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## A review: Anti-Diabetic Plants and its Recent Application

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### ABSTRACT

Recent studies have emphasized the therapeutic possibilities of plant-based treatments in the management of diabetes, demonstrating their wide range of bioactive substances and mechanism of action. Diabetes mellitus is a common chronic illness that puts communities at serious danger all around the entire world. Over the last thirty years, diabetes has been seen as more serious than a mild lifestyle disease. The elderly has a substantial influence on people of all ages, contributing to both illness and mortality. Diabetes has a number of causes, including high blood pressure, pancreatic illnesses, obesity, stress, poor diet, and so on. There were 422 million people with diabetes in 2014 compared to 108 million in 1980. Between 2000 and 2019, there was a 3% rise in age-specific diabetes mortality rates. An estimated 2 million individuals lost their lives to diabetes-related kidney disease in 2019. Because they contain significant phytochemicals with therapeutic properties, herbal remedies provide enormous promise for treating a wide range of illnesses. Diabetes is a severe metabolic illness that may be treated with a number of commercially accessible drugs. These over-the-counter medications come with a number of drawbacks and are costly. The use of herbal medications is growing in popularity since they are less expensive and have better therapeutic results with fewer adverse effects. Herbal medicines are becoming more and more popular worldwide, and plants are a rich source of chemicals that prevent diabetes. As a result, a thorough analysis of plants that prevent diabetes has been carried out. Additionally, manual searches were carried out in secondary sources and supplemental publications. To get access to up-to-date research and a comprehensive list of references, guidance was obtained from specialists in the domains of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, and homoeopathy. This article offers helpful information on the many medicinal plants that may be used to treat issues related to diabetes. To learn more about these plants' mechanisms and active ingredients, additional research may be done. Additionally, we are going to discuss about the latest research on the anti-diabetic properties of the following plants: *Alstonia scholaris*, *Annona Squamosa*, *Momordica charantia*, Cinnamon, Fenugreek, *Allium sativum*, Neem, *Ocimum sanctum*, Ginseng berry, and Aloe vera. The data provided above consists of many researches that identify potential curative phytoconstituents for the treatment of diabetes mellitus

**Keywords:** Diabetes mellitus, Ayurveda, herbal medicine, Antidiabetic study, Hyperglycemic, Hypoglycemic.

### INTRODUCTION

In 1980, there were 108 million persons with diabetes; by 2014, there were 422 million. Age-specific diabetes death rates increased by 3% between 2000 and 2019. An estimated 2 million people died in 2019 from diabetes and renal damage induced by the condition. Because diabetes damages nerve and reduces blood flow, many patients with the disease experience foot difficulties <sup>[1]</sup>.

Diabetes mellitus is a metabolic disorder characterized by hyperglycaemia, glycosuria, hyperlipidaemia, negative nitrogen balance and sometimes ketonemia <sup>[2]</sup>. Diabetes is caused by the body's inability to produce or respond to the pancreatic hormone insulin. One of the important physiological actions of insulin is to control blood glucose levels <sup>[3]</sup>.

Diabetes mellitus can be divided into two main types, Type 1, "Juvenile Diabetes Mellitus" (Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus) and Type 2, "Adult type" (Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus). In diabetes type 1, the pancreas does not make insulin, because the body's immune system attacks the islet cells in the pancreas that make insulin. In diabetes type 2, the pancreas makes less insulin than used to, and your body becomes resistant to insulin.

Antidiabetic drug, any drug that works to lower abnormally high glucose (sugar) levels in the blood, which are characteristic of the endocrine system disorder known as diabetes mellitus. The most common side effects of most diabetes drugs are gastrointestinal disturbances, which include constipation, vomiting, nausea, diarrhoea, and indigestion. headache, vertigo, and trembling rash that is itchy and allergic Joint pain and swelling, soreness in the muscles, A rare yet serious consequence is acute pancreatitis. Additional rare adverse effects include low platelets, lung disease, liver inflammation and jaundice, bruising, and bleeding <sup>[4]</sup>.

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Natural herbal remedies have been used for thousands of years in human medicine because they provide beneficial therapeutic ingredients for a wide range of disorders. Crude medications can be safely, effectively, and satisfactorily analysed by experts in the field so that they can be incorporated into modern healthcare facilities. It guarantees these natural ingredients' efficacy, safety, and quality.

Plants are powerful herbal remedies and natural antioxidants in part because they contain anti-diabetic substances like alkaloids, tannins, phenolic acids, and flavonoids, which enhance the function of pancreatic tissues by either reducing intestinal glucose absorption or increasing insulin secretion [5].

The use of medicinal plants to treat diabetes is now again being studied. Prototypic compounds found in medicinal plants have been the source of many traditional drugs. One example of a successful oral glucose-lowering medication is metformin. *Galega officinalis* was used to treat diabetes, which served as the basis for its development [6]. Our primary objective of this review is to focus on the extracts of anti-diabetic plants. The review aims to collect and analyse the study of anti-diabetic phytoconstituents, which comprises a great potential for its effect.

## Main Text

### ❖ *Aloe Vera*



Figure 1: *Aloe Vera*

## Plant profile

The botanical name of *Aloe Vera* is *Aloe barbadensis* miller. The synonyms of *Aloe Vera* are Ghritkumari and in Marathi- Korphad.

