

## Revealing the Contribution of Phytochemicals in *Syzygium Cumini* As-Antidiabetics: A Systematic Review

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### ABSTRACT

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is an endocrine system and metabolic disorder caused by defects in insulin secretion and action. *Syzygium cumini* (L.) Skeels (Myrtaceae) are often used in anti-diabetic medicine due to their high polyphenol contents. This study aims to provide a comprehensive review of the role of phytochemical compounds in *S. cumini* as traditional antidiabetic medicinal plants. The review covers related articles on antidiabetic AND *S. cumini* AND phytochemicals OR bioactive compounds. The examined articles were published from 2001 to January 2023. Pubmed, Science Direct, Scopus, and Google Scholar were utilized as the bibliographic databases in this systematic search. The inclusion criteria include articles written in English that describe experimental research, clinical trials, and randomized studies and articles containing phytochemical content profiling. The exclusion criteria were other types of reports such as literature reviews, conference articles, theses, dissertations, and cases that were irrelevant to the topic. The reporting item guidelines used for references in this review were the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) and the Center for Systematic Reviews for Laboratory Animal Experiments (SYRCLE) risk of bias (RoB) tool. By the systematic compensation used, 15 articles that meet the requirements were obtained and were further reviewed thoroughly. Seeds, leaves, and bark of plant parts were reported to be non-toxic in acute experiments on mice or rats. *S. cumini* contains flavonol glycosides, especially myricetin, myricitrin, quercetin, and kaempferol; phenolics, such as ellagic acid, tannins, and gallic acid; alkaloids; and saponins. These compounds contributions to the overall anti-diabetic activity were discussed by covering an increase of insulin sensitivity, secretion, and usage of glucose in tissues; thereby reducing insulin resistance, oxidative stress, gluconeogenesis, and absorption of carbohydrates and sucrose. In conclusion, the review confirmed that the compounds of *S. cumini* have a potential for treating diabetes mellitus. Specifically, the seeds and leaves of *S. cumini* have a high potential as anti-diabetic herbal product, and thus making it crucial to find the research gap to support the development of this herbal compound by establishing preclinical and clinical trials and reliable analytical methods for phytochemical profiling.

**Keywords:** *Syzygium cumini*, Phytochemical, Diabetes Mellitus, Flavonoid, Phenolics

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## INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a chronic metabolic condition characterized by elevated blood sugar levels and impaired protein, lipid, and carbohydrate metabolism. Acute consequences from DM can include hyperosmolar hyperglycemia syndrome and diabetic ketoacidosis, while chronic cases may result in issues with the microvascular, macrovascular, and neuropathic systems (Wells *et al.*, 2015). An increase in diabetes mellitus type 2 incidence generally occurs at the age of 60 years (IDF, 2021). Inappropriate control in DM may increase the risk of bacterial and fungal skin infections (Moini, *et al.*, 2022), including diabetic retinopathy, nephropathy and neuropathy, which are complications of diabetes due to the microvascular lesion. High blood glucose levels increase the work on the kidneys, leading to nephropathy. Additionally, it harms the cardiovascular system, resulting in an increase in heart disease and stroke (Zheng *et al.*, 2021). The level of blood glucose can be maintained with the help of oral anti-diabetic medications such as sulfonylureas, biguanides, glitazones, meglitinides, glucosidase inhibitors, and thiazolidinediones. However, issues with the side effects like hypoglycemia, decreased appetite, tingling in the hands and feet, gastrointestinal issues, weariness, joint discomfort, and eye irritation have become increasingly worrisome (Tara *et al.*, 2017). Considering that the medical treatment in most cases are for lifetime, anti-diabetic drugs not only should be effective but also should be safe for a long term use, easy to use, and available in rural areas. For this reason, it is necessary to develop a complementary medicine derived from natural ingredients for effective and safe medication (Yessoufou *et al.*, 2013). Most of local people use *S. cumini* (L.) Skeels (Myrtaceae) to treat DM by utilizing its seeds or leaves to increase glucose uptake by L-6 cells *in vitro* (Narmatha & Maneemegalai, 2019).

*S. jambolana* DC., *S. jambolanum* (Lam) DC., *Eugenia jambolana* Lam., *E. djouant* Perr., and *E. cumini* (Linn) Druce are synonyms for *Syzygium cumini* (L.). Lam's *E. caryophyllifolia*. The Myrtaceae family includes *Myrtus cumini* Linn and *Calyptanthus jambolana* Willd. According to (Stephen, 2012), *S. cumini* is also known as jambolana, black plum, jamun, Javanese plum, and Indian blackberry. The fruit, seeds, leaves, and bark of *S. cumini* are commonly used in Ayurvedic and

Unani treatment. This plant contains numerous active phytochemicals, including phenolics, flavonoids, anthocyanins, carotenoids, essential oils, terpenes, and tannins, are present in this plant component (Mandal *et al.*, 2023). *S. cumini* is an evergreen tree, which is easy to grow and is rich in polyphenols as compounds that contribute to the antidiabetic activity of most herbal products (Chagas *et al.*, 2018). As a conclusion, the review confirmed that the compounds of *S. cumini* have a potential for serving as anti-diabetic mellitus, since the seeds and leaves of *S. cumini*, particularly have a high potential to serve as anti-diabetic herbal products. This review, thus has highlighted a research gap to support the development of this herbal compound by establishing preclinical and clinical trials and reliable analytical methods for phytochemical profiling.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Study protocol

The Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses (PRISMA) criteria were used to perform this systematic review (Page *et al.*, 2021).

### Search strategy

This systematic review referred to all related articles published from 2001 to January 2023 by way of systematically searching from the Pubmed, Science Direct, Scopus, and Google Scholar databases. The Pubmed database search used Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) (Table I).

### Inclusion criteria

The inclusion criteria used in the study were experimental research or clinical trials, and randomized studies. The articles used in this study are those written in English, and discuss the bioactive compounds from *S. cumini* for treating antidiabetic mellitus. The search was conducted by way of scanning in the title and abstract of the articles and then filtering it according to inclusion, exclusion, and eligibility criteria. The relevance of each article was determined by reading each article in full each article. All articles used were retrieved through the Mendeley Reference Manager.

### Exclusion criteria

This systematic review met the following exclusion criteria: literature review, conference articles, theses, dissertations, and cases, and reports irrelevant to the topic.

