

A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW ON HYPOGLYCEMIC ACTIVITY OF MEDICINAL PLANTS

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ABSTRACT

Diabetes mellitus is a condition that affects how the body handles sugar. It happens when the liver makes too much sugar, the body doesn't make enough insulin, or the insulin doesn't work properly. Around 60% of people in the world use traditional. Have been showed to help medicines made from plants in india diabetes is a big health problem, especially in cities. Even though there are many way to manage diabetes and its complications, People often prefer herbal treatment because they have fewer side effects, are less harmful, cheaper and work well. This review looks at different plants that have been showed to help lower blood sugar. While many plants suggested, more research is need to understand exactly how they work to reduce sugar levels.

KEYWORDS: diabetes mellitus, medicinal plants, glucose, polyherbal plants.

INTRODUCTION

DIABETES

Diabetes is a condition where your blood sugar (also called as glucose) is too high .It happens when your pancreas doesn't make enough insulin, or when your body doesn't use insulin the way it should. Diabetes can happen to anyone, at any age. Most type of diabetes are long term

but they can all be managed with medicine and/or life style changes.

There are several types of diabetes. The most common ones are:

- 1) **TYPE -1 DIABETES** (insulin dependent diabetes)
- 2) **TYPE-2 DIABETES** (Non insulin dependent diabetes)
- 3) **GESTATIONAL DIABETES**

1) Type 1 diabetes

This is an autoimmune disease where your body's immune system attacks and destroys the cells in your pancreas that make insulin. The reason for this isn't fully known. About 10% of people with diabetes have type

1. It is most often found in children's and young adults, but it can happen at any age.

2) Type 2 diabetes

In this type, your body either doesn't make enough insulin, or it doesn't make insulin properly, which is called insulin resistance. Type 2 is the most common type. It usually affects adults, but it can also happen to children.

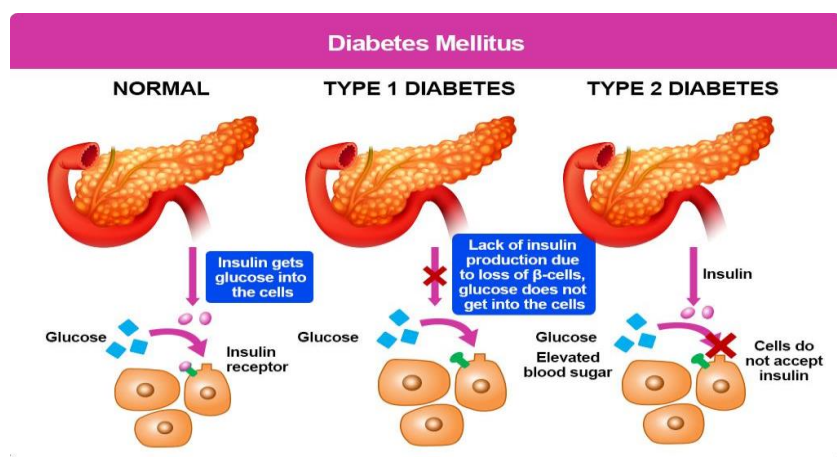


Figure 1: Type 1 and 2 diabetes.

3) Gestational diabetes

This type happens during pregnancy. It usually goes away after the baby is born. However, having gestational diabetes increases the chance of developing type 2 diabetes later in life.