It belongs to Asphodelaceae (Liliaceae) family, and is a shrubby or arborescent, perennial, xerophytic, succulent, pea- green color plant (Fig 1).

The Chemical constituents of *Aloe Vera* was found Aloin, Barbaloin,  $\beta$ -barboloin and Isobarbaloin, Emodin, Anthraquinone.

*Aloe Vera* plants are used for Antidiabetics, Anticancer, Anticancer, Antioxidant.

It grows mainly in the dry regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, America and many parts of India including North West Himalaya region.

Restoring damaged pancreatic beta cells and their normal function can be achieved through the use of *Aloe vera*. All beta cells have deteriorated, but *Aloe vera* contains compounds that can help reduce blood sugar levels and act similarly to insulin. A total of 20 Wistar strain

rats were selected and divided into four groups based on the dosage they received: 250 mg/dl, 350 mg/dl, and 1000 mg/dl. Following acclimation, rats were injected with streptozotocin on the eighth day. For a period of nine days, *Aloe vera* extract was given as a treatment. Data analysis involved the use of Paired t Test and ANOVA. 350 mg/kgBW of *Aloe vera* extract was found to be the most effective dose based on the ANOVA results. The chromium, alprogen, and flavonoids found in *Aloe vera* contribute to improving the function of the pancreas beta cells involved in producing insulin. This will help protect the pancreatic islets of Langerhans cells and improve the sensitivity of the insulin receptor cells [7].

Following the crushing and drying process, the plant was soaked in methanol. The production of AGEs, fructosamine, CML, and carbonyl protein was significantly reduced by the methanol extract of *aloe vera* (AVM). The enzymes alpha-amylase and alpha-glucosidase were significantly inhibited by AVM. Throughout the four weeks of the trial, there was a significant increase in the concentration of thiol groups. Through the utilization of various assays such as BSA/glucose, BSA-methylglyoxal, and arginine-methylglyoxal, the methanol extract of *aloe vera* has shown potential in reducing postprandial glucose levels, suggesting that it could help prevent diabetic complications associated with AGE [8].

We have obtained a new compound, 6'-O-(E)-cinnamoyl-7-methoxy-aloin A, from *aloe vera* (1). The initial name for the *A. vera* report was chyalodoin (2). We utilized the HR-ESI mass and 1/2D-NMR spectra to identify these kinds of structures. We examined the isolated compounds' inhibitory effects on  $\alpha$ -glucosidase using a spectrophotometer. An examination of the enzyme's kinetics unveiled the process of ligand-enzyme binding: the ligand attaches to the active site of the enzyme in a competitive manner. This discovery indicates that anthraquinone dimer (2) could serve as the foundation for a new category of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitors [9].

The leaf latex of *Aloe pulcherrima* has been used as a treatment for diabetes. We utilized the dinitro salicylic acid test to evaluate the  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibitory activity of the *A. pulcherrima* leaf latex, while the glucose oxidase assay was employed to ascertain the inhibitory effects of sucrase and maltase. To determine the effectiveness of latex in reducing blood glucose levels, oral treatment was administered to normoglycemic, glucose-loaded, and streptozotocin-induced diabetic mice. In a diabetes mouse model induced by streptozotocin, there was a significant decrease in blood glucose levels during the first week and a slight decrease in the second week. With the increase in *A. pulcherrima* leaf latex dosages, there was a corresponding decrease in glucose levels. The leaf latex of the plant demonstrated a potent antidiabetic effect, supporting its traditional uses [10].

Exploring the antiglycation properties of two isolated substances, aloin and aloe-emodin, along with leaf extracts from *A. arborescens*. The phytoconstituent was quantitatively assessed through high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis in methanolic and hydroalcoholic extracts. Examining the antiglycation and antiradical qualities of the two extracts using bovine serum albumin (BSA) and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazil (DPPH) assays, along with aloin and aloe-emodin. Moreover, the cytotoxicity in HT-29 human colon adenocarcinoma cells was evaluated using the 3-[4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl]-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay. Overall, the results

show that the *A. arborescens* extracts, whether methanolic or hydroalcoholic, effectively reduce glycation and free-radical presence without causing harm. Moreover, the results show that aloin and aloe-emodin exhibit less potent antiglycation and antiradical properties when compared to the two extracts. Based on the permeability investigation, aloe-emodin is the sole substance capable of passing through HT-29 cellular membranes [11].

#### ❖ *Momordica charantia*



Fig 2: *Momordica charantia*

#### Plant profile

*Momordica charantia* is also called as Bitter Gourd, Karela. *Momordica charantia* L., a member of the Cucurbitaceae family, has traditionally been used as herbal medicine and as a vegetable (Fig 2).

Functional ingredients of *M. charantia* play important roles in body health and human nutrition, which can be used directly or indirectly in treating or preventing hyperglycaemia-related chronic diseases in humans.

The Chemical constituents of *Momordica charantia* found to be Charantin, Momordicin, Carbohydrate, Ascorbic Acid, Alkaloids, Glucoside, Saponins, Mucilage.

It is used for Antidiabetics, Anticancer, Anti-inflammation, Antivirus.

It is tropical plant that is widely cultivated in Asia, India, East Africa, and South America.