Table I. Search strategy in the database

Database	Keyword
PubMed (MeSH)	(antidiabetes mellitus[Title/Abstract] OR antidiabetic[Title/Abstract] OR Hyperglycemic[Title/Abstract] AND (2012:2023[pdat])) AND ( <i>Syzygium cumini</i> [Title/Abstract] OR <i>Syzygium jambolanum</i> [Title/Abstract] OR <i>Syzygium jambos</i> [Title/Abstract] OR <i>Eugenia cumini</i> [Title/Abstract] OR <i>Eugenia jambolana</i> [Title/Abstract] OR <i>Eugenia jambos</i> [Title/Abstract])
Science direct	((antidiabetic OR Hyperglycemic) AND ( <i>Syzygium cumini</i> OR <i>Syzygium jambos</i> OR <i>Eugenia cumini</i> OR <i>Eugenia jambolana</i> OR <i>Eugenia jambos</i> ) AND (phytochemical constituents OR bioactive)))
Scopus	((antidiabetic OR Hyperglycemic) AND ( <i>Syzygium cumini</i> OR <i>Syzygium jambos</i> OR <i>Eugenia cumini</i> OR <i>Eugenia jambolana</i> OR <i>Eugenia jambos</i> ) AND (phytochemical constituents OR bioactive)))
google scholar	antidiabetic AND <i>Syzygium cumini</i> AND phytochemical constituents OR bioactive

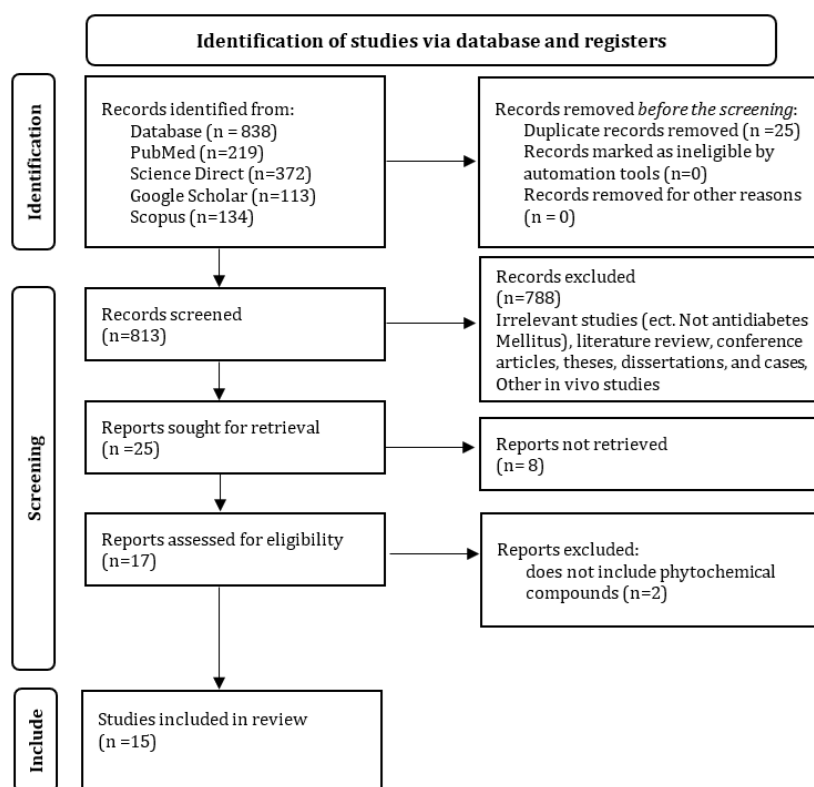


Figure 1. Flowchart of the Articles Selection Process Using the PRISMA Method

### Eligibility criteria

This systematic review focuses on reports on *S.cumini* phytochemical compound profiles with the pharmacological activity as anti-diabetic conducted as in vivo assays. The selected articles must include phytochemical compound analytical method.

### Selection of studies and data extraction

Each article referred to in this review have complied with the inclusion, exclusion and eligibility criteria. The systematic review process is presented in a flowchart using the PRISMA method (Figure 1). The writer conducted a checklist to obtain quality articles containing: the author's

name, year of research, type of research, type of sample, bioactive compounds, doses and induction ingredients, plant parts used, and duration of administration.

The articles used for this systematic review, in the form of preclinical study articles were assessed for the quality of specific tests on test animals using SYRCLE for the Risk of Bias (RoB) with the following types of bias checklists: selection bias with domain sequence generation, baseline characteristics and allocation concealment; performance bias with domain random housing and blinding; detection bias with domains random outcome assessment and blinding; attrition bias with domain incomplete data; reporting bias with domain selective outcome reporting; and other sources of bias (Hooijmans *et al.*, 2014) (Table II).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This systematic review explores the contribution of the bioactive contents in the anti-diabetic properties of *S. cumini*. At the beginning of the search, a total of 838 articles were obtained according to the keywords used in the PubMed, Science Direct, Scopus and Google Scholar databases. According to the articles' selection process using the PRISMA method, 15 articles were selected (Figure 1) based on the predetermined criteria, where the articles contained identification of phytochemical content and anti-diabetic activity *in vivo*. The results of the articles qualitative assessment for RoB through SYRCLE can be categorized as high bias (Table II) according to the type of performance bias, namely random housing, blinding and type detection bias, namely random outcome assessment.

### Phytochemicals

Of the selected 13 articles, two articles compared the use of *S. cumini* as an antidiabetic agent with other plants, namely *Costus speciosus*, *T. ananassae*, and *S. cumini* with the result that *S. cumini* was more efficient in lowering levels of blood glucose *in vivo* (Gavillán-Suárez *et al.*, 2015); The tannin fraction of *S. cumini*, the saponin fraction of *T. foenum graecum*, the flavonoid fraction of *T. chebula*, and the flavonoid fraction of *S. persica* all demonstrated that these plants' tannins, saponins, and flavonoids significantly decreased serum glucose levels and improved glucose tolerance. *S. persica* isolates' flavonoids demonstrated more potent anti-diabetic properties than those from of other plants (Bansode *et al.*, 2017). One article comparing herbal medicine

containing a mixture of *S. cumini* seeds, *Gymnema sylvestre* leaves, *A. indica* leaves, and *Z. officinale* (Ginger) demonstrated that herbal drugs and *S. cumini* had type 2 antidiabetic effects in rats (Proma *et al.*, 2018). Ten other articles examined the potential of *S. cumini* L. activity as anti-diabetic agent individually. Most of the plant parts used were the seeds of cumini, (8 articles); five studies used leaves; and only one report addressed the fruit and bark. Data on the activity of the phytochemical compound *S. cumini* for diabetes mellitus treatment (Table III).

An appropriate phytochemical analysis is urgently required in the search for bioactive compounds, identifying the constituents of plant extracts (Pant *et al.*, 2017, Syukri *et al.*, 2016; Nugroho *et al.*, 2011). Five articles used phytochemical HPLC instrument one article used HPTLC, two articles used TLC, one article used HPLC-MS, one article used GCMS and three articles used color reaction (Table III). Several studies used various reagents or color reaction for phytochemical screening analysis, which considered unreliable because the resulting colour can be masked by impurities or other compounds. Therefore, it is necessary to conduct a more advanced analytical methods and instruments which provide higher sensitivity and selectivity.

