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## Updated review on Indian Ficus species



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**Abstract** As per Ayurvedic system of medicine, Indian Ficus (Fam. – Moraceae) plants are used in the treatment of various diseases. The plants are characterized by a specific class of closed inflorescence, named syconia, and are distributed in different states of India. Total 97 species of Ficus genus are naturalized in Indian states. Indian Ficus species possess anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, antidiabetic, antiarthritic, antistress, anticancer, hepatoprotective, neuroprotective and wound healing properties. The phytochemical analysis reveals the presence of alkaloids, triterpenoids, flavonoids, furanocoumarins, and polyphenolic compounds in different species. Recently, bioavailability of Indian Ficus has been increased due to the presence of antioxidative agents. However, large number of reports have been published on phytochemistry and biological activities of 31 Indian Ficus species but, no reports are available in literature on 66 species. This review summarizes and describes the current knowledge of ethnomedicinal uses, phytochemistry, pharmacological activities, bioavailability, and pharmacokinetic profiles of 31 Indian Ficus species. Moreover, it includes clinical and toxicological studies with an aim to explore their potential in the pharmaceutical industries.

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## 1. Introduction

Medicinal plants play vital roles in primary healthcare system of various developing countries due to lack of modern healthcare infrastructure, traditional acceptance, high cost of pharmaceutical drugs as well as efficacy of medicinal plants against certain disorders that cannot be treated by modern therapeutic drugs (Abdullahi, 2011; Kipkore et al.,

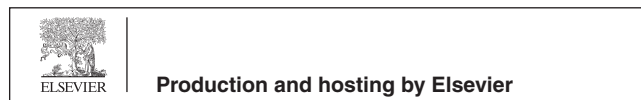
2014; Megersa and Tamrat, 2022). Numerous patients in these developing countries combine folklore medicines with standard medicines and use them for the treatment of chronic diseases (Kigen et al., 2013). Ficus genus includes trees, hemi-epiphytes, shrubs, creepers, and climbers and are distributed in the forests, tropical and subtropical areas of Asia, Africa, America, and Australia (Hamed, 2011; Ahmed and Urooj, 2010b). Certain Indian Ficus species do not bear fruits, but they have similar morphological characters that are problematic to be distinguished from their species and variants. Every part of Ficus plants is used in the treatment of peptic ulcers, piles, jaundice, haemorrhage, diabetes, asthma, diarrhoea, dysentery, biliousness, and leprosy (Chopra et al., 1956; Kirtikar and Basu, 1995; Cox and Balick, 1996; Khan and Khatoon, 2007).

Different species of Indian Ficus genus contain sesquiterpenes, monoterpenes, triterpenoids, phenolic compounds, flavonoids, anthocyanins, alkaloids, furanocoumarins, organic acids, volatile components, and phenylpropanoids (Khayam et al., 2019; Shao et al.,

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2018; Tamta et al., 2021). These metabolites occur in latex, leaves, fruit, stem, and roots of different species (Shahinuzzaman et al., 2021). The Indian *Ficus* plants possess remarkable analgesic (Mahajan et al., 2012), antimicrobial (Patil and Patil, 2010), antiarthritic (Thite et al., 2014), anticancer (Jamil and Abdul Ghani, 2017), neuroprotective (Ramakrishna et al., 2014) and antidiabetic properties (Anjum and Tripathi, 2019a).

The present review summarizes and discusses the updated knowledge of ethnomedicinal properties, phytochemistry, pharmacological activities of 31 Indian *Ficus* species. Moreover, toxicological, and clinical studies are also included in this review. Out of 31 species, some species possess potent biological activities, but they have not been evaluated for their clinical research. No information is available in literature on 66 species. This review also provides some critical insights into the current scientific knowledge of bioavailability and pharmacokinetic profiles and its future potential in pharmaceutical research.