The aqueous extracts from *Tamarindus Indica* and *Momordica charantia* seeds have demonstrated potent antidiabetic effects by reducing glucose levels in diabetic adipocytes. Upon the addition of plant extracts, a significant decrease in blood sugar levels was observed after seven and fourteen days. As expected, adipocytes treated with glucose showed a substantial change in their lipid profiles, affecting total cholesterol (TC), triglyceride (TGL), high-density lipoprotein (HDL), low-density lipoprotein (LDL), and very low-density lipoprotein (VLDL), when compared to control adipocytes. The levels of glucose-6-phosphatase, glucose-oxidizing enzyme, and glucose-phosphorylating enzyme were significantly reduced in the group that received the extract. After seven days of extract supplementation, the parameters were not reset to a controlled level. However, after 14 days of supplementation, each variable returned to the control level. Highlighting the potential benefits of *Tamarindus Indica* and *Momordica charantia* seed extract supplements in managing diabetes could pave the way for innovative antidiabetic treatments [12].

Streptozocin induced type-2 diabetic rat models were administered with water, glibenclamide, and *M. dioica* extracts at a dose of 1.25 g/kg body weight (bw) for 28 days. The extract of *M. dioica* demonstrated a notable reduction in serum glucose level 120 minutes after eating. Administering the extract to diabetic model rats led to a decrease in serum cholesterol levels. Throughout the following 28 days of treatment, insulin levels decreased in all groups. The study findings indicated that extended use of *M. dioica* had a positive impact on the blood sugar and lipid levels of rats with type-2 diabetes, suggesting further investigation is required to pinpoint the key component [13].

Using computational methods, researchers identify the most effective antidiabetic peptides derived from *M. charantia* hypoglycemic polypeptide-P. Through the molecular docking approach, the study evaluated the binding affinity and interaction patterns of peptides with four receptor proteins, including insulin receptor agonists and inhibitors of sodium-glucose cotransporter 1, dipeptidyl peptidase-IV, and glucose transporter 2. Thirty-seven peptides were docked with the receptors in the body. We have selected the top eight ligands: EPGGGG, TSEP, EKAI, LKHA, EALF, VAEK, and DFGAS. Regarding the insulin and SGLT1 receptor proteins, a specific peptide, EPGGGG, showed activity. The selected ligands showed excellent adherence to drug-like evaluation criteria and demonstrated positive effects in treating diabetes [14].

Assessing the impact of using aqueous bitter gourd extract (*Momordica charantia*) encapsulated double emulsion-based functional mayonnaise on normal and streptozotocin-induced type 2 diabetes in albino male Wistar rats. The researcher's findings demonstrated a noteworthy anti-diabetic effect in streptozotocin-induced diabetic male albino Wistar rats. This effect was characterized by reduced blood glucose and HbA1c levels, along with increased body weight, hemoglobin, and plasma insulin [15].

Bitter melon (*Momordica charantia*) is a medicinal food recognized for its established hypoglycemic and antihyperlipidemic effects. The fruits of *Momordica charantia* L. (bitter melon) were obtained in dried form, finely powdered, and underwent reflux extraction with 70% alcohol twice for 1 hour each. Following the filtration of the extraction solutions, they were merged and subjected to vacuum evaporation for UPLC-QTOF-MS analysis. Based on the microbiological analysis, MC had a significant effect on the diversity and overall structure of gut microbiota. The study improved the prevalence of short-chain fatty acid (SCFAs)-producing genera and boosted fecal SCFAs content in a specific way. The study indicates that *M. charantia* fruit (MC) may have a positive effect on hyperlipidemia by affecting gut microbes and increasing SCFAs production [16].

Examining the antidiabetic effects and potential mechanism of saponins (SMC) and polysaccharides (PMC) from *M. charantia* in streptozotocin (STZ)-induced type 2 diabetic mice with high-fat diet. Three different dosages of SMC (L-SMC: 20 mg/kg, M-SMC: 40 mg/kg, H-SMC: 80 mg/kg) have demonstrated a particular therapeutic effect on type 2 diabetic mice, with the 40 mg/kg dosage being recognized as the most effective for preventing and treating diabetes. According to the study results, giving SMC orally, specifically M-SMC at 40 mg/kg, showed greater effectiveness compared to PMC at 500 mg/kg. Significant enhancements were observed in body weight, fasting blood glucose levels, insulin resistance, and the ratio of hepatic

phosphorylated adenosine monophosphate-activated protein kinase (p-AMPK)/total protein. Moreover, it aided in the restoration of the pancreatic  $\beta$  cells that were harmed by STZ [17].

Utilizing ultrasound-microwave technology, *M. charantia* powder was effectively extracted through a one-step ATPE process with isopropyl alcohol and  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ . We used an aqueous extract of *Momordica charantia* (AEMC) to investigate the effects of insulin and glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) hormone on different factors in both healthy and diabetic wistar rats, such as plasma concentrations, tissue glycogen, glycosylated hemoglobin, and fasting blood glucose (FBG). Male Wistar rats, both normal and diabetic, received AEMC intraperitoneally at a dosage of 300 mg/kg body weight daily for 28 days. An elevation in tissue glycogen, serum insulin, and GLP-1 was observed with AEMC in both healthy and diabetic Wistar rats, whereas FBG and glycosylated hemoglobin decreased in diabetic Wistar rats. Considering an alternative method for diabetes management: the effectiveness of *M. charantia* fruit extracts in reducing blood sugar levels [18].