Polyphenols themselves have been reported elsewhere as antidiabetic compounds in most herbal product (Constantin *et al.*, 2014). Furthermore, Prabakaran & Shanmugave, (2018) reported that the methanol extract of *S. cumini* seeds contains alkaloids, steroids, cardiac glycosides, saponins, resins, terpenoids, beside flavonoids and phenolics (Prabakaran & Shanmugave, 2018). The leaves contain many phenolic compounds, the water extract also contains catechin, epicatechin, quercetin and myricetin 3-O-rhamnoside (Balyan *et al.*, 2019).

Phytoconstituents reported in *S. cumini* seeds are gallic acid, chlorogenic, caffeic ellagic acids and catechins, epicatechin, quercetin, quercitrin, isoquercitrin, kaempferol, rutin, flavonoids, alkaloids, glycosides, saponins, tannins, triterpenoids, steroids. *S. cumini* leaves contain flavonoids, alkaloids, phenolics, glycosides, terpenes, tannins, flavonol glycosides, especially myricetin, myricitrin, quercetin, kaempferol, phenols, such as ellagic acid, ferulic acids, and gallic acids. The bark contains steroids, triterpenoid saponins, glycosides, carbohydrates, alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, phenolics, and amino acids; while the fruit contains triterpenoids including

maslinic acid, ursolic acid, corosolic acid and oleanolic acid.

A more detailed report on the *S. cumini* seeds' phytoconstituents revealed the presence of flavonoid levels of 24.3 mg (Quercetin Equivalent) QE/g DW; phenolic content (methanol extract) 0.45 mg QE/mg extract; phenolic content (aqueous extract) of 0.18 mg QE/mg extract; tannin content of 3.361 mg tannic acid eq/g FW; saponin content of 0.6% mg quillaja/mg DW weight; and alkaloid content (aqueous fraction) of 1.80 %  $\mu\text{g}$  nicotine eq/mg (Gavillán-Suárez *et al.*, 2015). The ethanol extract of *S. cumini* leaves contains 16.09% total phenolic content, 7.1% total tannin content and  $1.217 \pm 0.04\%$  Myricetin (Baldissera *et al.*, 2016). *S. cumini* fruit is rich in triterpenoids such as maslinic acid (9.71%, dry weight, DW), ursolic acid (6.8%, DW), corosolic acid (6.4%, DW) and oleanolic acid (4.1%). %, DW) (Xu *et al.*, 2018). Report by Chagas *et al.*, (2018) also stated that polyphenol-rich extract from *S. cumini* leaves contains gallic acid  $11.15 \pm 0.90 \mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ ; myricetin  $192.70 \pm 16.50 \mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ ; quercetin  $4.72 \pm 0.06 \mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ .

### Flavonoids

Most studies reports that *Syzygium cumini* is rich in flavonoids. Bansode *et al.* (2017) revealed that flavonoids could increase liver glycogen levels and body weight in diabetic rats after administration of *S. cumini* extract. Mohamed *et al.*, (2013) reported that flavonoid compounds play roles as antioxidants; and regenerate damaged pancreatic  $\beta$  cells (Sharma *et al.*, 2013; Yasodamma & Alekhya, 2013). Upregulation of PPAR- $\alpha$  and PPAR- $\gamma$  in 3T3-L1 preadipocytes can increase adipocyte homeostasis thereby causing a decrease in fat accumulation (Sharma *et al.*, 2017). Flavonoids activate AMPK through the translocation and expression of GLUT4 in skeletal muscles (Eid *et al.*, 2015). *In vivo* indicated that there was an increase in the expression of the PPAR $\alpha$  gene in HepG2 cells in *S. cumini* extract, which is rich in flavonoids and can reduce serum of total cholesterol and total triglycerides levels (Sharma *et al.*, 2012). Flavonoids in *cumini* seed extract are expected to play a role in enhancing absorption and storage of free fatty acids (FFA) in adipose tissue affecting insulin sensitivity reactions from PPAR $\gamma$  agonists, thus resulting in improvements in skeletal muscle, liver and pancreatic  $\beta$  cells from high FFA concentrations (Sharma *et al.*, 2017).

### Myricetin

Myricetin is a compound of the flavonoid class which has anti-diabetic, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial and antibacterial activity (Choi *et al.*, 2014; Grenier *et al.*, 2015; Sanches *et al.*, 2016). In rats fed with high sucrose and high-fat diet, myricetin prevented fatness and insulin resistance (Choi *et al.*, 2014). The use of myricetin at a dose of 300 mg/Kg/day for 8 weeks could significantly reduce triglyceride levels in plasma and liver, increase expression of the enzyme PPAR $\alpha$  in the liver, resulting in a decrease in intracellular fatty acids, which increased liver insulin resistance and improved regenerative pancreatic  $\beta$  cells, VLDL and serum triglycerides (Chagas *et al.*, 2018; Sanches *et al.*, 2016).

Myricetin increases PPAR $\alpha$  expression in the liver, thus resulting in increased insulin sensitivity and hepatic lipid oxidations (Ding *et al.*, 2012). Myricetin (MyR) reduces the expression of C/EBP $\alpha$  and PPAR $\gamma$  by suppressing T3-L1 preadipocyte differentiation. MyR can significantly stimulate lipolysis in 3 T3-L1 adipocytes by decreasing the expression of perilipin A. The lipolytic regulation of MyR reduces obesity, thus regenerating the islets of Langerhans (Wang *et al.*, 2015). The MyR effect can also protect pancreatic  $\beta$  cells from damage due to cytokine compounds and high glucose (HG) by weakening endoplasmic reticulum (ER) pressure, inactivating cyclin-dependent kinase 5 (CDK5), leading to upregulation of pancreatic duodenal homeobox 1 (PDX1) and sarcoendoplasmic reticulum calcium ATPase 2b (SERCA2b) to prevent from apoptosis (Ding *et al.*, 2012; Karunakaran *et al.*, 2019).

### Quercetin

Quercetin is also a flavonoid that has an anti-diabetic effect by improving glucose absorption in sensitive tissues such as muscle, adipose, and liver (Gavillán-Suárez *et al.*, 2015). Quercetin increases cell antioxidant activity by increasing insulin secretion and protecting pancreatic beta cells from ROS. Quercetin's mechanism of action is by reducing oxidative stress, protecting  $\beta$  cells,  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition, increasing glycogen synthesis, and stimulating glucose uptake in muscle cells through the AMPK pathway (Dhanya, 2022). Quercetin has anti-diabetic potential by increasing glucose uptake in the L6 myotube and GLUT4 expression in type 2 diabetes mellitus through the AMPK-P38 pathway (Dhanya *et al.*, 2017).