## 2. Methods

The data of identified compounds, studies of pharmacological activities, clinical trials, and toxicological research of 31 species were extracted by using various databases and search-engines e.g., monographs, reference books, MSc/MTech dissertations, PhD theses, PubMed/Medline, Scopus, ScienceDirect, Scifinder, Microsoft Academic, eFloras, Wiley, Google Scholar, DataONE Search, and Research Gate. The meta-analysis of extracted information was also conducted. The authors did not include the pharmacological activities of synthetic and semisynthetic compounds in this review.

## 3. Results

### 3.1. Botany and ethnomedicinal properties

Most Indian *Ficus* species are deciduous and evergreen trees, shrubs, herbs, and climbers. The leaves are reticulate, palmately compound, waxy, and exude white or yellow latex when broken. Many Indian *Ficus* species have aerial roots, whereas few are epiphytes. The syconium is hollow, enclosing an inflorescence with small male and female flowers lining the inside (Fig. 1). Different parts (bark, fruit, leaves, roots, and latex) of *Ficus* plants are used in the treatment of leprosy, nose bleeding, cough, paralysis, liver diseases, chest pain, and piles (Kirtikar and Basu, 1995; Khanom et al., 2000; Jaradat, 2005). Leaf infusion of *F. carica* is recommended as remedy for the treatment of diabetes and hypercholesterolemia (Chaachouay et al., 2019). Powdered roots and leaves of *F. deltoidea* are taken in the treatment of wounds, rheumatism, and sores (Burkill and Haniff, 1930). Fruits of *F. racemosa* are given in menorrhoea, haemoptysis, visceral obstruction, diarrhoea, and constipation (Chopra et al., 1958; Ahmed et al., 2012b). Mixture of *F. religiosa* leaf juice and honey is employed for the treatment of asthma, cough, diarrhoea, earache, toothache, migraine, eye troubles, and scabies (Jain et al., 1991; Bhattarai, 1993b; Yadav, 1999). The ethnomedicinal properties of 31 Indian *Ficus* species are presented in Table 1 and Fig. 2.

### 3.2. Phytochemistry

The phenylpropanoids, isoflavonoids, flavonoids, phenolic glycosides, monoterpenes, sesquiterpenes, triterpenes, and alka-