### ❖ Cinnamon



Figure 3: Cinnamon

### Plant profile

Synonyms of *Cinnamon* are Cinnamon Bark, Ceylon Cinnamon, Kalmi-Dalchini. *Cinnamon* consists of the dried inner bark of the shoots of coppiced trees of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* Nees, Family Lauraceae (Fig 3).

Chemical constituents of Cinnamon 0.5 to 6.0 percent of volatile oil, cinnamic aldehyde (60-70%) and eugenol (4%), tannin and mucilage. The uses of Cinnamon are Antidiabetic, Anti-inflammatory, Antitumor, Antimicrobial. *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* is mostly found in Sri Lanka and South India.

Exploring the impact of cinnamon on acetylcholinesterase (AChE) activity and oxidative defects in streptozotocin (STZ)-induced diabetes-related memory dysfunction. The study analysed AChE enzyme activity and oxidative variables in the Diabetic (Dia) group compared to the control group. The level of antioxidants decreased significantly in the Dia group in comparison to the Control group. The study suggests that the hydro-ethanolic extract of cinnamon may enhance memory restoration in diabetic conditions by reducing AChE activity and oxidative damage [19].

Cinnamon extract helps reduce streptozotocin-induced type 1 diabetes in rats. We used two-dimensional gel electrophoresis to identify the molecular target of cinnamon in adipocytes. We utilized mice with Type 2 diabetes to study the impact of cinnamon extract on glucose

tolerance, acyl-CoA synthetase long chain family member 1 (ACSL1) expression, and associated signal molecules in a live setting. In 3T3-L1 adipocytes, CE reduced ACSL1 mRNA and protein levels while enhancing glucose uptake and activating AMPK signaling. In mice adipose tissue, CE enhanced glucose tolerance and decreased ACSL1 expression [20].

*C. zeylanicum* is widely recognized as a potent alternative for managing diabetes. Cinnamaldehyde is a significant component (65-80%) of bark oil extracted from *C. Zeylanicum*, which appears to lower plasma blood glucose levels with greater efficiency than metformin. It improves the expression of proteins related to glucose transport, insulin signaling, and helps regulate dyslipidemia. A study revealed a reduction in glucose levels in diabetic rats when given cinnamon [21].

This study thoroughly examined the anti-hyperglycaemic properties of the four main commercial cinnamon types used globally (Chinese; *Cinnamomum cassia* [CC], Indonesian; *C. burmanii* [IC], Vietnamese; *C. loureirii* [VC], and Ceylon; *C. zeylanicum* [SC]). Analyzing with LC-MS revealed clear variations in the phytochemical compositions of cinnamon. All varieties of cinnamon demonstrated strong species-specific effects on inhibiting the function of starch digestion enzymes. Ceylon cinnamon demonstrated superior bioactive and anti-nutrient profiles, enzyme inhibitory activity, as well as effects on starch digestion. Thus, CC demonstrated the highest effectiveness against  $\alpha$ -amylase. Cinnamon showcases anti-hyperglycaemic properties, but its benefits vary depending on the species, with the most beneficial properties observed in Ceylon cinnamon [22].

This study focuses on assessing the substantial inhibitory impact of cinnamon on CYP2D. Rats with induced diabetes and normal rats. By employing isolated perfusion of rat livers, the researchers assessed the metabolic activity of CYP2D in the study groups. Cinnamon has a notable impact on decreasing the production of CYP2D-mediated metabolism of tramadol in both the control group and diabetic group. This research clearly demonstrates the substantial inhibitory impact of cinnamon on CYP2D [23].

Researched the impact of *Cinnamomi cassiae* extract (Cinnamon bark: Lauraceae) on the anti-diabetic effect in a type II diabetic animal model (C57BlKsj db/db). A significant reduction in blood glucose concentration was observed in a dose-dependent manner ( $P < 0.001$ ), with the most pronounced effect seen in the 200 mg/kg group compared to the control. These findings indicate that cinnamon extract plays a role in regulating blood glucose levels and lipids, and it may also help lower blood glucose by enhancing the susceptibility to insulin [24].

### ❖ Fenugreek



Figure 4: Fenugreek

## Plant profile

*Fenugreek* is called as *Trigonella foenumgraecum*, Methi. *Fenugreek* is an annual plant belongs to the family Fabaceae (Leguminosae). The biological name of *Fenugreek* is *Trigonella foenum graecum*. The fenugreek seed is the famous spices in human food (Fig 4).

Chemical constituents found in *Fenugreek* such as 35% alkaloids, trigonelline, more than 10 mg of flavonoid per gram of seed, volatile and fixed oils.

Uses of *Fenugreek* are Antidiabetic Anticancer Anti-inflammatory. Trigonelline is considered as the most important metabolite of fenugreek, which is very effective in treating diabetes and decreasing blood cholesterol.

Fenugreek is an aromatic, 30-60 cm tall, annual herb, cultivated throughout the country.

This research examined the effects of Fenugreek seeds (*Trigonella foenum graecum*) powder on a group of people who were not insulin-dependent diabetic patients. The results showed a decrease in blood glucose levels with the use of fenugreek seed powder. Consistent use of this powder is recommended for individuals managing their blood sugar levels. The study findings indicate that fenugreek seed powder can be a valuable supportive treatment for preventing and managing long-term complications of diabetes [25].