Table II. Data on The Pharmacological Activity of *S. cumini* as anti-diabetes and the Phytochemical Content Profiling of the Material Used

Ref	Extract	Plant parts	Phytochemical contents (type of extract used)	Analytical Method	Dose	Induction	Test animals	Duration	Results
[Chatterjee <i>et al.</i> , 2012]	Ethyl acetate fraction	Seed	Gallic acid	HP TLC	20 mg/0.5 mL distilled water/100 g BW/Rat	Streptozotocin 3.5 mg/100 g BW	Rat	28 days	Blood Glucose Levels ↓, Glycated Hemoglobin Level ↓, Glycogen Content of The Liver and Skeleton ↑, Serum Insulin ↑, Hexokinase ↑, Glucose-6-Phosphatase ↓, Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase ↑, Lactate Dehydrogenase ↓, Weight Gain ↑, SGPT ↓, SGOT ↓
[Gavillán-Suárez <i>et al.</i> , 2015]	Methanol and aqua extract	Leaf	Flavonoids, Alkaloids, Phenolics, Saponins Sterols, Cardiac Glycoside, Terpenoids, Tannins (Methanol Extract) Phenolic, Saponin (Water Extract) Tannin	TLC	2.3 mg/kg BW	Glucose 10% Insulin injection (8 unit/g BW)	Rat	10 weeks 120 min	No Toxicity Observed Glucose Tolerance Test Db/DbL, Ob/Ob↓ Insulin Tolerance Test Db / Db ↑, If / If ↑ Weight Gain ↑ No Toxicity Observed
[Bansode <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	Tannin fraction	Seed	Tannin	TLC	100 mg/kg BW	Alloxan 125 mg/kg BW	Rat	15 days	Serum Glucose Tolerance ↑, Weight Gain ↑, Liver Glycogen Levels ↑, Serum Glucose ↓, SOD ↑, CAT ↑, TBARS ↓, ROS ↓, No Toxicity Observed
[Baldissera <i>et al.</i> , 2016]	Hydroalcoholic extract	Leaf	Myricetin, Glycoside, Phenol, Tannin	HPLC	-	HFD 60% Streptozotocin 30 mg/kg BW	Rat	7 weeks	Serum Glucose Tolerance ↑, Weight Gain ↑, Liver Glycogen Level ↑, Serum Glucose ↓, Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST) ↑ and Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) ↓, Cholesterol ↓, Triglycerides ↓ No Toxicity Observed
[Xu <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	Triterpenoid-enriched Jamun fruit extract	Fruit	Triterpenoid	HPLC	100mg/kg BW	Streptozotocin 40 mg/kg BW Glucose 10%	Mice	15, 30, 60, and 120 min GTT	Body Weight ↓, Glucose Content ↓, Liver Index ↑, Liver Glycogen Content ↑, Skeletal Muscle Glycogen Content ↑, Fasting Glucose Content ↓, Insulin Level ↑, B Index HOMA ↑, Glucose Homeostasis (GTT) ↓, AUC ↓, Normal Akt Phosphorylation, Foxo1 expression ↑

Ref	Extract	Plant parts	Phytochemical contents (type of extract used)	Analytical Method	Dose	Induction	Test animals	Duration	Results
(Tripathi & Kohli, 2014)	Extracts of petroleum ether, chloroform, ethanol, aqua	Bark	Steroids, Triterpenoid Saponins, Glycosides, Carbohydrates, Alkaloids, Flavonoids, Tannins, Phenolics, Amino Acids	Color reaction	500 mg/Kg BW	glucose 2 g/kg BW	Rat	48 h 21 days	Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT) ↓, Glucose Levels ↓, No Toxicity Observed
(Sanches et al., 2016)	Hydroethanolic extract	Leaf	Flavonol Glycosides, Especially Myricetin, Myricitrin, Quercetin, Kaempferol, Phenols such as Ellagic Acid, Ferulic Acids, and Gallic Acids	HPLC-MS	500 mg/kg BW	glucose 10% Monosodium L-Glutamate (MSG)	Rat	60 days	Glucose ↓, Insulin Tolerance Test ↑, Insulin Resistance ↓, Body Weight ↓, Glycerol Release ↓, Total Cholesterol ↓, Triglycerides ↓, Fasting Slasma Insulinlevel ↓, Tyg Index ↓, HOMA IR ↓, HOMA B ↓
(Bitencourt et al., 2015)	Aqueous extract	Seed	Gallic Acid; Chlorogenic Acid, Caffeic and Ellagic Acids; Catechins, Epicatechin, Quercetin, Quercitrin, Isoquercitrin, Kaempferol and Rutin.	HPLC	100 mg/kg BW	Streptozotocin 60 mg/kg BW	Rat	12 h(GTT)↓ 21 days	Glucose ↓, Cholesterol ↑, Triglycerides ↓, Albumin↑, Creatinine↓, Ureat Fructosamine↓, Ceruloplasmin↑, Liver↑, Glycogen↓, HOMA-IR Index↓, HOMA-B Bf Index
(Chagas, et al., 2018)	70% Ethanol extract Etilasetat fraction	Leaf	Gallic acid, Myricetin and Quercetin	HPLC	50 mg/kg BW	alloxan 150 mg/kg BW	Rat	14 days	Triglycerides, Total Cholesterol, Tyg Index (Decreased Resistance) And Serum Glucose↓, Proliferation Assay (Increased Insulin Secretion By β Cells)
(Saifi et al., 2016)	Hydroalcoholic extract	Seed	Flavonoids, Phenolic Group, Alkaloids, Glycosides, Saponins, Tannins, Steroids and Triterpenoids	Color reaction	500 mg/kg BW	alloxan 120 mg/kg, i.p	Rat	21 days	Blood Glucose Level ↓, Serum Ldl ↓, Hdl ↑, Serum Creatinine ↓, Serum Urea ↓, Serum Alkaline Phosphatase (Alp) ↓, Bilirubin ↑, Serum Glutamate Oxalate Transaminase (Sgot) ↓, Serum Glutamate Pyruvate Transaminase (Sgpt) ↓ No Toxicity Observed

