolia were capable of accumulating flavonoids (42.40 mg/g) and less catechins and phenylpropanoids. The principal flavonoids of the flowers were quercitrin (12, 11.70 mg/g), hyperoside (11, 8.01 mg/g), and isoquercitrin (10, 7.43 mg/g). Quercetin derivatives were responsible for $\sim 92\%$ (38.91 mg/g) of the total flavonoids in flowers. Flavonoid monosides dominated over biosides. The contents of glucosides, galactosides, and rhamnosides were similar. The total content of acylated glycosides 2, 3, and 5 was 5.22 mg/g or 12.3% of the total flavonoids. The flavonoid concentrations in S. salicifolia leaves were lower (23.40 mg/g) with 10 (7.55 mg/g), 3 (5.53 mg/g), and 11 (4.56 mg/g) being dominant. The principal flavonoid species were distributed similarly in leaves and flowers. The flavonoid contents in S. salicifolia stems were the least at 5.37 mg/g. Glycoside 1 was found in S. salicifolia flowers and leaves. The accumulation of phenylpropanoids in S. salicifolia was greater in leaves (48.11 mg/g) than in flowers (21.86 mg/g). The principal compounds of this group in S. salicifolia leaves was 1-O-caffeoyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (21, 38.46 mg/g); in flowers, 3-O-caffeoylquinic acid (19, 13.42 mg/g). Benzoic acids (30 and 31) and derivative 32 were detected only in S. salicifolia flowers (2.19 mg/g), where (+)-catechin (33, 21.81 mg/g) and catechins in general (30.14 mg/g) also localized. Stems of S. salicifolia were characterized by larger concentrations of catechins (10.88 mg/g) than leaves (5.57 mg/g). In general, it is noteworthy that the various organs of S. salicifolia runners typically had high contents of phenolic compounds. However, flowers and leaves had the highest contents of the target group of acylated flavonoid glycosides (1-3 and 5) and could be recommended as a new medicinal raw material.

Compound	Flowers	Leaves	Stems						
Flavonoids (Fl)									
1	< 0.01	< 0.01							
2	2.19 ± 0.04	0.86 ± 0.02	0.18 ± 0.00						
3	1.30 ± 0.03	5.53 ± 0.11	< 0.01						
5	1.73 ± 0.04	0.64 ± 0.02	0.21 ± 0.00						
10	7.43 ± 0.14	7.55 ± 0.15	2.80 ± 0.05						
11	8.01 ± 0.15	4.56 ± 0.09	1.22 ± 0.02						
12	11.70 ± 0.26	1.08 ± 0.02	0.44 ± 0.01						
13	1.12 ± 0.02	0.11 ± 0.00	< 0.01						
15	1.91 ± 0.05	1.07 ± 0.02	0.17 ± 0.00						
17	3.62 ± 0.08	< 0.01	0.16 ± 0.00						
Phenylpropanoids (PP)									
18	1.34 ± 0.04	1.51 ± 0.03	1.09 ± 0.02						
19	13.42 ± 0.28	7.14 ± 0.14	2.14 ± 0.04						
20	1.93 ± 0.05	0.25 ± 0.00	1.00 ± 0.02						
21	4.82 ± 0.11	38.46 ± 0.76	2.25 ± 0.04						
22	0.18 ± 0.00	0.48 ± 0.01							
24	0.17 ± 0.00	0.27 ± 0.00							
Benzoic acids (BA)									
30	0.93 ± 0.02								
31	0.36 ± 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01						
32	0.90 ± 0.02	< 0.01							
Catechins (C)									
33	21.81 ± 0.43	5.57 ± 0.11	6.95 ± 0.14						
34	8.33 ± 0.16	< 0.01	3.93 ± 0.07						
$\Sigma_{ m Fl}$	42.40	23.40	5.37						
$\Sigma_{ m PP}$	21.86	48.11	6.48						
$\Sigma_{ m BA}$	2.19	< 0.01	< 0.01						
$\Sigma_{\rm C}$	30.14	5.57	10.88						
$\Sigma_{ m PC}$	96.59	77.08	22.73						

TABLE 3. Contents of Several Phenolic Compounds (PCs) in S. salicifolia Organs, mg/g of Air-dried Mass ± SD

