Determining the Presence of Glucosidase

Inhibitors in Juneberries(Amelanchier alnifolia) Chokecherries (Prunus virginiana) Blackhawberries (Viburnum prunifolium)

BuffaloBerries (Shepherdia argentea)

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Outline

- What is Diabetes
- Who is Affected by it
- Glucosidase inhibitors
- Native Berries
- Methods

What is Diabetes

- What are the different types of Diabetes
 - Type one
 - Type two
 - Type three

Who is Affected by Diabetes

- Currently 8% of Americans are affected
- Among the Native Americans it is 2.2 times higher
- It also affect different age class

The Increase in Diabetes Among Native Americans is due to what

- Change in Diets
- Exercise
- Obesity

Glucosidase inhibitors

- What is Glucosidase?
- What are inhibitors?
- Why they are important?
- Where in the diet are these found?

Objective

 Identification of glycosidase inhibitors in chokecherry, buffaloberry, blackhawk, and juneberry

Native Berries

Traditional uses

Modern uses

Different Types of Berries

Juneberry (Amelanchier alnifolia)





Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana)





• Blackhawberries (Viburnum prunifolium)



Buffaloberry (Shepherdia argentea)





Methods

- How berries were harvested
- What I will do with them
 - Glucosidase (amylase) Assay
 - Glucosidase (amylase) Inhibition Assay
 - HPLC (High-performance liquid chromatography)

Conclusion

 What I am hoping to find is that there are different amount of glucosidase inhibitor in the berries and that they maybe useful in helping people with diabetes. Does anyone have any questions

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