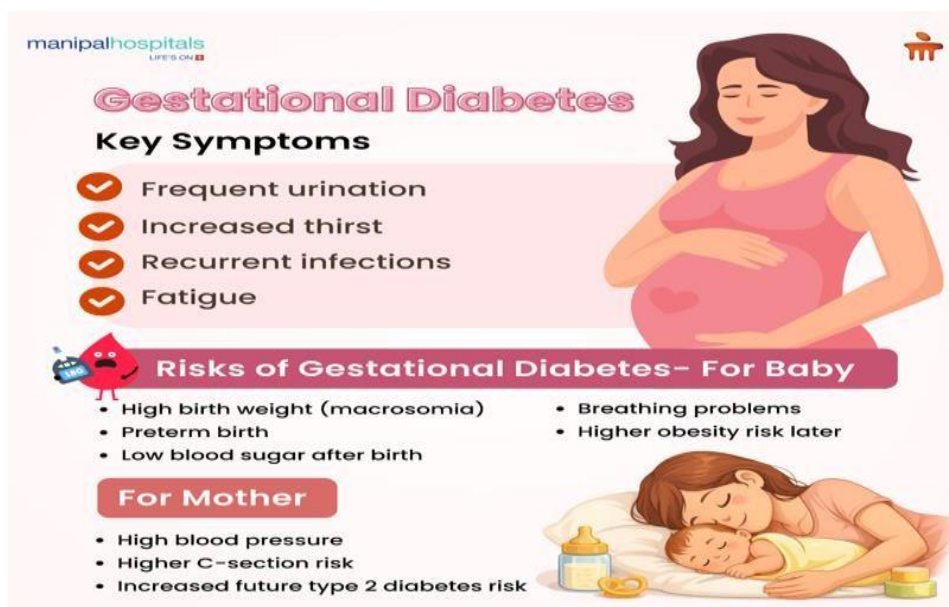


Figure 2: Gestational diabetes.

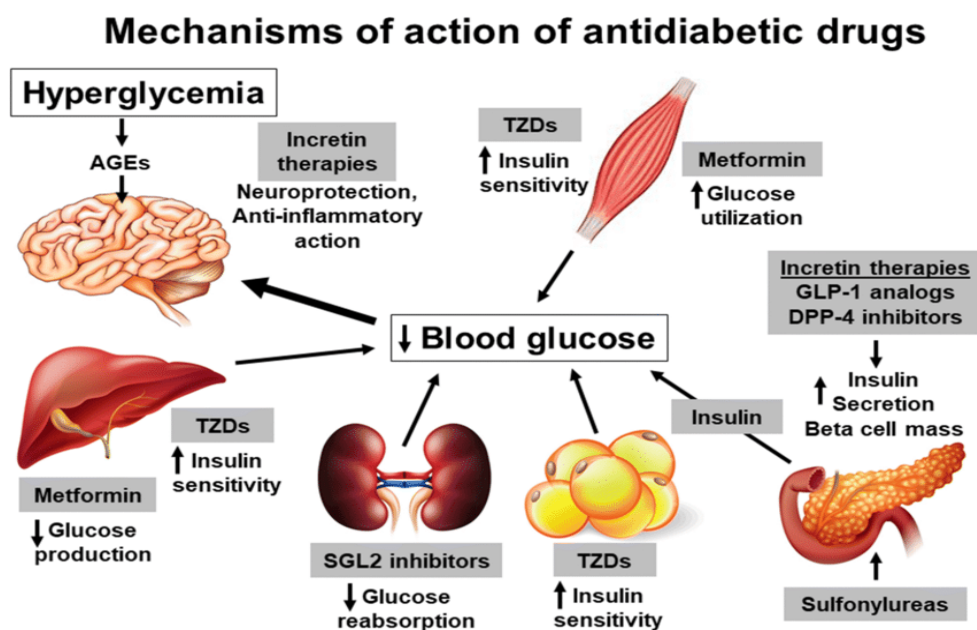


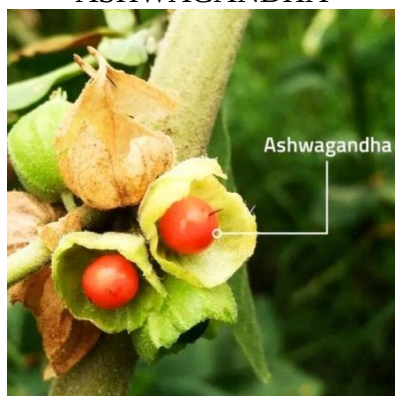
Figure 3: Mechanisms of action of antidiabetic drugs.

Table 1: Plant Extrats Presenting Hypoglycemic Activity.