EXPERIMENTAL

Runners of *S. salicifolia* were collected during flowering in the vicinity of Kyren (Tunkinskii District, Republic of Buryatia, Russia; July 20, 2015; $51^{\circ}40'48''$ N, $102^{\circ}11'54''$ E, 741 m above sea level). The species was determined by Dr. T. A. Aseeva (IGEB, SB, RAS). Raw material was dried in a convection oven (50° C) to moisture content $\leq 5\%$. Column chromatography (CC) was performed over SiO₂, RP-SiO₂, polyamide (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA), and Sephadex LH-20 (GE Healthcare, Little Chalfont, UK). Spectrophotometry was carried out on an SF-2000 spectrophotometer (OKB Spektr, St. Petersburg, Russia). MS analyses used LCMS-8050 TQ-mass spectrometer (Shimadzu, Columbia, MD, USA) with electrospray ionization (ESI) in negative-ion mode at capillary potential –30 to –60 V, field potential 5.0 kV, ion-source temperature 250°C, and molecular mass scan range 100–2000 Da. NMR spectra were recorded on a VXR 500S NMR spectrometer (Varian, Palo Alto, CA, USA). Preparative HPLC was performed on a Summit liquid chromatograph (Dionex, Sunnyvale, CA, USA).

Extraction and Fractionation. A weighed portion of dried and ground raw material (1400 g) was extracted (2×) with EtOH (60%, 1:20) in an ultrasonic bath (100 W, 35 kHz) at 40°C for 2 h. The resulting extract was filtered off and concentrated in vacuo (40°C) to an aqueous residue that was extracted with hexane and *n*-BuOH. The solvents were removed to produce hexane (SF-1, 36 g), *n*-BuOH (SF-2, 283 g), and aqueous fractions (SF-3, 204 g). Anti-glucosidase activity of the fractions showed that fraction SF-2 had the greatest inhibitory activity with IC₅₀ 163.27 ± 6.52 µg/mL. The activities of

SF-1 and SF-3 were <400 µg/mL. Fraction SF-2 (250 g) was investigated further by separation over polyamide (CC, 2.5 kg) with elution successively by H₂O (fraction SF-2/1, 26 g), EtOH (30%, SF-2/2, 49 g; 70%, SF-2/3, 134 g), and NH₃ (0.5%) in EtOH (90%, SF-2/4, 37 g). Fraction SF-2/1 was not investigated further because it was inactive. Fraction SF-2/2 (40 g) was chromatographed over SiO₂ (CC, 4 × 60 cm) using a EtOAc–Me₂CO gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 60:40) to produce subfractions SF-2/2-01–SF-2/2-09. Subfractions SF-2/2-04 and SF-2/2-05 were rechromatographed over SiO₂ (CC, 2 × 30 cm) using a EtOAc–EtOH gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 70:30) to isolate procyanidins B₁ (63 mg, **35**) [22], B₂ (40 mg, **36**) [22], and C₁ (15 mg, **37**) [22]. Analogous separation of subfraction SF-2/2-06 produced 1-*O*-caffeoyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (1264 mg, **21**) [5], (+)-catechin (107 mg, **33**) [21], and (–)-epicatechin (27 mg, **34**) [21]. Separation of subfractions SF-2/2-09 over SiO₂ (CC, 2 × 40 cm, Me₂CO–H₂O, 100:0 \rightarrow 60:40) isolated rutin (142 mg, **17**) [11], protocatechoic acid (84 mg, **30**) [20], gallic acid (20 mg, **31**) [20], and 5-*O*-galloylquinic acid (54 mg, **32**) [21]. Fraction SF-2/3 (125 g) was chromatographed over SiO₂ (CC, 8 × 70 cm) using a hexane–EtOAc–Me₂CO gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 60:40:0 \rightarrow 0:70:30) to produce subfractions SF-2/3-06.