This research aimed to evaluate the effects of fenugreek combined with a controlled diet on prediabetic patients with fasting blood glucose (FBG) and glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c). Designing the research on an interventional parallel randomized control trial. Adding fenugreek to your diet can help lower blood glucose levels. Analysis indicates a notable decrease in FBG levels over the 24 months in the study group, along with a significant reduction in HbA1c specifically in the 24th month. Adding fenugreek to your diet may work together with controlling your diet to improve FBG and HbA1c levels [26].

Many medications are readily accessible for diabetes treatment. Their side effects and high costs emphasize the importance of natural herbal medicines. The *Trigonella foenum-graecum* herb shows great promise in the prevention and treatment of diabetes compared to other plant species, thanks to its special active ingredients like alkaloids, flavonoids, steroids, and saponins. *Trigonella foenum-graecum*'s bioactive compounds exhibit potent antidiabetic properties [27].

The study focused on examining the cardioprotective effects of fenugreek seed on diabetic rats. Animals with diabetes received treatment using fenugreek seed extract for a duration of six weeks. Rats without diabetes were used as the control group. The extract of fenugreek seeds significantly enhanced metabolism, reduced oxidative stress, and decreased the apoptosis index. A study indicates that fenugreek seed could help safeguard the cardiac structure in STZ-induced diabetic rats by reducing oxidative stress and apoptosis [28].

This study examined how *Trigonella foenum-graecum* seed powder solution impacted the lipid profile of recently diagnosed type II diabetic patients. They were divided into two groups: the treatment group, who consumed *Trigonella foenum-graecum* seed powder solution orally twice a day for one month, and the control group. A healthcare

professional collected a blood sample from every single participant before and after the study. This study demonstrated that administering *Trigonella foenum-graecum* seed powder solution significantly improved lipid metabolism in type II diabetic patients without any negative effects [29].

## ❖ *Allium Sativum*



Figure 5: *Allium Sativum*

## Plant profile

Synonyms of *Allium Sativum* are Allium and in Hindi Lasan.

Garlic is the ripe bulb of *Allium sativum* Linn., belonging to family Liliaceae. Chemical Constituents of *Allium Sativum* are Allicin, a yellow liquid responsible for the odour of garlic, is the active principle of the drug (Fig 5). It is miscible with alcohol, ether, and benzene and decomposes on distilling. The other constituents reported in Garlic are alliin, volatile and fatty oils, mucilage and albumin. Alliin, another active principle, is odourless, crystallized from water, acetone and practically insoluble in absolute alcohol, chloroform, acetone, ether, and benzene.

It is mostly used as Antidiabetics, liver disorders, tuberculosis, facial paralysis, high blood pressure, and bronchitis.

Garlic occurs in central Asia, southern Europe, and United States. It is widely cultivated in India.

Mice in Kunming were given different doses of garlic polysaccharide (GP) for five weeks following the induction of insulin resistance by a high-oil-high-sugar diet and streptozotocin (STZ). Administering GP intragastrically effectively improved the symptoms of polyphagia and polydipsia in diabetic mice. The fasting blood glucose (FBG) in the high-dose GP (DGH) group was 42% lower than that in the diabetic model (DC) group, demonstrating its hypoglycemic effect. The GP could potentially influence hepatic glycogen metabolism by controlling the levels of glucokinase (GK), glycogen synthase (GS), and phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PEPCK). With a low relative molecular weight (MW) of 2.0 kDa, GP primarily comprises a 2,1-β-D-Fructofuranose backbone with 20.7% side chains. This composition has shown a benefit on hypoglycemia, suggesting it may serve as a useful supplement for addressing hyperglycemia [30].

The silver nanoparticles were synthesized from the bulbs of *Allium sativum*, characterized using UV-visible spectroscopy, Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), scanning electron microscope (SEM), High-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM), Energy-dispersive X-ray analysis (EDAX) analysis, and studied for their impact on starch digestion inhibition. The research demonstrated that

the silver nanoparticles produced from *A. sativum* exhibit significant antidiabetic effects by lowering blood sugar levels through enhanced glucose utilization, reduced hepatic glucose production, and the suppression of certain enzymes. This shows great potential as a nanomedicine for diabetes treatment [31].

The phenolic extract of *Allium sativum* demonstrated significant dose-dependent inhibition of  $\alpha$ -amylase and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase ( $p < 0.05$ ). It is worth noting that the extract showed a significant inhibitory effect on  $\alpha$ -glucosidase, with a half maximal inhibitory concentration of 53.75  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , which was higher than the value observed for the standard acarbose. Through docking simulation, it was determined that morellinol and phentolamine exhibited the highest binding affinity to  $\alpha$ -glucosidase, with mean affinity values of -7.3 and -7.1 kcal/mol, respectively. These compounds demonstrated strong binding to the enzyme's active site residues and displayed favorable drug-like and pharmacokinetic properties for potential clinical use [32].