Ref	Extract	Plant parts	Phytochemical contents (type of extract used)	Analytical Method	Dose	Induction	Test animals	Duration	Results
(Asanaliyar & Nadig, 2021)	Hydro-ethanolic extract	Seed	Polyphenols; Ellagic Acid	HPLC	100mg/kg 200mg/kg 400 mg/kg	or High-Fat or (HFD) Streptozotocin	Rat	21 days	Fasting Blood Glucose ↓, Serum Insulin ↑, Serum Triglycerides ↓, Cholesterol ↓, HDL ↓ and LDL Level ↓, HOMA IR ↓ and HOMA B ↑ No Toxicity Observed
(Proma et al., 2018)	Petroleum Ether Freeze Dried Extract	Seed	Steroids	Color Reaction	1.25 g/kg BW	streptozotocin 90 mg/kg BW	Rat	22 days	Body Weight ↓, HDL ↑, LDL ↓, Serum Glucose Level ↓, Serum Cholesterol ↓, Triglyceride Levels ↓, Oral Glucose Tolerance Level ↓, Blood Glucose Levels ↓, Glycosylated Hemoglobin
(Sari et al., 2020)	Ethanol extract	leaf	Flavonoids, Alkaloids, Phenolics, Glycosides, and Terpenes	GCMS	200 and 400 mg/kg	Alloxan 50 mg/kg BW	Mice	180 min 21 days	(Hba1c) ↓, Creatinine Kinase (CK) ↓, Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH) ↓, TBARS ↓, CAT ↑, SOD ↓, GSH ↓, No Toxicity Observed
(Yadav et al., 2010)	Water extract, ethanolic extract, methanol extract, hexane extract and chloroform extract	seed	Tannins, phenols, alkaloids, flavonoids, and saponin	Variation reagent Color Reaction	200, 100 and 50 mg/kg	Glucosa 2 mg/kg BW	Rat	1-6 h	Oral Glucose Tolerance Level ↓
(Sharma et al., 2008)	Ethanol extract, Chloroform extract and ethyl acetate extract	seed	Rutin and Quercetin	HPLC	300 mg/kg BW	Streptozotocin 60 mg/kg BW	mice	15 days	Fasting blood glucose levels ↓, very low density lipoprotein (VLDL) ↓, low density lipoprotein (LDL) ↓, high density lipoprotein (HDL) ↑, Total cholesterol (TC) ↓ and triglyceride (TG) ↓, Glycogen content of skeletal muscles, liver ↑, and kidney ↓, hepatic glucose-6-phosphatase ↓, hepatic hexokinase ↑, Serum insulin level ↑, pancreatic histopathology showed a protective effect of the extract. Oral Glucose Tolerance Level ↓



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(Chatterjee <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	Ethyl acetate fraction	Seed	Gallic acid	HPTLC	20 mg/0.5 mL distilled water/100 g BW/Rat	Streptozotocin 3.5 mg/100 g BW	Rat	28 days	Blood Glucose Levels ↓, Glycated Hemoglobin Level ↓, Glycogen Content of The Liver and Skeleton ↑, Serum Insulin ↑, Hexokinase ↑, Glucose-6-Phosphatase ↓, Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase ↑, Lactate Dehydrogenase ↓, Weight Gain ↑, SGPT ↓, SGOT ↓ No Toxicity Observed
(Gavillán-Suárez <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	Methanol and aqua extract	Leaf	Flavonoids, Alkaloids, Phenolics, Saponins Sterols, Cardiac Glycoside, Terpenoids, Tannins (Methanol Extract) Phenolic, Saponin (Water Extract)	TLC	2.3 mg/kg BW	Glucose 10% Insulin injection (8 unit/g BW)	Rat	10 weeks 120 min	Glucose Tolerance Test Db/Db↓, Ob/Ob↓ Insulin Tolerance Test Db / Db ↑, If / If ↑ Weight Gain ↑ No Toxicity Observed
(Bansode <i>et al.</i> , 2017)	Tannin fraction	Seed	Tannin	TLC	100 mg/kg BW	Alloxan 125 mg/kg BW	Rat	15 days	Serum Glucose Tolerance ↑, Weight Gain ↑, Liver Glycogen Levels ↑, Serum Glucose ↓, SOD ↑, CAT ↑, TBARS ↓, ROS ↓, No Toxicity Observed
(Baldissera <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	Hydroalcoholic c extract	Leaf	Myricetin, Glycoside, Phenol, Tannin	HPLC	-	HFD 60% Streptozotocin 30 mg/kg BW	Rat	7 weeks	Serum Glucose Tolerance ↑, Weight Gain ↑, Liver Glycogen Level ↑, Serum Glucose ↓, Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST) ↑ and Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) ↓, Cholesterol ↓, Triglycerides ↓ No Toxicity Observed

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(Xu <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	Triterpenoid-enriched jamun fruit extract	Fruit	Triterpenoid	HPLC	100mg/kg BW	Streptozotocin 40 mg/kg BW Glucose 10%	Mice	15, 30, 60, and 120 min GTT	Body Weight ↓, Glucose Content ↓, Liver Index ↑, Liver Glycogen Content ↑, Skeletal Muscle Glycogen Content ↑, Fasting Glucose Content ↓, Insulin Level ↑, B Index HOMA ↑, Glucose Homeostasis (GTT) ↓, AUC ↓, Normal Akt Phosphorylation, Foxo1 expression ↑
(Tripathi & Kohli, 2014)	Extracts of petroleum ether, chloroform, ethanol, aqua	Bark	Steroids, Triterpenoid, Saponins, Glycosides, Carbohydrates, Alkaloids, Flavonoids, Tannins, Phenolics, Amino Acids	Color reaction	500 mg/Kg BW	glucose 2 g/kg BW Streptozotocin 50 mg/kg BW glucose 10%	Rat	48 h 21 days	Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT) ↓, Glucose Levels ↓, No Toxicity Observed
(Sanchez <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	Hydroethanolic extract	Leaf	Flavonol Glycosides, Especially Myricetin, Myricitrin, Quercetin, Kaempferol, Phenols such as Ellagic Acid, Ferulic Acids, and Gallic Acids	HPLC-MS	500 mg/kg BW	Monosodium L-Glutamate (MSG)	Rat	60 days	Glucose ↓, Insulin Tolerance Test ↑, Insulin Resistance ↓, Body Weight ↓, Glycerol Release ↓, Total Cholesterol ↓, Triglycerides ↓, Fasting Plasma Insulin level ↓, Tyg Index ↓, HOMA IR ↓, HOMA B ↓
(Bitencourt <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	Aqueous extract	Seed	Gallic Acid; Chlorogenic Acid, Caffeic and Ellagic Acids; Catechins, Epicatechin, Quercetin, Quercitrin, Isoquercitrin, Kaempferol and Rutin.	HPLC	100 mg/kg BW	Streptozotocin 60 mg/kg BW	Rat	12 h (GTT); 21 days	Glucose ↓, Cholesterol ↑, Triglycerides ↓, Albumin ↑, Creatinine ↓, Urea ↑, Fructosamine ↓, Ceruloplasmin ↑, Liver ↑, Glycogen ↓, HOMA-IR Index ↓, HOMA-B Bf Index

