

# Analysis of anti-diabetic compounds in herbal extracts via HPTLC-enzyme inhibition assay, followed by HRMS

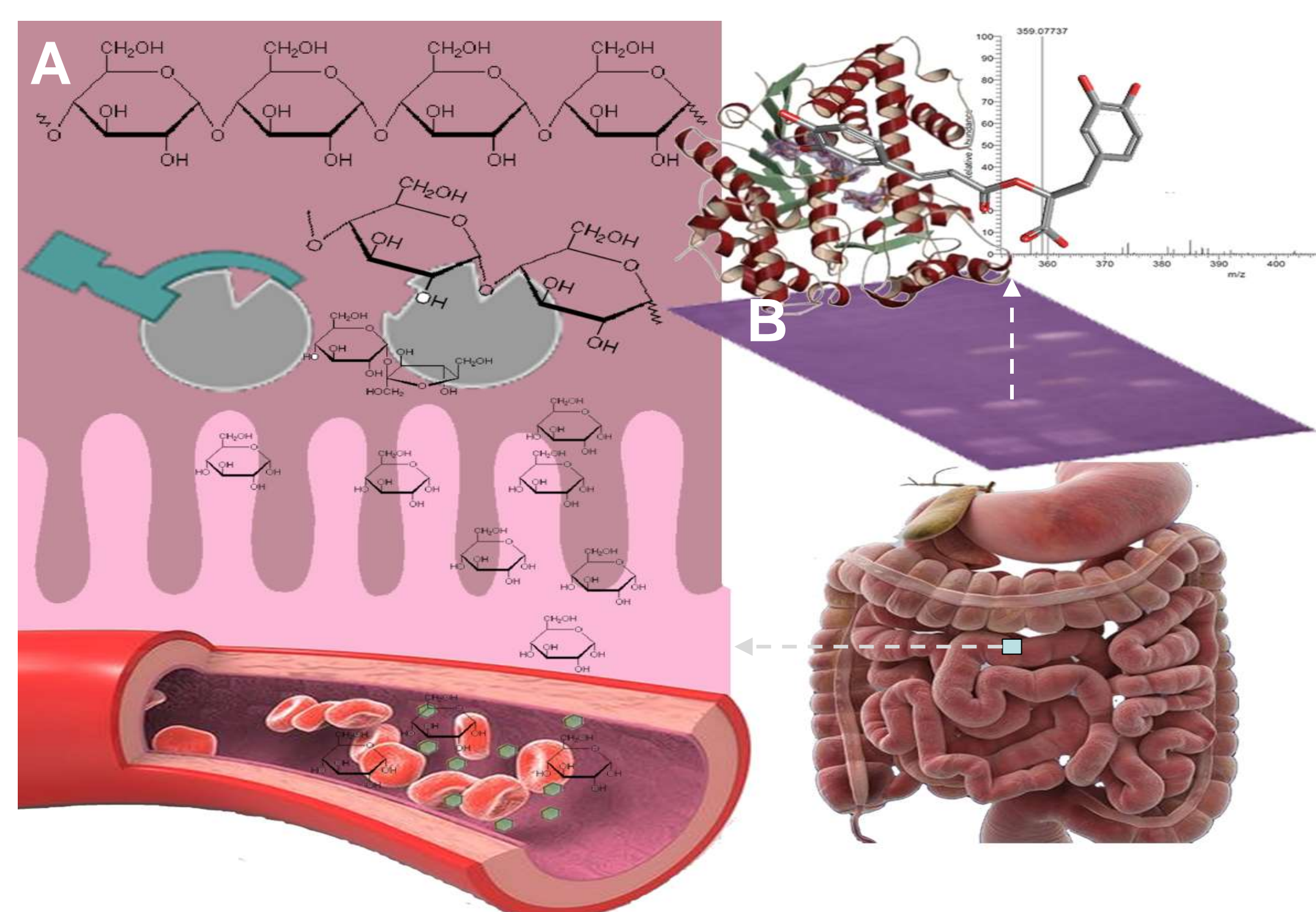


Fig. 1 Scheme of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase function in the digestive system (A) and planar  $\alpha$ -glucosidase assay (B)

## Highlights

- The inhibitors of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase prevent the digestion of carbohydrates, hence, reducing the blood sugar [1-3]; botanicals have been a promising source for the development of new anti-diabetic medicines.
- ✓ HPTLC in direct combination with enzymatic inhibition (EI) followed by HRMS is instrumentally simple and powerful in visual interpretation, if compared to conventional approaches [4-5] → HPTLC-EI-HRMS provided the characterization of unknown glucosidase inhibitors in a high number of botanicals
- ✓ Quantitative biodensitograms enabled the bio-equivalency calculation of inhibitors in a matrix-rich sample → gain in information by bio-equivalency values
- ✓ Rapid method taking 3.5 min per sample (20 samples in parallel) allows characterization of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitors in a high number of botanical extracts.