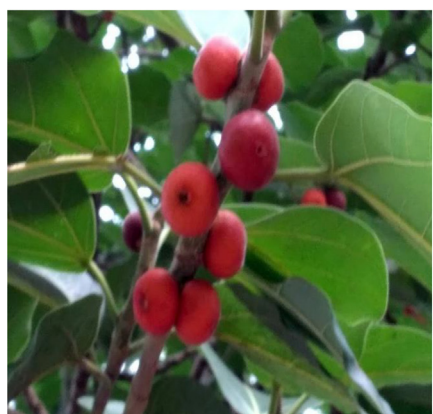
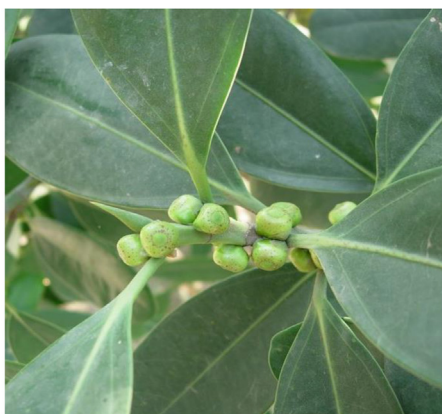
loids have been isolated and identified from 25 species {*F. auriculata* (syn. *F. pomifera*), *F. bengalensis*, *F. benjamina*, *F. carica*, *F. curtipes*, *F. deltoidea*, *F. elastica*, *F. erecta*, *F. exasperata*, *F. fistulosa*, *F. geniculata*, *F. hirta*, *F. hispida*, *F. lacor*, *F. lyrata* (Syn. *F. pandurata*), *F. macrocarpa*, *F. mollis*, *F. palmata*, *F. pumila*, *F. racemosa* (syn. *F. glomerata*), *F. religiosa*, *F. retusa*, *F. sarmentosa*, *F. semicordata*, and *F. tikoua*} of Indian *Ficus* genus while other 72 species {*F. abelii* Miq., *F. filicauda* Hand. - Mazz., *F. ischnopoda* Miq., *F. nigrescens* King, *F. fulva* Reinw. ex Blume, *F. langkokensis* Drake, *F. pubigera* (Miq. ex Wall.) Brandis, *F. laevis* Blume, *F. diversiformis* Miq., *F. chartacea* (Wall. ex Kurz) Wall. ex-King, *F. laevis* Blume var. *macrocarpa* (Miq.) Corner, *F. crininervia* Miq., *F. villosa* Blume, *F. sagittata* Vahl, *F. recurva* Blume, *F. pendens* Corner, *F. hedaracea* Roxb., *F. punctata* Thunb., *F. ampelas* Burm. f., *F. andamanica* Corner, *F. assamica* Miq., *F. copiosa* Steud., *F. cyrtophylla* (Miq.) Miq., *F. heterophylla* L. f., *F. praetermissa* Corner, *F. montana* Burm. f., *F. subincisa* Buch. -Ham. ex J. E. Sm., *F. subincisa* Buch. -Ham. ex J. E. Sm. var. *paucidentata* (Miq.) Corner, *F. heteropleura* Blume, *F. obscura* Blume var. *borneensis* (Miq.) Corner, *F. sinuata* Thunb., *F. subulata* Blume, *F. guttata* (Wight) Kurz ex-King, *F. variegata* Blume, *F. prostrata* (Wall. ex Miq.) Miq., *F. squamosa* Roxb., *F. ribes* Reinw. ex Blume, *F. magnoliifolia* Blume, *F. nervosa* B. Heyne ex Roth, *F. albipila* (Miq.) King, *F. callosa* Willd., *F. capillipes* Gagnep., *F. alongensis* Gagnep., *F. amplissima* J. E. Sm., *F. arnottiana* (Miq.) Miq., *F. caulocarpa* (Miq.) Miq., *F. concinna* (Miq.) Miq., *F. cupulata* Haines, *F. hookeriana* Corner, *F. maclellandii* King var. *rhododendrifolia* (Miq.) Corner, *F. rigida* Jacq., *F. rumphii* Blume, *F. superba* (Miq.), *F. tsjahela* Burm. f., *F. virens* Aiton, *F. altissima* Blume, *F. beddomei* King, *F. costata* Aiton, *F. dalhousiae* (Miq.) Miq., *F. drupacea* Thunb., *F. fergusonii* (King) Worthington, *F. maclellandii* King, *F. pellucidopunctata* Griff., *F. stricta* (Miq.) Miq., *F. sundaica* Blume, *F. trimenii* King, *F. gasparriniana* Miq., *F. macrophylla* Desf. ex Pers, *F. lamponga* Miq., *F. neriifolia* Sm., *F. talbotii* King, and *F. tinctoria* G. Forst} have not been evaluated for the presence of phytoconstituents. The backbone structures of identified compounds are presented in Fig. 3. The state-wise location, types of extracts, parts used, and identified phytoconstituents are described in Table 2.

### 3.3. Pharmacological attributes

Indian *Ficus* species possess analgesic (Marasini et al., 2020), antioxidative (Etratkhah et al., 2019), antidiabetic (Anjum and Tripathi, 2019b), anti-inflammatory (Sabi et al., 2022), antiarthritic (Mathavi and Nethaj, 2019), anti-stress (Murugesu et al., 2021), anticancer (Jain and Jegan, 2019), hepatoprotective (El-hawary et al., 2019), neuroprotective (Hassan et al., 2020), antimicrobial (Raja et al., 2021), radioprotective (Vinutha et al., 2015), and wound healing (Ansari et al., 2021) properties. The summary and related mechanisms of various pharmacological activities are presented in Table 3 and Fig. 4.

