

Phlomis lychnitis L. (Lamiaceae) as a source of bioactive compounds with functional properties

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INTRODUCTION:

Phlomis lychnitis L. (Lamiaceae) is a shrub found in the Iberian Peninsula and in other Mediterranean countries. *P. lychnitis*, also known as "candilera" in Spain, has been used in traditional medicine to treat illnesses such as colds and gastrointestinal problems. Due to the presence of different metabolites in the composition of this plant, it could be a source of bioactive principles for the development of possible new treatments.

OBJECTIVE:

To determine the bioactive properties (total polyphenols, antioxidant properties and capacity to inhibit digestive enzymes) of a methanolic extract of *P. lychnitis* L.

MATERIAL & METHODS:



Maceration in methanol and subsequent rotary evaporation

Reducing capacity:

Total Polyphenols → Folin-Ciocalteu method

Antioxidant Screening:

→ DPPH[•] radical scavenging
→ Superoxide radical scavenging

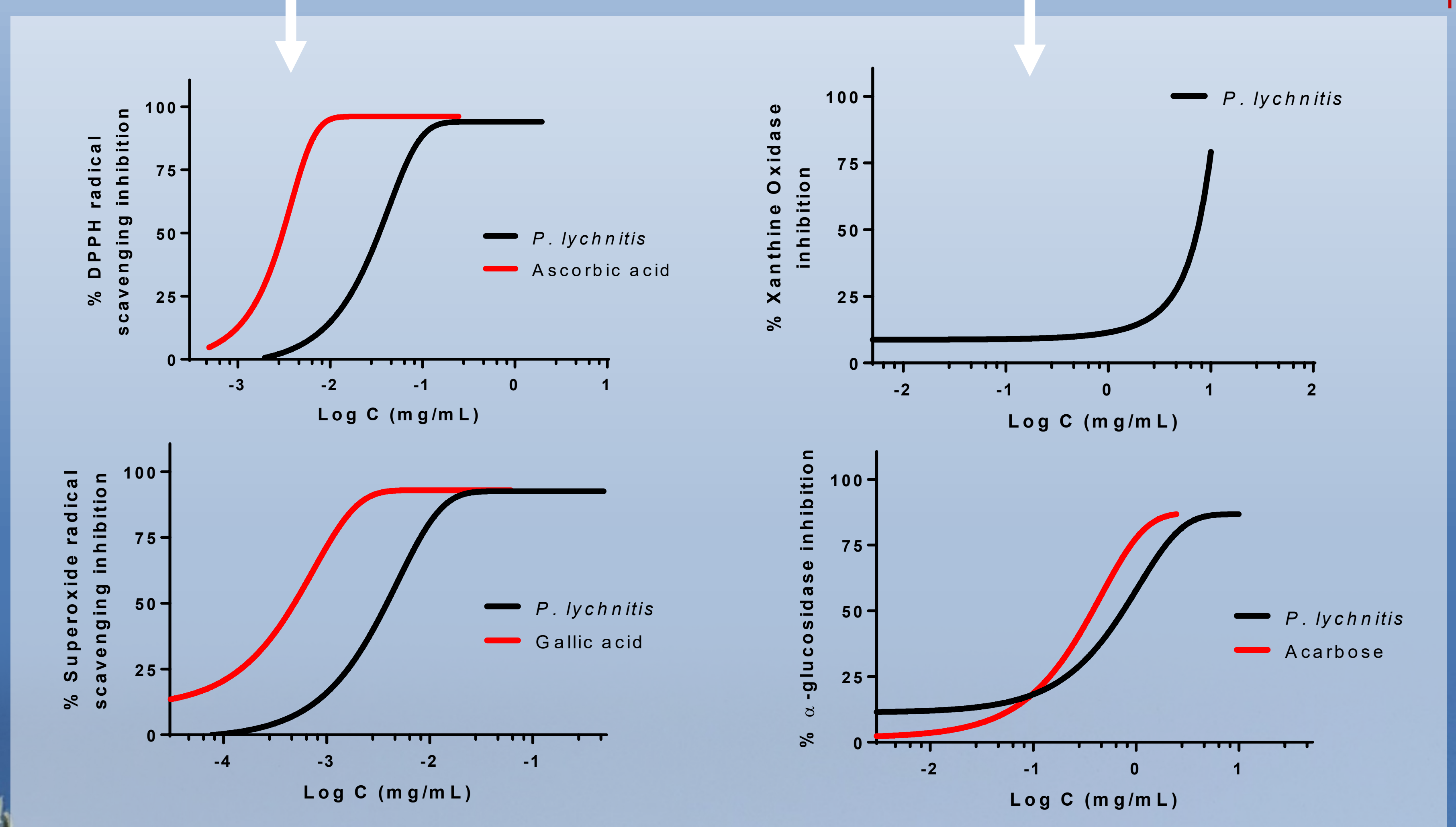
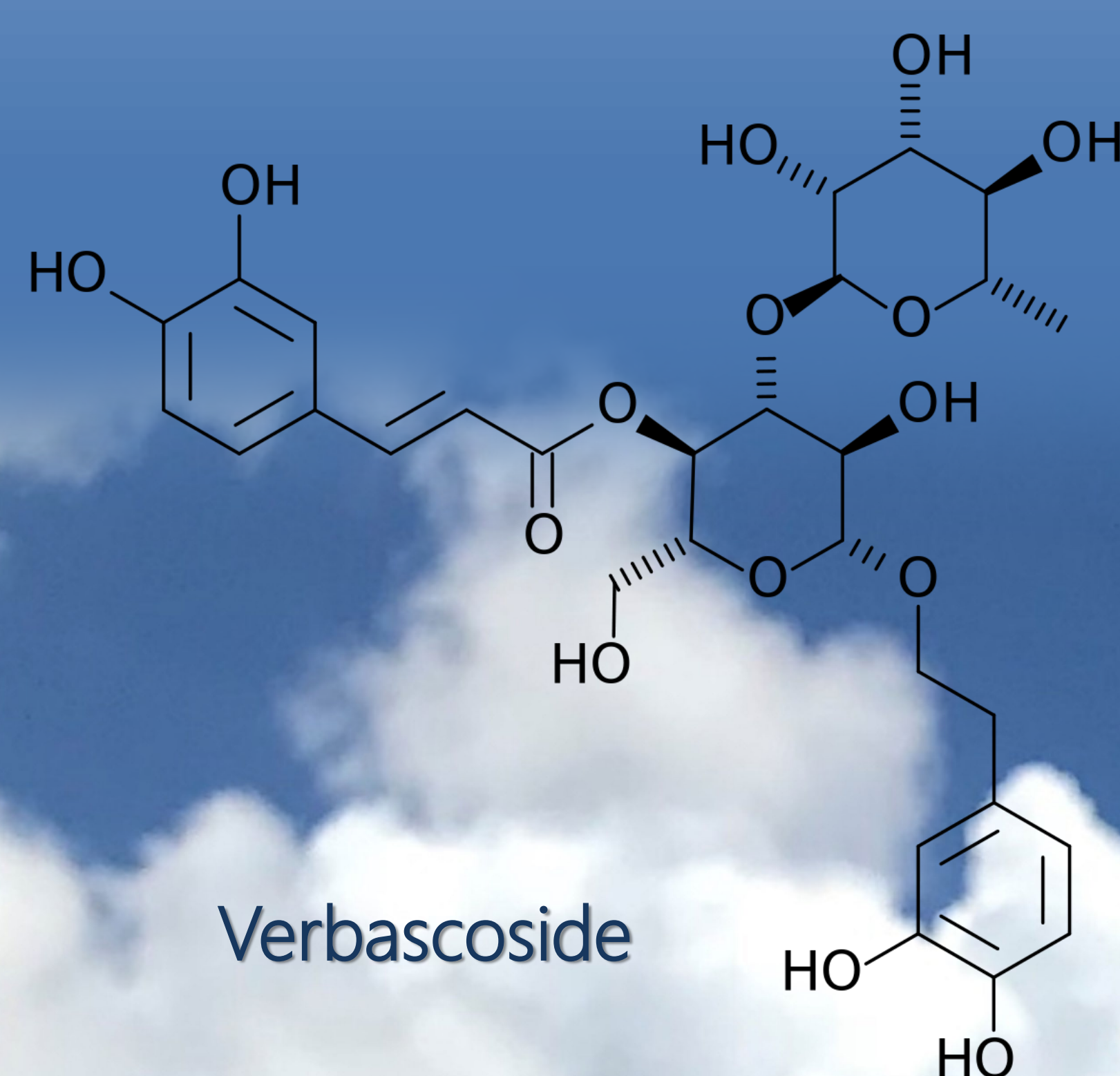
Enzymatic inhibition Screening:

→ α-Glucosidase → Lipase
→ Xanthine oxidase

It does not inhibit lipase

RESULTS:

The extract contains
 $75,4 \pm 18,4 \mu\text{g GAE}$
equivalents /mg extract.



CONCLUSION:

The extract showed antioxidant-reducing capacity with ability to inhibit the α-glucosidase and xanthine oxidase enzymes