PANAX GINSENG 	Biological name: Panaxginseng		Common name	
	Family: Araliaceae		English	Asian ginseng
	Active constituents: ginsenosides, Gentionin, polysaccharides		Tamil	Korean ginseng
			Hindi	Ginseng
			Description Lower blood glucose level Slow down glucose absorption Increase expression of GLUT-2 & GLUT-4	

		Formulation: standardized capsule, ginseng syrup	
SOLANUM TORVUM 	Biological name: Solanum torvum Family: Solanaceae Active constituents: steroidal glycoside, Steroidal alkaloid, phenolic compound, Flavonoids	Common name	
		English	Turkey berry
		Tamil	Sundakkai
		Hindi	Bhanktiya
	Description: Histopathological study revealed regeneration of beta cells of islets of Langerhans It have hepatoprotective Formulation: standardized extract capsule, traditional choornam		
SYZYGIUM CUMINI 	Biological name: Syzygium cumini Family: Myrtaceae Active constituents: jamboline, jambosine, Ellagic acid	Common name	
		English	Black plum
		Tamil	Naval pazham
		Hindi	Jamun
	Description It has Alpha glucosidase inhibition activity Alpha amylase inhibition The fruit have beta cell stimulation activity Formulation: pure seed powder, polyherbal capsule		
GYMNEMA SYLVESTRE 	Biological name: Gymnema sylvestre Family: Apocynaceae Active constituents: gymnemic acid, gurmarin, Gymnema saponins	Common name	
		English	Gymnema
		Tamil	sirukurinjan
		Hindi	Gurmar
	Description Stimulate pancreatic beta cell regeneration Stimulation insulin secretion Formulation: Churna		
PORTULACA OLERACEA 	Biological name: Portulaca oleracea Family: Portulacaceae Active constituents: flavonoids, alkaloids, omega 3 fatty acid	Common name	
		English	Purslane
		Tamil	parappukeerai
		Hindi	Kulfa
	Description It produce GLP-1 agonist activity It has pancreatic beta cell protection Formulation: standardized liquid extracts		
FENUGREEK	Biological name: Trigonella foenum-graecum Family: Fabaceae Active constituent: steroidal saponin, alkaloid, Flavonoid	Common name	
		English	fenugreek
		Tamil	vendhayam
	Description Cause glucose dependent insulin secretion Gluconeogenesis suppression		

	Formulation: standardized seed extract capsule		
CHENOPODIUM ALBUM 	Biological name: mansonia gagei drumm Family: Chenopodiaceae Active constituents: flavonoids, alkaloids, saponins	Common name	
		English	Lambs quarters
		Tamil	Chakravarthikeerai
		Hindi	Bathuna
MANSONIA GAGEI DRUMM 	Biological name: 7/Mansoni gagei drum Family: Malvaceae Active constituents Mansonone C&D	Common name	
		English	Kalmat wood tree
		Tamil	Bastard sandhanamaram
		Hindi	Kalamet vriksh
AZADIRECTA INDICA 	Biological name: Azadirachta indica Family: Meliaceae Active constituent: isoprenoids & nonisoprenoids	Common name	
		English	Neem
		Tamil	Vembu
		Hindi	Neem
PISIDIUM GUAJAVA 	Biological name: Pisidium guajava Family: Myrtaceae Active constituents: tannins, carotenoids Ascorbic acid	Common name	
		English	Guava
		Tamil	Koyya
		Hindi	Amrood
COCCINIA GRANDIS	Biological name: Coccinia grandis	Common name	
		English	IVY gourd

	Family: Cucurbitaceae	Tamil	Kovai
	Active constituents: cucurbitacins, Carotenoids, alkaloids, flavonoids, phenols	Hindi	Kundru
Description Stimulate insulin secretion Alpha amylase & alpha glucosidase inhibition Formulation: decoction & extract capsules			
AJUGA REMOTA 	Biological name: Ajuga remota Family: Lamiaceae Active constituent: clerodin,ajugalactone	Common name English Bracted bugleweed Tamil Neelakanda mooligai Hindi Neelkanthi	
Description Pancreatic beta cell protection Causes alpha amylase inhibition & insulin mimicking activity			
GREEN TEA 	Biological name: Camellia sinesis Family: Theaceae Active constituents: catechins, alkaloids, Amino acids	Common name English Green tea Tamil Pasuntheneer Hindi Hari chay	
Description Epigallocatechin gallate(EGCG)mimics insulin action in liver Enhance cellular glucose uptake via GLUT-4 translocation			
ASHWAGANDHA 	Biological name: Ashwagandha Family: Solanaceae Active constituents: withanolides, Alkaloids, saponins	Common name English Ashwagandha Tamil Amukkara kizhangu Hindi Ashwagandha	
Description Increase glucose uptake in muscle via upregulation of GLUT-4 Formulation: crude root powder or tablet			
GOSSYPIMUM HIRSUTUM	Biological name: Gossypium hirsutum Family: Malvaceae Active constituent: gossypol, flavonoids, phenolic acid	Common name	
		English	Upland cotton
		Tamil	Paruthi
		Hindi	Kapaas
Description Inhibit alpha glucosidase enzyme Suppression of gluconeogenesis			