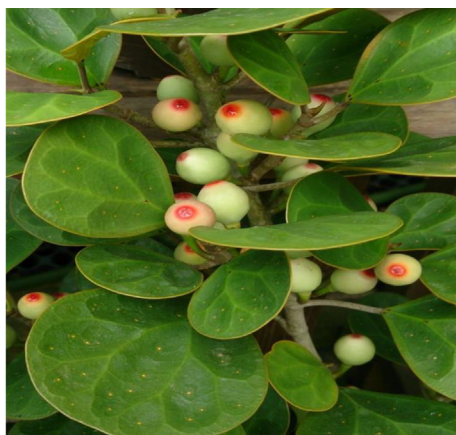
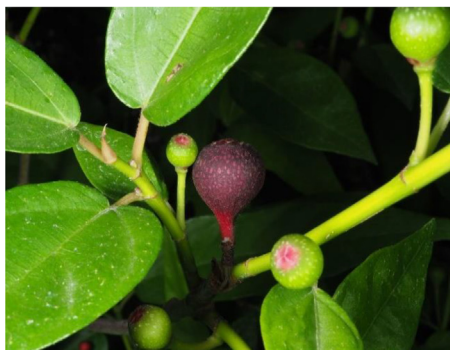
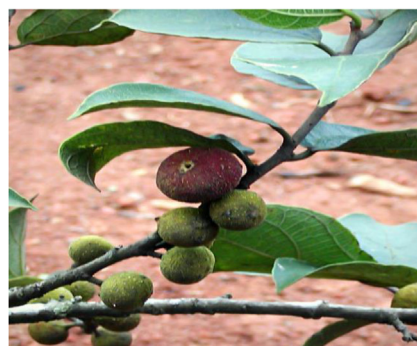
#### 3.3.1. Analgesic activity

Pain is a nonspecific expression of various diseases in humans. The non-steroidal anti-inflammatory molecules and opiates have been used traditionally in these conditions, but several

*F. abelii**F. auriculata**F. benghalensis**F. benzamina**F. carica**F. curtipes***Fig. 1** Morphological features of Indian Ficus species.

adverse effects arise with these drugs such as gastrointestinal disorders, renal injury, and respiratory problems (Domaj et al., 1999; Farshchi et al., 2009). Nowadays, the researchers are showing their interests in searching of novel analgesic compounds from medicinal plants with possibly fewer adverse effects. Aqueous extract (400 mg/kg, p.o.) of *F. benghalensis*, in the early (0–5 min) and late phases (25–30 min) of pain, showed significant reduction in the duration of licking responses in formalin-induced pain model. The responses were compared to morphine-treated animals ( $P < 0.001$  as com-

pared to the control; Rajdev et al., 2018). The hot aqueous extract (500, 1000 and 2000 mg/kg) of *F. carica* fruits did not show any significant difference between control and treated animals ( $P$  greater than 0.05), but a significant variability reported in between the petroleum ether extract (1000 mg/kg) and the dimethyl sulfoxide treated animals ( $P < 0.05$ ; Mirghazanfari et al., 2019). Ethanol extract of *F. religiosa* leaves (400 mg/kg b.w.) showed significant increase in latency time (70.81 %;  $P < 0.05$ ) in Eddy's hot plate model when compared to control. Leaf extract (400 mg/kg b.w.) suppresses the

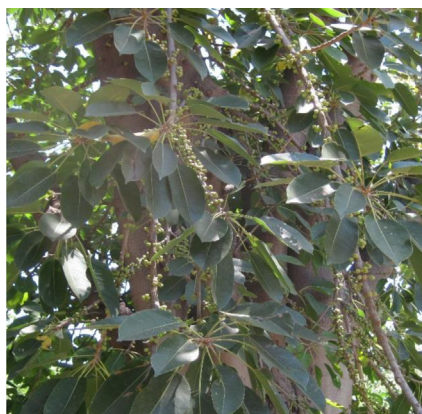
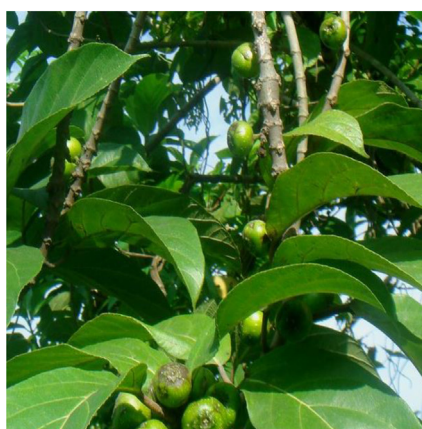
*F. deltoidea**F. elastica**F. erecta**F. exasperata**F. fistulosa**F. gasparriniana***Fig. 1** (continued)