Ref	Extract	Plant parts	Phytochemical contents (type of extract used)	Analytical Method	Dose	Induction	Test animals	Duration	Results
(Chagas, <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	70% Ethanol extract Etilasetat fraction	Leaf	Gallic acid, Myricetin and Quercetin	HPLC	50 mg/kg BW	alloxan 150 mg/kg BW	Rat	14 days	Triglycerides, Total Cholesterol, Tyg Index (Decreased Resistance) And Serum Glucose ↓, Proliferation Assay (Increased Insulin Secretion By β Cells)
(Saifi <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	Hydroalcoholic extract	Seed	Flavonoids, Phenolic Group, Alkaloids, Glycosides, Saponins, Tannins, Steroids and Triterpenoids	Color reaction	500 mg/kg BW	alloxan 120 mg/kg ip	Rat	21 days	Blood Glucose Level ↓, Serum Ldl ↓, Hdl ↑, Serum Creatinine ↓, Serum Urea ↓, Serum Alkaline Phosphatase (Alp) ↓, Bilirubin ↑, Serum Glutamate Oxalate Transaminase (Sgot) ↓, Serum Glutamate Pyruvate Transaminase (Sgpt) ↓
(Asanallyar & Nadig, 2021)	Hydro-ethanolic extract	Seed	Polyphenols; Ellagic Acid	HPLC	100mg/kg or 200mg/kg or 400 mg/kg	High-Fat Diet (HFD)	Rat	21 days	No Toxicity Observed
(Proma <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	Petroleum Ether Freeze Dried Extract	Seed	Steroids	Color Reaction	1.25 g/kg BW	streptozotocin 90 mg/kg BW	Rat	22 days	Fasting Blood Glucose ↓, Serum Insulin ↑, Serum Triglycerides ↓, Cholesterol ↓, HDL ↓ and LDL Level ↓, HOMA IR ↓ and HOMA B ↑
(Sari <i>et al.</i> , 2020)	Ethanol extract	leaf	Flavonoids, Alkaloids, Phenolics, Glycosides, and Terpenes	GCMS	200 and 400 mg/kg	Alloxan 50 mg/kg BW	Mice	180 min 21 days	No Toxicity Observed Body Weight ↓, HDL ↑, LDL ↓, Serum Glucose Level ↓, Serum Cholesterol ↓, Triglyceride Levels ↓, Oral Glucose Tolerance Level ↓, Blood Glucose Levels ↓, Glycosylated Hemoglobin (Hba1c) ↓, Creatinine Kinase (CK) ↓, Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH) ↓, TBARS ↓, CAT ↑, SOD ↓, GSH ↓

Ref	Extract	Plant parts	Phytochemical contents (type of extract used)	Analytical Method	Dose	Induction	Test animals	Duration	Results
(Yadav <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	Water extract, ethanol extract, methanol extract, hexane extract and chloroform extract	seed	Tannins, phenols, flavonoids, saponin	Variation reagent and Color Reaction	200, 100 and 50 mg/kg	Glucosa 2 mg/kg BW	Rat	1-6 h	Oral Glucose Tolerance Level ↓
(Sharma <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	Ethanol extract, Chloroform extract and ethyl acetate extract	seed	Rutin and Quercetin	HPLC	300 mg/kg BW	Streptozotocin 60 mg/kg BW	mice	15 days	Fasting blood glucose levels ↓, very low density lipoprotein (VLDL) ↓, low density lipoprotein (LDL) ↓, high density lipoprotein (HDL) ↑, Total cholesterol (TC) ↓ and triglyceride (TG) ↓, Glycogen content of skeletal muscles, liver ↑, and kidney ↓, hepatic glucose-6-phosphatase ↓, hepatic hexokinase ↑, Serum insulin level ↑, pancreatic histopathology showed a protective effect of the extract.
						Glucose 1 g/kg BW		120 h	Oral Glucose Tolerance Level ↓

Activation of the AMPK pathway by quercetin is associated with G6Pase inhibition. Quercetin can affect glucose homeostasis in skeletal and liver muscles (Eid *et al.*, 2015).

### Alkaloids

Certain alkaloids exhibit show effects in treating hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia, hyperlipidemia and/or dyslipidemia and complications associated with metabolic diseases such as fatness and diabetes mellitus (Gavillán-Suárez *et al.*, 2015). High glucose levels cause disruption of insulin secretion, and damage to pancreatic beta cells and mitochondria, alkaloids can prevent this from happening (Pereira *et al.*, 2021). Alkaloids, such as Hernandezine (HER), which prevents from pAMPK dephosphorylation, are able to generate activate AMPK signalling in cells and tissues.

Alkaloids also have anti-diabetic and anti-obesity effects of type 2 DM rats (Bai *et al.*, 2022). One of the effects of indole alkaloids is as a DPP-IV inhibitor, increasing the proliferation of endocrine cells and pancreatic  $\beta$  cells (Shukla & Srinivasan, 2012). Alkaloids such as Eurocristatine (ECT) can increase insulin resistance, improve lipid metabolism, lower blood glucose levels, accelerate glycogen synthesis in mice db/db and increase the PI3K/AKT signalling pathway as a target for diabetes mellitus treatment (Zhang *et al.*, 2020).

### Phenolik

The fruit variety of *Syzygium cumini* (pulp, seed coat, and kernel) contains phenolics, which have antioxidant and anti-diabetic abilities. Among the phenolic substances are Ellagic acid, Galic acid, tannins, and saponins (Shila *et al.*, 2017).

### Ellagic acid

Ellagic acid and its derivatives are mostly found as the compounds of phenolic in the lyophilized *Syzygium cumini* fruit extracts (Gavillán-Suárez *et al.*, 2015). *S. cumini* has high quantities of ellagic acid, a polyphenolic antioxidant that normalizes blood glucose, insulin serum levels, and carbohydrate-metabolizing enzyme levels, leading to a marked rise in serum and fasting blood glucose levels (Sampath *et al.*, 2013).

One of the characteristics of diabetes mellitus is high glucose levels which cause neurotropic inflammation in the hippocampus and cerebral cortex. Ellagic Acid (EA) is one of the phenolic compounds in *S. cumini* which can prevent neuron loss caused by decreased blood glucose levels, anti-inflammatory and increased

tissue neurotrophic factors levels (NGF, BDNF, IGF-1) in diabetic rats (Farbood *et al.*, 2019). EA has an antioxidant effect by downregulating P47phox and upregulating NRF2 in the liver, thereby reducing glucose levels and improving insulin resistance which can be seen by increasing Akt phosphorylation. In addition, steatosis and oxidative stress decreased, while insulin sensitivity increased (Polce *et al.*, 2018).

### Gallic acid

Gallic acid can be found in *S. cumini* seeds. This compound has strong antioxidant activity with oxidation-reduction, absorption and neutralization properties. The antioxidant activity occurs by liberating radicals, quenching singlet and triplet oxygen, and removing peroxides (Chatterjee *et al.*, 2012). Gallic acid, ellagic acid, triterpenoids, tannins and saponins can restore lipid profiles to normal and increase GLUT4 mRNA resulting in increased GLUT4 levels in type 2 diabetes mellitus rats (Sampath *et al.*, 2013).