We determined the non-cytotoxic concentration of allithiamine using MTT, apoptosis, and necrosis assays. Following that, the cells were separated into three categories: one group was treated with M199 medium as the control, another with 30 mMol/L glucose, and the last one with 30 mMol/L glucose along with allithiamine. An investigation was conducted on the impact of allithiamine on advanced glycation end-products (AGEs) levels, nuclear factor- $\kappa\text{B}$  (NF- $\kappa\text{B}$ ) activation, release of pro-inflammatory cytokines such as interleukin-6 (IL-6), interleukin-8 (IL-8), and tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ), and oxidative stress induced by  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . We discovered that the rise in AGE levels due to hyperglycemia was effectively reduced by allithiamine, leading to a decrease in pro-inflammatory responses. Allithiamine has the potential to reduce hyperglycemia-induced endothelial dysfunction through its strong antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, which work independently of transketolase activity [33].

A total of twenty-four adult male Wistar rats were randomly assigned to four groups: control, diabetic, diabetic treated with garlic, and garlic-treated normal rats. The serum was used to determine glucose level and liver enzymes activities through a colorimetric assay. Outcome Glucose level, liver enzymes activities, Malondialdehyde (MDA), Hepatic total oxidant status (TOS), levels showed significant changes in diabetic rats compared to control rats ( $p < 0.01$ ). However, after consumption of garlic, these levels returned closer to normal ( $p < 0.05$ ). In the conclusion study demonstrated the hypoglycemic and antioxidant properties of garlic in the livers of rats with type 1 diabetes [34].

#### ❖ *Neem*



Figure 6: *Neem*

#### Plant profile

Neem is also known as *Azadirachta indica*, margosa, nimtree or Indian lilac, is a tree in the mahogany family Meliaceae (Fig 6).

The most important active constituent is azadirachtin and the others are nimbolinin, nimbin, nimbidin, nimbidol, sodium nimbinate, gedunin, salannin, and quercetin. Neem is used as an Antidiabetics, treatment of inflammation, infections, fever, skin diseases and dental disorders. Neem tree is found throughout the country. India has maximum number of Neem trees (more than 18 million) and which are distributed in 70-75% geographical area of this country.

This research was conducted to assess the antioxidant, antidiabetic, and anti-inflammatory properties of the crude ethanolic extract of both younger and mature leaves of *Azadirachta indica*. The YLE and MLE extracts were given to streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats. The impact seen with YLE was notably higher than with MLE [35].

Neem leaves are rich in phytochemicals such as nimbin, nimbolide, nimbidin, and azadirachtin. They can act as antioxidants to reduce glucose levels in diabetic rats and provide various health benefits [36].

Using a higher dose of neem oil has shown to be more effective than a lower dose of *Azadirachta indica* in managing higher levels of glucose in diabetes. It can be a valuable alternative remedy for diabetes, provided precautions are taken to prevent extract toxicity [37].

Neem contains a variety of compounds that can be beneficial for managing diabetes. Neem compounds like rutin and quercetin demonstrate hypoglycemic/antihyperglycemic effects, while nimidin aids in weight management [38].

Neem showed significant enhancements in endothelial function, reduction in oxidative stress, and systemic inflammation compared to the placebo. The effectiveness was notable with all the doses, yet there was no impact on platelet aggregation or lipid profile [39].

#### ❖ *Ocimum sanctum*



Figure 7: *Ocimum sanctum*

*Ocimum sanctum* commonly known as Holy Basil, Tulsi, Tulasi.

Tulsi consists of fresh and dried leaves of *Ocimum sanctum* Linn., belonging to family Lamiaceae (Fig 7).

The leaves of *Ocimum sanctum* contain 0.7% volatile oil comprising about 71% eugenol and 20% methyl eugenol. It is used as Antidiabetic, Antifertility, Anticancer, Antifungal, Antimicrobial, Hepatoprotective,

Cardioprotective, Antiemetic, Antispasmodic, Analgesic, Adaptogenic and Diaphoretic actions.

It is originated in north central India and now grows native throughout the eastern world topics Three phytocompounds (1S- $\alpha$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -pinene, and dehydro-p-cymene) from *O. tenuiflorum* have been identified as potential inhibitors of the DPP4 protein. The DPP4 enzyme is crucial for maintaining glucose balance in the body. DPP4 focuses on and deactivates incretin hormones like glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) and gastric inhibitory polypeptide (GIP) as natural substrates, crucial for controlling the insulin secretion post meals. Due to the deactivation of incretins, hyperglycemic conditions persist and lead to diabetes mellitus [40].

We have studied the pharmacological hypoglycemic effects of *Ocimum sanctum* in diabetic rats. At a dosage of 250 mg/kg, *Ocimum sanctum* showed substantially decreased glucose levels compared to the control group. *Ocimum sanctum* is a significant different resource for managing diabetes mellitus by reducing elevated blood glucose levels, which warrants further investigation through oral hypoglycemic therapy [41].

The methanolic extracts of *ocimum sanctum* demonstrate a notable anti-hyperglycemic effect by enhancing glucose tolerance and reducing blood glucose levels in experimental animals. The levels of total cholesterol (TC), triglycerides (TG), low density lipoproteins (LDL), and very low-density lipoproteins (VLDL) were significantly decreased, while the high-density lipoproteins (HDL) level was elevated in the animals that received methanolic extracts. The pancreas histopathology showed significant regeneration of  $\beta$  cells and cellular expansion of islets of Langerhans in the animals treated with methanolic extracts [42].