Next, subfractions SF-2/3-01 and SF-2/3-02 were separated over SiO₂ (CC, 1 × 30 cm) using a hexane–EtOAc gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 80:20) to isolate tiliroside (14 mg, **6**) [17], cinnamic acid (30 mg, **22**) [5], *p*-coumaric acid (10 mg, **23**) [5], and 4-methoxycinnamic acid (14 mg, **24**) [5]. Subfractions SF-2/3-03 and SF-2/3-04 were chromatographed over SiO₂ (CC, 2 × 30 cm, EtOH–H₂O, 95:5 \rightarrow 70:30) and RP-SiO₂ (CC, 1 × 18 cm, H₂O–MeCN, 100:0 \rightarrow 10:90) to isolate kaempferol-4'-glucoside (10 mg, **14**) [19], spireoside (207 mg, **15**) [19], 6-*O*-*cis*-*p*-coumaroyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (52 mg, **25**) [12], and 6-*O*-*trans*-*p*-coumaroyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (75 mg, **26**) [12]. Subfractions SF-2/3-06 and SF-2/3-07 were separated over SiO₂ (CC, 1 × 20 cm, hexane–EtOAc, 100:0 \rightarrow 70:30), Sephadex G-10 (CC, 2 × 90 cm, EtOH–H₂O, 95:5 \rightarrow 60:40), RP-SiO₂ (CC, 1 × 20 cm, H₂O–MeCN, 100:0 \rightarrow 20:80), and preparative HPLC [LiChrospher RP-18 column (250 × 10 mm, \emptyset 10 µm, Supelco, Bellefonte, PA, USA); mobile phase H₂O (A) and MeCN (B) in gradient mode (%B): 0–40 min, 40–60%; 40–60 min, 60–90%; flow rate 1 mL/min; column temperature 30°C; UV detector at 350 nm] to produce kaempferol-3-*O*-(6"-caffeoyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (30 mg, **2**) [16], kaempferol-3-*O*-(6"-caffeoyl)- β -D-glacopyranoside (31 mg, **3**) [16], and helichrysoside [quercetin-3-*O*-(6"-comaroyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside; 28 mg, **7**) [18].

Subfraction SF-2/3-08 was separated analogously to afford **1** (spireasalicin, 18 mg), 6-*O*-*cis*-4-methoxycinnamoyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (47 mg, **27**) [12], 6-*O*-*trans*-4-methoxycinnamoyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (29 mg, **28**) [12], and 1-*O*-*trans*-cinnamoyl-6-*O*-(4"-hydroxy-2"-methylenebutyroyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (15 mg, **29**) [12]. Subfraction SF-2/3-09 yielded quercetin-3-*O*-(6"-caffeoyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (14 mg, **4**) [16], quercetin-3-*O*-(6"-caffeoyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (36 mg, **5**) [16], and nicotiflorin (25 mg, **16**) [11]. Subfractions SF-2/3-10–SF-2/3-15 were separated using CC over SiO₂ (2 × 30 cm, hexane–EtOAc, 85:15→60:40), Sephadex G-10 (2 × 90 cm, EtOH–H₂O, 95:5→50:50), and RP-SiO₂ (1 × 20 cm, H₂O–MeCN, 100:0→40:60) to produce astragalin (35 mg, **8**) [19], trifoliin (27 mg, **9**) [19], isoquercitrin (180 mg, **10**) [19], hyperoside (183 mg, **11**) [19], quercitrin (1541 mg, **12**) [19], and miquelianin (48 mg, **13**) [19]. Fraction SF-2/4 (35 g) was chromatographed over Sephadex G-10 (CC, 2 × 90 cm, EtOH–H₂O, 95:5→20:80) and RP-SiO₂ (CC, 1 × 20 cm, H₂O–MeCN, 100:0→40:60) to isolate caffeic acid (102 mg, **18**) [20], 3-*O*-caffeoylquinic acid (915 mg, **19**) [20], and 4-*O*-caffeoylquinic acid (26 mg, **20**) [5].

Spireasalicin (1), $C_{26}H_{26}O_{14}$. HR-ESI-MS *m/z* 561.318 ([M – H]⁻; calcd 561.480). (–)ESI-MS *m/z*: 561 [M – H]⁻, 463 [(M – H) – 98]⁻, 301 [(M – H) – 98 – 162]⁻. UV spectrum (MeOH, λ_{max} , nm): 256, 267 sh, 356; +AlCl₃ 276, 412; +AlCl₃/HCl 270, 298, 401; +NaOAc 270, 323, 395; +NaOAc/H₃BO₃ 261, 300, 391; +NaOMe 271, 331, 411. IR spectrum (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 3425, 1710, 1652, 1602. Table 1 lists the PMR and ¹³C NMR spectra.

Acid Hydrolysis of 1. Compound 1 (2 mg) was dissolved in TFA (5%, 10 mL) and heated at 110°C (2 h). The hydrolysate was concentrated *in vacuo* and dissolved in MeOH. The resulting hydrolysate was chromatographed over polyamide (CC, 20 g) with elution successively by H_2O (100 mL, eluate I) and EtOH (90%, 250 mL, eluate II). The resulting eluates were concentrated *in vacuo* and analyzed by HPLC (conditions 1, monosaccharides as 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2-pyrazolin-5-ones [25]; conditions 2, phenolic compounds). Glucose was detected in eluate I (t_R 12.53 min); quercetin, in eluate II (t_R 12.66 min). Eluate I was also analyzed as before to determine if the monosaccharides were D- or L-isomers [26].

