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## Supplementary material

## Structural characterization of a homopolysaccharide with

hypoglycemic activity from roots of Pueraria lobata

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Fig. S1. The homogeneity of PLP-1 determined by HPGPC-RID methods.



Fig. S2. GC-MS chromatography of methylation and fragments for PLP-1.







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Fig. S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PLP-1.



**Fig. S4.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PLP-1.



Fig. S5. DEPT-135° spectrum of PLP-1.











Fig. S8. The proposed structure of PLP-1.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} -\alpha - Glup - (1 ] \rightarrow 4) -\beta - Glup - (1 ] \rightarrow 7 \end{bmatrix}_{n}^{+}$$





 Table S1. Primer sequences used in RT-PCR.

Gene	Forward primer (5'—3')	Reverse primer (5'—3')
β-actin	CCTTCCTGGGCATGGAGTC	TGATCTTCATTGTGCTGGGTG
PI3K	TGATGGAGAGAGAGAGCAGTTCC	AACTACAGAAGTGTGAGAGACAA
AKT	GGACAAGGACGGGCACATTA	CGACCGCACATCATCTCGTA
GSK-3β	CACAGTGAAGTGCTGGCAAC	AGGAAGGCCTAAGGTCCACT
FoxO1	CCACATTCAACAGGCAGCAG	CCATCCACATCGAGGCTCC
PCK2	ACCAATGTGGCTGAGACCAG	CACCATTAAGGTGCTGAGGC
G6Pase	GACTGGCTCAACCTCGTCTT	TAGTATACACCTGCTGTGCCC

Abbreviation: RT-PCR, real-time reverse transcription PCR.

Table S2 Chemical	characteristics	of the PLP-1.
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Extraction yield (% <i>w/w</i> )	Total sugar (% w/w)	Protein (% w/w)	Mw (kDa)
2.0	98.7	0.4	16.2