#### ❖ *Ginseng berry*



Figure 8: *Ginseng Berry*

It is also known as *Panax Ginseng Berry*. *Ginseng*, the root of *Panax* species is a well-known conventional and perennial herb belonging to family *Araliaceae*. It is a short underground rhizome that is associated with the fleshy root (Fig 8).

Chemical constituents of *Ginseng berry* such as ginseng saponins, ginseng oils and phytosterol, carbohydrates and sugars, organic acids, nitrogenous substances, amino acids and peptides, vitamins and minerals, and certain enzymes The ginseng berry has various bioactivities, including antidiabetic, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidative properties.

It is found in various countries China, Korea, and Japan that is also known as the king of all herbs and famous for many years worldwide.

Analysis of the biochemical data revealed that the red ginseng extract intervention led to significant improvements in total cholesterol (TC), high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C), serum glucose (GLU), and fasting insulin (FINS) levels within four weeks. Analysis of metabolic pathways revealed significant regulation in D-arginine and D-ornithine metabolism, D-glutamine and D-glutamate metabolism, taurine and hypotaurine metabolism, arginine biosynthesis, and tryptophan metabolism. In general, the findings showed that red ginseng extract had positive effects on Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) [43].

The ginseng berry (GB) ginsenoside treatment led to a notable decrease in blood glucose levels, an increase in serum superoxide dismutase (SOD) content, and a decrease in malondialdehyde content. Analyzing metabolic pathways revealed that GB ginsenoside influenced various metabolic processes to contribute to the treatment of T2DM. GB controlled the secretion of bile acids, stimulated the GLP-1 pathway, enhanced insulin secretion, facilitated fat and triglyceride breakdown, suppressed  $5\alpha$  - reductase activity, decreased weight and insulin resistance, leading to the enhancement and management of T2DM [44].

Ginsenoside Rg5 effectively enhanced hyperglycemia symptoms, restored intestinal barrier function, alleviated inflammation associated with metabolic endotoxemia, and normalized gut microbiota imbalance in the colon by reducing Firmicutes/Bacteroidetes ratios. Rg5 can serve as a valuable probiotic agent that helps restore gut microbiota balance and addresses metabolic issues linked to type 2 diabetes mellitus [45].

Exploring the potential antidiabetic effects of *Swertia chirayata* and *Panax ginseng* leaf extraction on male Wistar rats. The gold thio glucose method was utilized to induce diabetes in rats. Following the oral administration of ethanolic extract of *swertia chirayat* and *panax ginseng*. *Panax ginseng* contains alkaloids, carbohydrates, flavonoids, and tannins that demonstrate significant anti-diabetic activity ( $P < 0.05$ ) [46].

#### ❖ *Alstonia scholaris*



Figure 9: *Alstonia scholaris*

*Alstonia scholaris*, commonly called blackboard tree, scholar tree, milkwood or devil's tree in English, is an evergreen tropical tree in the Dogbane Family (*Apocynaceae*) (Fig 9).

It contains various iridoids, alkaloids, coumarins, flavonoids, leucoanthocyanins, reducing sugars, simple phenolics, steroids, saponins and tannins.

It is used for Antidiabetic, to cure diarrhoea, Tuberculosis The plant is grown in the lowland and mountain rainforests of India, the Asia-Pacific, Southern China and Queensland.

This work examined the effects of the methanol extract of *Alstonia scholaris* root on normoglycemic, glucose-loaded, and streptozotocin (STZ)-induced diabetic rats. We utilized one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Dunnett's t-test for the statistical analysis of the data. In STZ-induced diabetic rats, the blood sugar levels decreased by 44.28 percent ( $p < 0.01$ ) and 56.66 percent ( $p < 0.001$ ), respectively. The research findings on *Alstonia scholaris* root extract indicate its potential for developing a novel herbal medication for diabetes treatment [47].

The toxicity of Pulai crude extract was evaluated using the Brine Shrimp Lethality Test (BSLT) method, which revealed an LC50 value of 461  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , suggesting moderate toxicity. Conducting tests on the *in vitro* inhibition activity of the  $\alpha$ -glucosidase enzyme yielded an IC50 value of 152.99  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . 96% of the ethanol crude extract The Pulai bark (*Alstonia scholaris* R. Br) demonstrated bioactivity, with flavonoids, alkaloids, and tannins content playing a significant role in inhibiting the activity of the  $\alpha$ -glucosidase enzyme [48].

Administering the ethanolic leaf extract of *A. Scholaris* orally multiple times reduced the levels of Mean blood glucose (MBG), HbA1c, and TC in diabetic rats. It successfully improved various antioxidant markers and enzyme activities in diabetic rats when compared to those that did not receive treatment. The leaf extracts of *A. Scholaris* show promising antidiabetic effects in rats with STZ-induced diabetes. Overall, the ethanolic leaf extract of *A. Scholaris* showed superior antidiabetic effects compared to its aqueous counterpart. There has been a notable enhancement in serum insulin, glycosylated Hb, and oxidative stress parameters of the kidney, such as superoxide dismutase, catalase, and reduced glutathione, in diabetic rats treated with HEAS (hydroalcoholic extract of *A. scholaris* bark) [49].

#### ❖ *Annona squamosa*



Figure 10: *Annona squamosa*

It has many other regional names such as custard apple (India), anon (Portuguese), and noi-na (Thailand).