Alkaline Hydrolysis of 1. Compound 1 (7 mg) was dissolved in NaOH (5 mL, 1 M) and thermostatted at 50°C (4 h). The resulting solution was neutralized with AcOH and extracted with Et_2O (3 × 30 mL). The organic layer was concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was dissolved in hexane and chromatographed over SiO₂ (CC, 1 × 10 cm) using a hexane–EtOAc gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 70:30). The fraction eluted by hexane–EtOAc (85:15) afforded a compound (1.1 mg) that was identified by NMR and mass spectrometry as 4-hydroxy-2-methylenebutyric acid [10].

4-Hydroxy-2-methylenebutyric acid, $C_5H_8O_3$. HR-ESI-MS *m/z* 115.127 ([M – H][–]; calcd 115.109). ¹H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 6.18 (1H, s, =C<u>H</u>₂), 5.63 (1H, s, =C<u>H</u>₂), 3.58 (1H, t, J = 7.0, H-4), 2.40 (1H, t, J = 7.0, H-3). ¹³C NMR spectrum (125 MHz, MeOH-d₄, δ , ppm): 170.5 (C-1), 140.6 (C-2), 129.1 (=<u>C</u>H₂), 60.9 (C-4), 34.8 (C-3).

HPLC. Conditions 1: ProntoSIL-120-5-C18 AQ column (2×75 mm, \emptyset 5 µm, Metrohm AG); mobile phase: CH₃COONH₄ (100 mM, pH 4.5) (A) and MeCN (B); gradient mode (%B): 0-20 min, 20-26%; flow rate 150 µL/min; column temperature 35°C; UV detector at 250 nm. Conditions 2: ProntoSIL-120-5-C18 AQ column (2 × 75 mm, Ø 5 µm, Metrohm AG); mobile phase LiClO₄ (0.2 M) in HClO₄ (0.006 M) (A) and MeCN (B); gradient mode (%B): $0-9 \min$, 0-80%; $9-15 \min$, 80-100%; flow rate 100 µL/min; column temperature 35°C; UV detector at 270 nm. Quantitative analysis was performed on a Milichrom A-02 microcolumn liquid chromatograph (EcoNova, Novosibirsk, Russia); ProntoSIL-120-5-C18 AQ column $(2 \times 75 \text{ mm}, \emptyset 5 \mu\text{m}, \text{Metrohm AG}, \text{Herisau}, \text{Switzerland});$ mobile phase: LiClO₄ (0.2 M) in HClO₄ (0.006 M) (A) and MeCN (B); gradient mode (%B): 0-40 min, 5-80; 40-43 min, 100; flow rate 100 µL/min; column temperature 35°C; UV detector at 270 (benzoic acids, catechins), 320 (phenylpropanoids), and 356 nm (flavonoids). The contents of pure constituents were calculated from calibration curves constructed using commercial samples of isoquercitrin; hyperoside; quercitrin; miquelianin; spireoside; rutin; caffeic acid; 3-O- and 4-O-caffeoylquinic acids; cinnamic, 4-methoxycinnamic, protocatechoic, and gallic acids; (+)-catechin; and (-)-epicatechin (Sigma-Aldrich). Astragalin (Sigma-Aldrich) was used for analysis of kaempferol-3-O-(6''-caffeoyl)-glucoside and kaempferol-3-O-(6''-caffeoyl)- β -D-galactopyranoside; hyperoside, quercetin-3-O-(6''-caffeoyl)- β -D-galactopyranoside; and caffeic acid, 1-O-caffeoyl- β -D-glucopyranoside; and gallic acid, 5-O-galloylquinic acid. The difference in molecular masses of the compounds was considered in the calculations when using external standards. The results were reported as the averages of three parallel determinations (±standard deviation, SD).

Anti-glucosidase activity of the fractions and compounds was studied by a microplate spectrophotometric method using α -glucosidase from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (3.2.1.20; type I; ≥ 10 U/mg; Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA) [3]. Results were expressed as the IC₅₀ (µg/mL) values. Solutions of the compounds in normal saline (0.9% NaCl) were used. The reference compound was acarbose ($\geq 94\%$, Sigma-Aldrich).

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