Metabolic processes involving gallic acid occur by altering adipose tissue interscapular genes via thermogenesis via activation of the AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK)/Knockdown Sirtuin 1(Sirt1)/peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor-coactivator1 (PGC1) pathway. This activation has the potential for insulin resistance in metabolic diseases as a therapeutic intervention (Doan *et al.*, 2015). Galic acid can reduce the levels of blood glucose and slow down non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) in rats. Gallic acid will reduce lipid levels and upregulate  $\beta$ -oxidation and ketogenesis (Chao *et al.*, 2021).

### Tannins

Tannins can lower blood glucose levels by inhibiting the enzymes  $\alpha$ -glucosidase ( $\alpha$ -amylase and sucrase) (Tripathi & Kohli, 2014; Yasodamma & Alekhya, 2013). In diabetic rats, oxidative stress, plasma cholesterol levels, and LDL levels decreased due to the influence of tannin (Velayutham *et al.*, 2012). Tannins can lower levels of glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase (GOT), total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein (LDL), and very low-density lipoprotein (VLDL) while raising levels of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) and liver glycogen. Blood glucose levels, glutamate pyruvate transaminase (GPT), play a role in preventing hyperlipidemia in streptozotocin-nicotinamide-induced rats (Kumar *et al.*, 2018).

### Saponins

Saponins can lower blood glucose levels through the inhibition of  $\alpha$ -glucosidation enzymes

in the intestines (Tripathi & Kohli, 2014; Yasodamma & Alekhya, 2013). Saponins are able to increase insulin secretion in INS-1 pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells through the PI3K/Akt/FoxO1 signalling pathway *in vivo* (Liu *et al.*, 2021). Furostanol saponins have the effect of reducing postprandial hyperglycemia by inhibiting  $\alpha$ -glucosidase enzymes, aldose reductase inhibitors in secondary complications of diabetes mellitus and inducing insulin biosynthesis and anti-hypercholesterolemia (Ezzat *et al.*, 2017).

In db/db diabetes mellitus rats, saponins can modify excessive lipid levels, lower blood glucose and plasma insulin levels, increase insulin sensitivity and glycogen synthesis, and increase insulin sensitivity. The mechanism of hypoglycemia in saponins is done by regulation of the IRS-1/PI3K/AKT signalling pathway and GLUT-4 expression (Xu *et al.*, 2018). Saponins can improve glucose homeostasis so that insulin sensitivity in the liver and cell tissues increases through increasing glycogen levels in the liver, reducing triacylglycerol in the liver insulin signalling pathway and activating PPAR-c (Kwon *et al.*, 2012).

Unlike the polyphenolics, the alkaloids and saponins contents reported in *S. cumini* have yet to be appropriately identified. Considering that those group of compounds may also contribute to the overall anti-diabetic activity, an isolation and identification of the phytochemical contents of the *S. cumini* especially for the seeds and the leaves are worth taking. An appropriate phytochemical profiling with a sensitive, selective, yet efficient is necessary in providing a quality assurance in herbal medicine production.

### Preclinical trial

The study model for anti-diabetes mellitus activity *in vivo* depends on the inducer or diabetogenic agents used in the experiment. We found different diabetogenic agents used in the reports of which two studies used streptozotocin with doses between 50-90 mg/kg BW; 3 studies used a combination of streptozotocin and glucose; three studies used alloxan 50-150 mg/kg BW; and 1 study used monosodium L-glutamate (MSG). The duration of the research was around 14-70 days including acclimation, induction, and treatment with the tested samples. The glucose tolerance test was carried out in a duration of 20-180 minute.

Streptozotocin can cause damage to pancreatic  $\beta$  cells resulting in insulin destruction.

This results in hyperglycemia, glycosuria, hypoinsulinemia and induced weight loss in experimental animals (Bisht *et al.*, 2013). Obesity, hyperglycemia, hyperinsulinemia,  $\beta$ -cell dysfunction, hyperlipidemia, and increased TNF- $\alpha$  serum levels are characteristic of increased insulin resistance (IR). In experimental animals induced by HFD-STZ, the expression of PPAR $\gamma$ , PPAR $\alpha$  and insulin resistance (IR) proteins increase (Barrière *et al.*, 2018). HFD-STZ results in type 2 diabetes, increases insulin resistance and decrease GLUT4 expression in muscles, and thus causing abnormal cytokine production (TNF- $\alpha$ ) resulting in chronic inflammation, increased adipocyte lipocytes and increased free fatty acids (FFA) (Nadig *et al.*, 2021).

Alloxan (2, 4, 5, 6-tetraoxypyrimidine; 5, 6-dioxyuracil) is a diabetogenic agent that works by causing damage to some pancreatic  $\beta$  cells that affects pancreatic  $\beta$  cell function, insulin concentration and pancreatic antioxidant system, causing fasting blood glucose levels to increase (Ighodaro *et al.*, 2018). Alloxan is relatively toxic to pancreatic  $\beta$  cells through the accumulation of reactive oxygen species (ROS), which causes necrosis and death of pancreatic cells that reduce insulin secretion (Takemoto *et al.*, 2016).

In general, *Syzygium cumini* plants are rich in polyphenols. Polyphenols are phytochemical compounds and one of their benefits is as strong antioxidants by counteracting free radicals (Denisov & Afanas'ev, 2005). The formation of reactive free radicals is mostly by hyperglycemia. This causes oxidative stress on pancreatic  $\beta$  cells, causing complications of diabetes mellitus (Oguntibeju *et al.*, 2020). Polyphenolic compounds act as antioxidants by suppressing DNA obstruction (Tripathi & Kohli, 2014), and serve as antidiabetic agent by reducing blood glucose levels, glycated haemoglobin, glucose-6 phosphatase activity and increasing liver glycogen levels, insulin sensitivity, pancreatic  $\beta$ -cell and  $\beta$ -cell function, antioxidant enzyme activity and hexokinase, as well as Glucose Transporter 2 (Ajiboye *et al.*, 2018). The mechanism of the phytochemical compounds of *Syzygium cumini* L contributing to the overall anti-diabetic mellitus (Figure 2).

### Toxicity

Toxicity tests include acute, sub-acute and chronic toxicity in the development of new drug products. The administration of a single dose of each animal was carried out in the acute toxicity test to determine animal behaviour and the LD<sub>50</sub> or median lethal dose.