*Annona squamosa* L. (custard apple) belongs to the family Annonaceae (Fig 10).

*Annona squamosa* is used for diabetes, treating cardiac ailments, thyroid-related disorders, and cancer. *Annona squamosa* contains phenolics, annonaceous acetogenins, saponins, flavonoids, alkaloids, glycosides, alkaloids, steroids, and terpenoids Tropical fruit cultivated in the West Indies, South and Central America, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, India, Mexico, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and Egypt.

*Annona squamosa* demonstrates a reduction in non-fasting glucose levels, capillary glucose levels during an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT), and enhancement in insulin response. The sugar apple peel has shown positive effects on glucose level regulation in both healthy and diabetic rats, possibly through the insulin signaling pathway. This could potentially serve as an alternative treatment for managing glucose levels in prediabetes and T2DM [50].

Testing the effects of an 80% v/v ethanolic extract of *A. squamosa* (EEAS) leaves on insulin secretion from clonal pancreatic BRIN BD11  $\beta$ -cells and mouse islets, along with studying the impact of EEAS on membrane potential and intracellular calcium ion concentration. Rutin, proanthocyanidin, and squafosacin G were tentatively recognized as the anti-hyperglycemic phytochemicals in the EEAS extract of *A. squamosa* through HPLC and liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) analysis [51].

The purpose of this study was to examine the potential hypoglycemic effects of different extracts derived from Egyptian *Annona squamosa* leaves. The study specifically focused on the ethanolic and aqueous extracts, as well as a combination of both. The experiment aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of these extracts in reducing hyperglycemia induced by alloxan in rats. The combination of ethanol and aqueous extracts has a more pronounced impact on the biochemical markers compared to using the aqueous and ethanolic extracts separately [52].

This study aimed to analyze the methanolic leaf extracts of various global custard apple germplasm to determine the genotypes with the most potent combination of antioxidants and antidiabetic properties. There was a wide range of variability among custard apple genotypes for both  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition and DPPH radical scavenging activity. The study demonstrated that smaller fruit sizes were associated with increased antidiabetic and antioxidant activities, along with higher levels of total phenolic acids [53].

#### CONCLUSION

A significant number of medications now in use have derived from botanical sources. Due to their growing popularity, it is wise to explore medicinal plant extracts as potential sources for novel antidiabetic hypoglycemia drugs. Diabetes mellitus continues to pose a substantial worldwide health problem, resulting in millions of fatalities each year. The data provided above consists of many researches that identify potential curative phytoconstituents for the treatment of diabetes mellitus. Determining the relative potency of different phytoconstituents as antidiabetic substances is challenging. Also study the various evaluating methods to prove qualitatively and quantitatively efficiency. Each phytoconstituent has distinct qualities that may effectively treat various forms of diabetes mellitus.

#### List of Abbreviations

ANOVA: Analysis of variance



AVM: Methanol Extract of Aloe Vera  
 AGEs: Advanced glycation end products  
 HR-ESI-MS: High resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry  
 NMR: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance  
 HPLC: High performance liquid chromatography  
 BSA: Bovine serum albumin  
 (DPPH): 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazil  
 (MTT): 3-[4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl]-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide  
 TC Total cholesterol  
 TGL: Triglyceride  
 HDL: High-density lipoprotein  
 LDL: Low-density lipoprotein  
 VLDL: Very low-density lipoprotein  
 SGLT1: Sodium-glucose cotransporter 1  
 MC: Momordica charantia  
 UPLC-Q-TOF-MS: Ultra-high-performance liquid chromatography with quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometry  
 SCFAs: Short-chain fatty acid  
 SMC: Saponins Momordica charantia  
 PMC: Polysaccharides Momordica charantia  
 STZ: Streptozotocin  
 ATPE: Aqueous two-phase extraction  
 AEMC: Aqueous extract of Momordica charantia  
 GLP-1: Glucagon-like peptide-1  
 FBG: Fasting blood glucose  
 AChE: Acetylcholinesterase  
 Dia: Diabetic  
 ACSL1: acyl-CoA synthetase long chain family member 1  
 CE: Cinnamon extract  
 AMPK: Activated protein kinase  
 CC: Cinnamomum cassia  
 GP: garlic polysaccharide  
 GK: Glucokinase  
 GS: Glycogen synthase  
 PEPCK: Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase  
 FTIR: Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy  
 SEM: Scanning electron microscope  
 HRTEM: High-resolution transmission electron microscopy  
 EDAX: Energy-dispersive X-ray analysis  
 IL: Interleukin  
 NF- $\kappa$ B: Factor nuclear  $\kappa$ B  
 TNF- $\alpha$ : Tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$   
 MDA: Malondialdehyde  
 TOS: Hepatic total oxidant status  
 YLE: younger leaves extract  
 MLE: Mature leaves extracts  
 GIP: Gastric inhibitory polypeptide  
 GLU: Serum glucose  
 FINS: Fasting insulin  
 T2DM: Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus  
 GB: Ginseng berry  
 SOD: Superoxide dismutase  
 BSLT: Brine Shrimp Lethality Test  
 MBG: Mean blood glucose  
 HEAS: Hydroalcoholic extract of *A. scholaris* bark  
 OGTT: Oral glucose tolerance test  
 EEAS: Ethanolic extract of *A. squamosa*

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