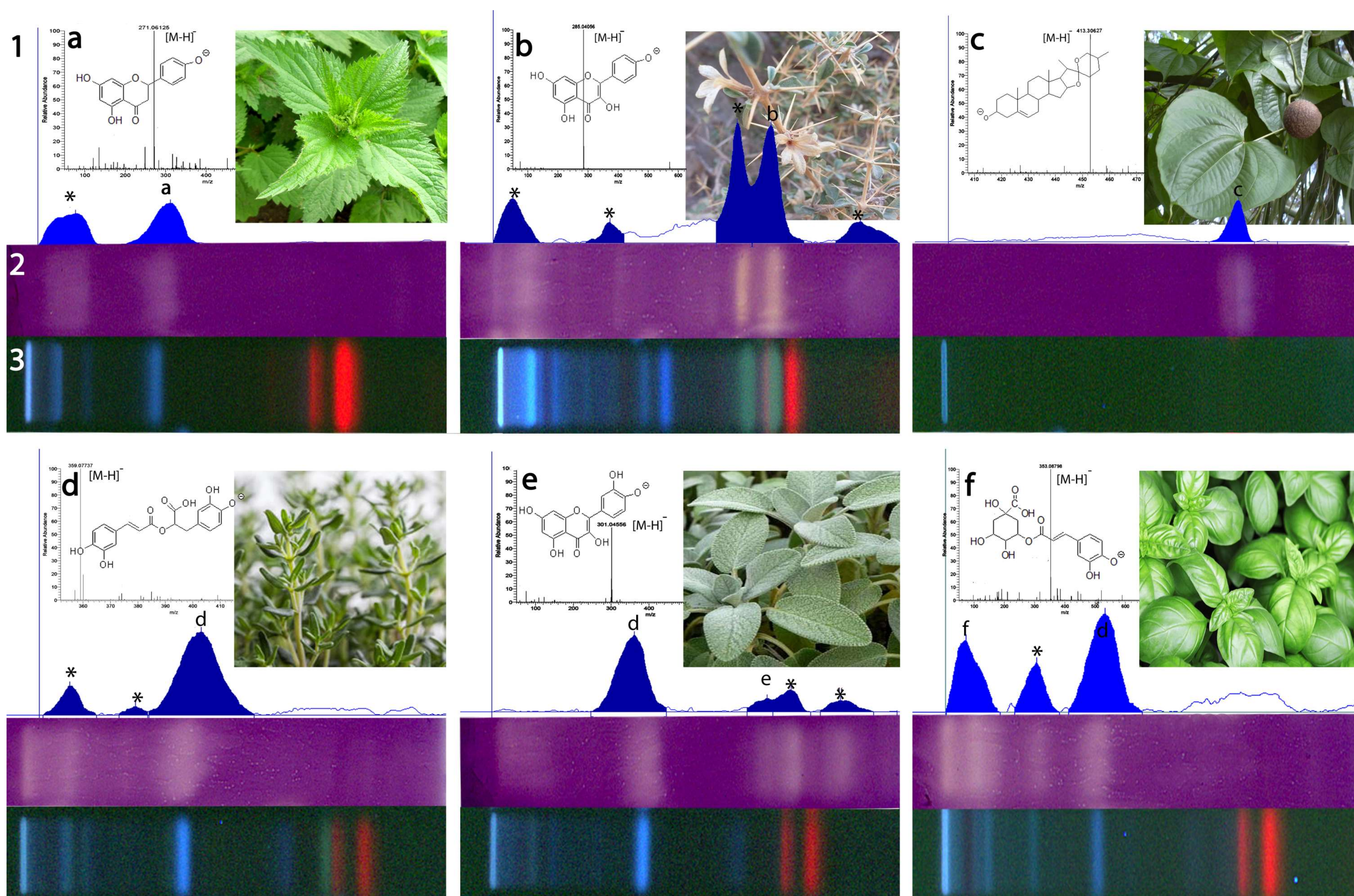


Fig. 2 Biodensitograms of botanicals extracts (1) recorded from bioautograms (2) by inverse scanning and compared to HPTLC chromatograms at UV 366 nm (3); discovered inhibition zones a-f were eluted into the HRMS system via an elution head-based interface.

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