number of writhings (68.47 %), induced by acetic acid, when compared to diclofenac (68.47 %;  $P < 0.05$ ; Marasini et al., 2020). Ethanol extract of *F. iteophylla* leaves (200 mg/kg) decreases the number of acetic acid-induced abdominal constriction ( $3.0 \pm 0.82$ ) when compared to ketoprofen (reference drug; 10 mg/kg;  $4.30 \pm 1.28$ ;  $P < 0.05$ ; Abdulmalik et al., 2011).

### 3.3.2. Anti-inflammatory activity

Ethanol extract of *F. carica* leaves (600 mg/kg b.w.) demonstrated potent anti-inflammatory activity in acute (75.90%)

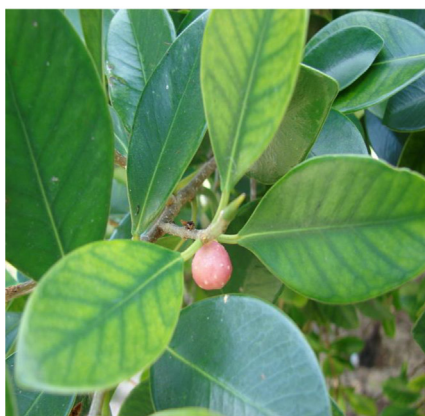
and chronic (71.66%) inflammations when compared to indomethacin ( $P < 0.001$ ; Patil and Patil, 2011). Aqueous extract of *F. benjamina* leaves (264 mg/kg b.w.) exhibits higher anti-inflammatory effect (39.71%) than the negative control in experimental animals (70.12%;  $P < 0.05$  Bunga and Fernandez, 2021). *F. carica* leaf extract decreases the formation of  $\text{TNF}\alpha$ ,  $\text{PGE}_2$ , and VEGF in treated models ( $P < 0.001$ ; Eteraf-Oskouei et al., 2015). Ethanol extract of *F. hispida* stem bark (400 mg/kg) showed significant inhibition (60.12%) to histamine-induced paw oedema when compared to indomethacin (69.64%;  $P < 0.01$ ; Howlader et al., 2017).

*F. gemiculata**F. hirta**F. hispida**F. lacor**F. lamponga**F. lyrata***Fig. 1** (continued)

### 3.3.3. Antimicrobial activity

The microbial drug resistance to widely used antimicrobial drugs has increased the universality of microbial infections and their related problems (Ginovyan et al., 2017). Methanol extract (60 µg/disc) of *F. auriculata* fruits demonstrates strong antimicrobial effect against *S. epidermidies* (28 mm), and *M. genitalium* (MTCC 2288; 28 mm; Raja et al., 2021). Two compounds (ficusoflavone and alpinumisoflavone) from *F. auriculata* fruits exhibit potent antibacterial effect against pathogenic

bacteria (*S. aureus*, *K. pneumoniae*, *B. cereus*, *N. gonorrhoeae*, and *P. aeruginosa*; MIC 1.25 to 20 µg/ml; Shao et al., 2022). Four isoflavones (5,7,4'-trihydroxy-3'-hydroxymethylisoflavone, 3'-formyl-5,4'-dihydroxy-7-methoxyisoflavone, ficuisoflavone and alpinumisoflavone) from *F. auriculata* roots displays strong antibacterial activity against *S. pneumoniae*, *S. pyogenes*, *S. typhi*, *S. dysenteriae*, *E. coli* and *V. cholerae* (MIC from 1.30 to 39.93 µM; Qi et al., 2018). Methanol extract *F. religiosa* leaves (50 µL/well concentration) exhibited