	Translocation of GLUT-4 Formulation: crude extract, decoctions		
ALLIUM CEPA 	Biological name: Allium cepa Family: Liliaceae Active constituents: flavonoids, Anthocyanins,	Common name	
		English	Onion
		Tamil	Vengayam
		Hindi	Pyaz
	Description Inhibit alpha amylase & alpha glucosidase enzyme Enhance insulin secretion & enhance glucose uptake Reduce oxidative stress		
HELICTERES ISORA 	Biological name: Helicteres isora Family: Malvaceae Active constituents: phenolic acid, Flavonoids, glycosides	Common name	
		English	East Indian screw tree
		Tamil	Valampurikaai
		Hindi	Maror phalli
	Description Works via PPAR-gamma agonist like mechanism mimicking thiazolidinediones like (pioglitazone/troglitazone)		
SILYBUM MARIANUM 	Biological name: Silybum marianum Family: Asteraceae Active constituent: silymarin, silybin, folic acid	Common name	
		English	Milk thistle
		Tamil	Palnerunjil
		Hindi	Doodh patra
	Description Pancreatic beta cell protection Reduce insulin resistance Improve insulin sensitivity Activate PPAR-gamma pathway to lower blood sugar		

Table 2: Some other plants having anti –diabetic activity Plant phytomolecule have anti-diabetic activity.

s. no	Biological name	Family	Phytomolecules have anti diabetic activity	Mechanism
1	Euphorbia neriifolia	Euphorbiaceae	Euphol, triterpenoids	Potential of insulin secretion
2	Morus alba	Moraceae	1-deoxynojirimycin	Alpha –glucosidase inhibition
3	Cinnamomum zeylanicum	Lauraceae	Cinnamaldehyde	Stimulate glucose uptake

4	Zingiber officinale	Zingiberaceae	Shogaols	Decrease fasting glucose level
5	Turmeric	Zingibraceae	Curcumin	GLUT-4 translocation
6	Lemongrass	Poaceae	Citral	Carbohydrate digestive enzyme inhibition
7	Atriplex halimus	chenopodiaceae	D-Pinitol	Drop elevated blood glucose
8	Mesua ferrea	Calophyllaceae	Xanthones & Coumarins	Beta cell supportive Action
9	Centella asiatica	Apiaceae	Asiatic acid	PPAR-gamma activation
10	Caladium lindenii	Araceae	Total phenolics & Flavonoids	Lipase inhibition
11	Blumea	Asteraceae	Blumeatin, flavonoids	Inhibit alpha glucosidase & Alpha amylase enzyme
12	Rubia cordifolia	Rubiaceae	Alizarin	Reduce pancreatic oxidative stress
13	Bilberry	Ericaceae	Anthocyanins	Enhance insulin sensitivity
14	Salacia reticulata	hippocrateaceae	Salacinol, kotalanol	Lowering post meal glucose spike
15	Bitter melon	Cucubitaceae	Polypeptide-p, charantin	Mimic endogenous insulin
16	Cassia mimosoides	Leguminosae	Luteolin	Enhance cellular glucose uptake
17	Schinus terebinthifolius	Anacardiaceae	Schinfolone	Inhibit alpha glucosidase & alpha amylase enzyme
18	Allium sataivum	Liliaceae	Allicin, s-allyl cysteine	Potentiate insulin secretion
19	Brassica nigra	Brassicaceae	Isothiocyanates	Inhibit alpha glucosidase & alpha amylase enzyme
20	Murraya koenigii	Rulaceae	Mahanimbine	Protect pancreatic beta cell from oxidative stress
21	Pyllanthus niruri	phyllanthaceae	Phyllanthin	Suppress hepatic glucose production
22	Punica granatum	Lythraceae	Punicalagin	Improve total insulin sensitivity
23	Terminalia chebula	Combretaceae	Chebulinic acid, ellagic acid	Alpha –glucosidase enzyme inhibition
24	Tectona grandis	Lamiaceae	Anthraquinones	Speed up peripheral muscle glucose uptake
25	Polydthia longifolia	Annonaceae	Clerodane diterpenoids	Elevate total serum insulin level
26	Ocimum gratissimum	Lamiaceae	Eugenol	Act as an insulin mimetic
27	Lanata camara	Verbanaceae	Triterpenoids	Inhibit alpha amylase
28	Schinus terebinthifolius	Anacardiaceae	Flavonoids, polyphenols	Inhibit alpha glucosidase & alpha amylase enzyme
29	Urtica dioica	Urticaceae	Flavonoids, phenols	Increase insulin secretion from beta cell of pancreas