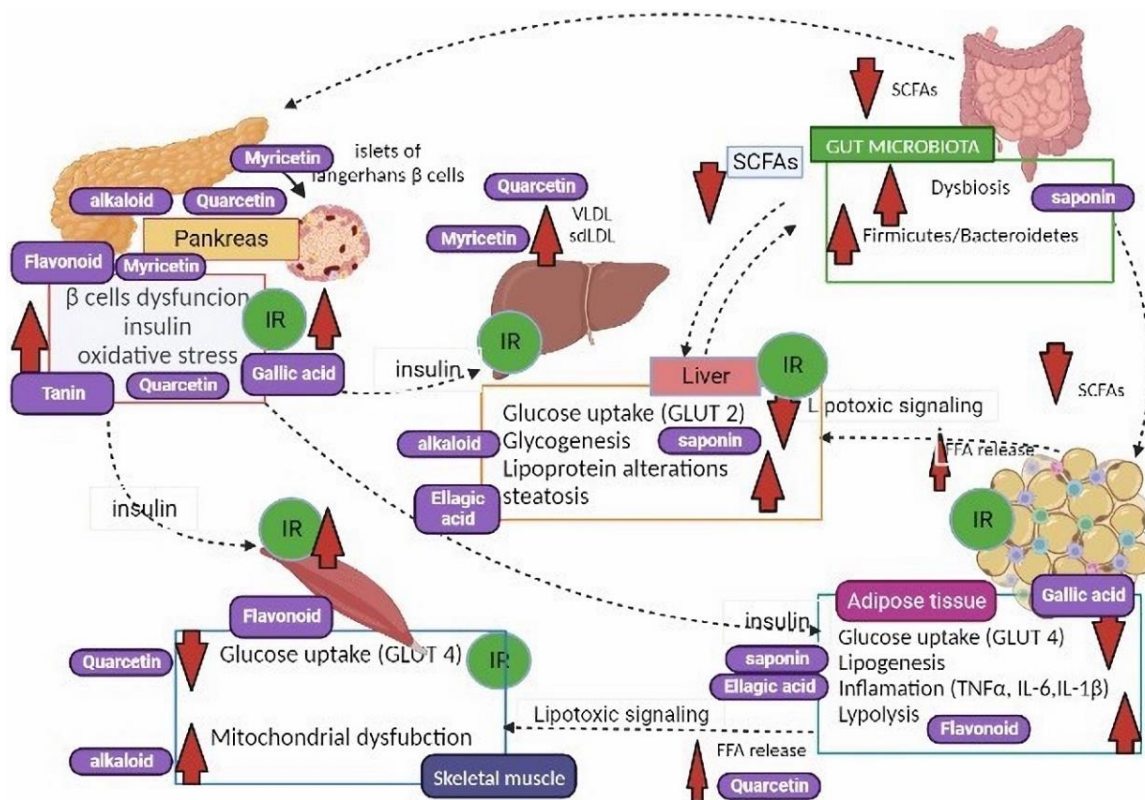


Figure 2. The mechanism of the phytochemical compound *Syzygium cumini* as an anti-diabetic mellitus

Test animals were observed for any of these abnormal behaviours respiratory distress, hyperexcitability, diarrhoea, drooling, motor disturbances and death. Sub-acute toxicity tests were performed by giving daily doses to animals, starting from a therapeutic dose and gradually increased every two to three days, entailed by observing signs of toxicity. Chronic toxicity assays were carried out on two species, namely rodents and non-rodents, with doses of the drug given every day for six months (Bansode *et al.*, 2017; Bhardwaj & Gupta, 2012)

This review article contains nine studies on toxicity assays. Research by Chatterjee *et al.*, (2012) revealed that the *S. cumini* ethyl acetate fraction is non-toxic, indicated by a normal increased in body weight, no autonomic, behavioural or neurological changes as well as no increased of GOT and GPT serum activity observed. These parameters showed that no increasing glucose utilization and reduced hepatorenal dysfunction observed which serve as the general indicator of metabolic toxicity.

Based on the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines (OECD, 2001), observations were made of changes in the skin and fur, eyes and mucous membranes and behaviour patterns, tremors and seizures when the stem bark extract and tannin fraction of *S. cumini* were administered orally at a dose of 5000 mg/kg body weight. The results of the toxicity test showed that administration of stem bark extract and tannin fraction of *S. cumini* did not cause acute toxicity (Gavillán-Suárez *et al.*, 2015; Tripathi & Kohli, 2014). Another acute oral toxicity study used a single dose of 2000 mg/kg BW of the leaves and seeds ethanol extracts of *S. cumini* of which the observations were made after dosing every first 30 minutes, periodically for the first 24 hours. Afterwards, it was observed every day for 14 days. The results showed no change in behaviour and no death observed in all groups (Asanaliyar & Nadig, 2021; Saifi *et al.*, 2016; Sari *et al.*, 2020). Other toxicity studies on the ethanol extract of *S. cumini* leaves were conducted at a dose of 0.05 g/kg; 0.1g/kg; 0.25 g/kg orally daily for 30, 90, and

180 days. The test results showed no changes in body weight, behavioural effects, and death. Histological examination of the liver, kidneys, lungs, heart, stomach, intestines and pancreas did not show any morphological disturbances and that the extract did not cause chronic and acute toxicity (Silva *et al.*, 2011).

The locals population are familiar with and frequently utilize *Syzygium cumini* as a traditional remedy. The entire plant, including the seeds, leaves, fruit, flowers, and bark, can be utilized as a traditional diabetic treatment. The fruit is usually consumed fresh. Other ways of consumption are in form of tea or jam (Garg *et al.*, 2019), juice (Kapoor & Ranote, 2016), ready to serve (RTS) beverage (Barman & Saikia Barooah, 2016), and wine (Patil *et al.*, 2012). The high content of phenolic compounds in this plant can serve as an anti-diabetic agent (Chagas *et al.*, 2018). Besides, its phenolic content, ellagic acid has reported to be potential as chemoprevention of lung cancer (Chamnansilpa *et al.*, 2020), while its gallic acid may serve as cardioprotective (Atale *et al.*, 2013). Antioxidant potential is associated with a high level of flavonoids (Eshwarappa *et al.*, 2014), which can further play a role in the proliferative agent for hyperlipidemia and obesity due to anthocyanin (Chamnansilpa *et al.*, 2020)

## CONCLUSION

This study provides a systematic review on the contribution of the phytochemicals reported in *Syzygium cumini* extract as anti-diabetes mellitus *in vivo*. This literature review revealed that those phytochemical compounds in *S. cumini* namely phenolics: ellagic acid, gallic acid, and tannins; flavonoids: myricetin and quercetin; alkaloids, and saponins may contribute to the overall anti-diabetic properties. These bioactive compounds stimulate insulin secretion, increase insulin sensitivity and use of glucose in tissues, reduce insulin resistance, oxidative stress and gluconeogenesis, and slow down the absorption of carbohydrates and sucrose. As a conclusion, the review confirms that *S. cumini* has the potential to be developed as an anti-diabetes mellitus agent. In particular, seeds and leaves of *S. cumini* have high potential to be developed as herbal products for anti-diabetic agent. This review has highlighted a research gap to support the development of this compound through, established preclinical and clinical trials and reliable analytical methods for phytochemical profiling, which is urgently required for the aforementioned purpose.

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