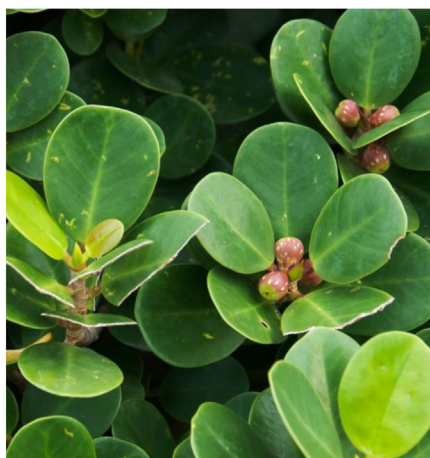
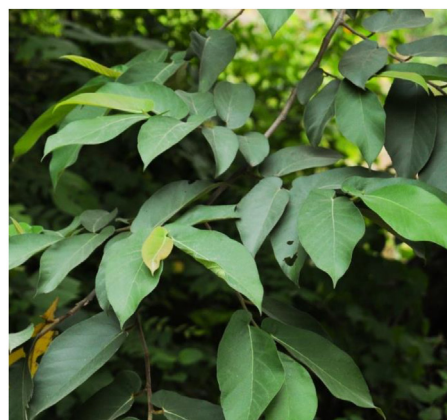
*F. microcarpa**F. mollis**F. nerifolia**F. palmata**F. pumila**F. racemosa***Fig. 1** (continued)

greater activity than aqueous extract against the tested microorganisms (*S. aureus*, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa*, *S. typhi*, *A. niger* and *Penicillium notatum*; Pathania et al., 2021). The n-hexane extract of *F. vogelii* leaves demonstrates potent antibacterial effect against *E. coli* and *S. typhimurium* (MIC 12.5 µg/mL; Uche Stephen, 2020).

#### 3.3.4. Antioxidant activity

Oxidative stress is known as a main reason for the occurrence and continuance of various diseases (Singh et al., 2021). Plants

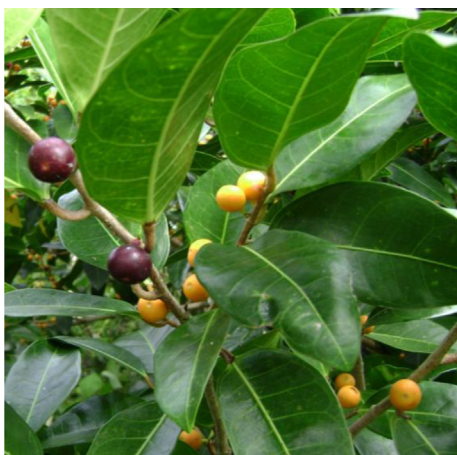
are considered as a rich source of exogenous antioxidants (Sies, 1997; Singh and Sharma, 2020). Ethanol extract of *F. racemosa* fruits showed strong antioxidant activity on ABTS (EC<sub>50</sub> 226.0 ± 1.77 µg/mL), FRAP (EC<sub>50</sub> 234.8 ± 1.72 µg/mL), DPPH (EC<sub>50</sub> 28.4 ± 0.50 µg/mL) radical scavenging, hydrogen peroxide radical scavenging (EC<sub>50</sub> 376.7 ± 2.05 µg/mL), hydroxyl radical scavenging (EC<sub>50</sub> 427.2 ± 3.06 µg/mL), chelating power (EC<sub>50</sub> 176.6 ± 3.00 µg/mL), and reducing power (EC<sub>50</sub> 356.3 ± 4.75 µg/mL) assays (Tamuly et al., 2015). The aqueous-ethanol (50:50) extract of *F. auriculata*

*F. religiosa**F. retusa**F. sarmentosa**F. semicordata**F. talbotii**F. tikuoa***Fig. 1** (continued)

branches demonstrates inhibition to DPPH radical ( $IC_{50}$   $190.57 \pm 4.25$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) when compared to gallic acid (standard,  $21.66 \pm 0.19$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ; [Bertoletti et al., 2020](#)). Methanol extract of *F. deltoidea* leaves displayed diverse levels of potential to DPPH ( $IC_{50}$   $288.04$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ;  $P < 0.001$ ; compared to quercetin) radical and reducing power ( $IC_{50}$   $0.02$ – $0.24$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ; compared to ascorbic acid  $P < 0.001$ ) assays ([Mohd Dom et al., 2020](#)). The aqueous extract ( $5.0$   $\text{mg/ml}$ ) of *F. asperifolia* leaves possesses strong DPPH scavenging effects ( $78.65 \pm 1.15\%$ ;  $P < 0.05$ ; [Ojo and Akintayo, 2014](#)).

