

## Supplemental Material

### Saponins from *Boussingaultia gracilis* prevent obesity and related metabolic impairments in diet-induced obese mice

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**Table S1 Main ingredients and energy comparison of experiment diet.**

	MD12031(10%)		MD12032(45%)	
	gm%	kcal%	gm%	kcal%
Protein	19.2%	20	24	20
Carbohydrate	67.3%	70	41	35
Fat	4.3%	10	24	45
Total		100		100
kcal/gm		3.85		4.73
	gm	kcal	gm	kcal
Casein, 80 Mesh	200	800	200	800
L-Cystine	3	12	3	12
Corn Starch	315	1260	72.8	291
Maltodextrin 10	35	140	100	400
Sucrose	350	1400	172.8	691
Cellulose, BW200	50	0	50	0
Soybean Oil	25	225	25	225
Lard	20	180	177.5	1598
Mineral Mix	45	0	45	0
Vitamin Mix	10	40	10	40
Vitamin Mix	2	0	2	0
Total	1055	4057	858.1	4057

**Table S2. Experimental sequences of the primers used for qRT-PCR**

Genes	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Accession no.
ACC1	GCCTCAGGAGGATTTGCTGT	AGGATCTACCCAGGCCACAT	NM_133360.2
FAS	GGCCCCTCTGTTAATTGGCT	GGATCTCAGGGTTGGGGTTG	NM_007988.3
SCD1	GTACCGCTGGCACATCAACT	AACTCAGAAGCCCAAAGCTCA	NM_009127.4
GAPDH	CCCTTAAGAGGGATGCTGCC	TACGGCCAAATCCG TTCACA	NC_000072.6

ACC1, acetyl-CoA carboxylase 1; FAS, fatty acid synthase; SCD1, stearoyl-CoA desaturase 1; CPT1a, carnitine palmitoyl transferase 1a; GAPDH, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase.

**Table S3. Potential biomarkers for the therapeutic effects of SBG identified by UPLC-MS**

No.	Metabolite Name	Formular	Metabolomic pathway	HMDB
1	Docosahexaenoic acid	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Linoleic Acid Metabolism	0002183
2	2-Hydroxypropanoic acid	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Biosynthesis of secondary metabolites	00729
3	PC(20:1(11Z)/14:1(9Z))	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>80</sub> NO <sub>8</sub> P	Phosphatidylcholine Biosynthesis	0008296
4	Oleic acid	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Unsaturated fatty acid Metabolism	0000207
5	LysoPC(18:1(11Z))	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>52</sub> NO <sub>7</sub> P	Phosphatidylcholine Biosynthesis	0010385
6	LysoPC(16:0)	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>50</sub> NO <sub>7</sub> P	Phospholipid Biosynthesis	0010382
7	D-Sorbitol	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	Fructose and Mannose Degradation	0000247
8	Mannitol	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	diuretic and renal diagnostic aid	0000765
9	LysoPC(20:4(8Z,11Z,14Z	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>50</sub> NO <sub>7</sub> P	Lysophospholipid Metabolism	0010396
10	Arachidonic acid	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Arachidonic Acid Metabolism	0001043
11	L-Valine	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	Valine, Leucine and Isoleucine	0000883
12	Myoinositol	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	Inositol Metabolism	0000211
13	LysoPE(0:0/18:1(9Z))	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>46</sub> NO <sub>7</sub> P	Lysophospholipid Metabolism	0011476
14	D-Glutamic acid	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	Glutamic acid Metabolism	0003339
15	2-Hydroxybutanoic acid	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Propanoate Metabolism	0000008
16	PC(16:1(9Z)/22:5(7Z,10Z	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>80</sub> NO <sub>8</sub> P	Phosphatidylcholine Biosynthesis	0008024
17	D-Gulose	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	Aldohexose sugar	0012326
18	L-Carnitine	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	Beta Oxidation of Very Long Chain Fatty	0000062
19	Taurine	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S	Taurine and Hypotaurine Metabolism	0000251
20	Adenosine	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Purine Metabolism	0000050
21	Creatine	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Glycine and Serine Metabolism	0000064
22	L-Histidine	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Histidine Metabolism	0000177
23	Acetoacetic acid	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Ketone Body Metabolism	0000060
24	PC(18:0/20:4(8Z,11Z,14Z	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>80</sub> NO <sub>8</sub> P	Phosphatidylcholine Biosynthesis	0008024

25	1,5-Anhydrosorbitol	$C_6H_{12}O_5$	Short-term glycemic Metabolism	0002712
26	Malic acid	$C_4H_6O_5$	Malate-Aspartate Shuttle	0000744
27	Stearic acid	$C_{18}H_{36}O_2$	Plasmalogen Synthesis	0000827
28	Creatinine-d3	$C_4H_7N_3O$	Creatine phosphate Metabolism	0000562
29	1,2,3-	$C_6H_8O_6$	Biosynthesis of secondary metabolites	0031193
30	L-Proline	$C_5H_9NO_2$	Arginine and Proline Metabolism	0000162
31	Creatinine	$C_4H_7N_3O$	Creatine phosphate Metabolism	0000562
32	LysoPC(18:2(9Z,12Z))	$C_{26}H_{50}NO_7P$	Lysophospholipid Metabolism	0010386
33	8,11,14-Eicosatrienoic	$C_{20}H_{34}O_2$	Alpha Linolenic Acid and Linoleic Acid	0002925
34	Neuraminic acid	$C_9H_{17}NO_8$	Sialic acids Metabolism	0000830
35	Docosapentaenoic acid	$C_{22}H_{34}O_2$	Alpha Linolenic Acid and Linoleic Acid	0006528
36	6-Deoxy-L-altrose	$C_6H_{12}O_5$	Deoxy sugar Synthesis	0000849
37	L-Leucine	$C_6H_{13}NO_2$	Valine, Leucine and Isoleucine	0000687
38	Nonanoic acid	$C_9H_{18}O_2$	Nonanoic acid	0000847
39	Ornithine	$C_5H_{12}N_2O_2$	Arginine and Proline Metabolism	0000214