30	Momordicacharantia	Cucurbitaceae	Polypeptide-p	Contain vegetable insulin mimics insulin
31	Trichosanthes cucumerina	Cucubitaceae	Cucurbitacin B	Inhibit alpha glucose & alpha amylase enzyme
32	Gymnema lactiferum	Apocyanaceae	gymnemic acid	Stimulate insulin secretion from pancreatic beta cell
33	Canthium coromandelicum	Rubiaceae	Total saponins, coumarins	Protect pancreatic beta cell
34	Ipomea aquatica forsk	convolvulaceae	Quercetin-3-o-glucoside	Alpha glucosidase inhibitor
35	Oroxylum indicum	Bignoniaceae	Baicalein	Suppress activation of NF-KB
36	Boswellia serrata	Burseraceae	Pentacyclic triterpenes	Stimulate beta -cell to release more insulin
37	Boswellia carteri	Burseraceae	Triterpenes	Stimulate beta -cell to release more insulin
38	Argemone mexicana	Papaveraceae	Sanguinarine	Inhibit intestinal alpha glucosidase delay carbohydrate absorption
39	Berberis aristata	Berberidaceae	Berberine, karachine	Suppress hepatic gluconeogenesis
40	Berberis vulgaris	Berberidaceae	Alkaloid, isoquinoline	Lower blood glucose level
41	Tinospora cordifolia	menispermaceae	Berberine, palmatine, tin osporaside, syringing	Stimulate pancreatic cell to secrete insulin
42	Dalbergia odorifera	fabaceae	isoflavones	Activate PPAR-GAMMA to improve tissue insulin uptake
43	Passiflora caerulea	Passifloraceae	Chrysin, harmine, apigenin	Inhibit alpha glucosidase enzyme
44	Lysimachia punctata	Primulaceae	Flavonoids, triterpenoids, saponin	Restore glycogen synthesis in liver and muscle
45	Theobroma cocoa	Malvaceae		Enhance insulin mediated glucose uptake
46	Acacia greggii	Fabaceae	Alkaloids	Exert mild insulin mimetic action to enhance cellular glucose utilization
47	Amorphophallus konjac	Araceae	Glucomannan	Delay carbohydrate digestion
48	Magnolia officinalis	Gnoliaceae	Magnolol, honokiol	Act as a natural PPAR alpha/gamma agonist
49	Chloroporatinctoria	Moraceae	Morin	Inhibit alpha glucosidase enzyme

CONCLUSION

This review, we have listed medicinal plants that anti diabetic effects, Diabetes has become serious and quickly growing health issue in both developed and developing countries. Even though many drugs have been developed and research is ongoing. The number of people

affected and the rate of this condition are still rising. According to WHO guidelines, medicines made from plants that help lower blood sugar are important.

Compared to the allopathy medicine medicinal plants contain the many phytochemicals which represents the receptor stimulation of insulin regulations and some plants mimics effect of insulin and other regulate the insulin metabolism and glucose absorption and absorption of glucose by skeletal muscle, and increasing insulin production or by reducing the absorption of glucose in the intestines. Using herbal medicines can help protect cells and keep blood sugar levels more stable. In future the tolerance of allopathy medicine may be compete with the help of herbal medicine.

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