### 3.3.5. Anti-diabetic activity

Diabetes mellitus, a metabolic disorder of carbohydrate, has caused the large number morbidity and mortality in people ([Patel et al., 2011](#)). Methanol fraction ( $500$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) of methanol: water (4:1) extract of *F. auriculata* fruits demonstrated strong suppressive effects against  $\alpha$ -amylase ( $91.45\%$ ;  $IC_{50}$   $161.73 \pm 0.43$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase ( $97.75\%$ ;  $IC_{50}$   $103.43 \pm 0.67$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) activities when compared with acarbose ( $IC_{50}$   $155.08 \pm 1.75$  and  $95.63 \pm 1.71$   $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ; [Anjum and Tripathi, 2019](#)). Cycloartenol + 24-methylenecycloartenol ( $1$   $\text{mg/}$



*F. tinctoria*

Fig. 1 (continued)

kg), from *F. auriculata* fruits, displayed significant antidiabetic activity in the high fat diet-streptozotocin stimulated type II diabetic rats. Cycloartenol + 24-methylenecycloartanol increased cell viability in the RIN-5F cells (*in vitro*) and showed a significant protection to  $\beta$  cells from glucose toxicity. Cycloartenol + 24-methylenecycloartanol presented a significant increase of insulin release from the  $\beta$  cells in both *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies (Nair et al., 2020).

### 3.3.6. Anti-arthritis activity

Arthritis and its associated disorders are characterized by swelling, pain, and stiffness of the synovial joints (Tiwari et al., 2021). The exact reasons of arthritis and its associated disorders are not known, but these are strongly associated to the autoimmune responses generated by many genetic and external factors (Alamgeer, 2017). Significant levels of terpenoids (28 mg/g), saponin (26 mg/g), flavonoids (97 mg/g) and phenol (110 mg/g) have been reported in ethanol extract of *F. benghalensis* stem bark. The ethanolic extract (400  $\mu$ g/mL) showed significant inhibition (83.80  $\pm$  5.16%) to egg albumin denaturation assay when compared to diclofenac sodium (91.45  $\pm$  6.84%; Mathavi and Nethaj, 2019). Ethanolic (0.01 g) and petroleum ether (0.01 g) extracts of *F. benghalensis* aerial roots and Carbopol 934 (1%, w/w), glycerine (2.1 mL), Carbopol 940 (1%, w/w), and liquid paraffin (4.5 mL) were mixed to prepare Emulgel. The formulated Emulgel showed a significant homogeneity, lower levels of skin irritation and great stability. The formulated Emulgel, when compared to diclofenac, confirms the anti-arthritis activity through *in vitro* release assay (Sonali et al., 2021).

### 3.3.7. Anti-stress activity

Stress is a general physiological response of the body focussed on available resources and minimizing the influence on the body of pessimistic aspects (Seyle, 1973; Doreddula et al., 2014). Stress is linked to pathological processes of hypertension, peptic ulcer, immunosuppression, and reproductive complications (Piato et al., 2008; Ahmed et al., 2011b). Methanol extract of *F. benghalensis* fruits showed acetylcholinesterase inhibitory effect in SHSY5Y cells lines (IC<sub>50</sub> 228.3  $\mu$ g/mL; Vignesh et al., 2019). The methanol extract (500 mg/kg) also

displayed dose and duration dependent significant delay in clonic convulsions (51.1  $\pm$  1.4) on anoxia stress tolerance time in mice when compared to positive control (*Withania somnifera*, 100 mg/kg, p.o.; 64.5  $\pm$  2.0;  $P < 0.001$ ; Jahagirdar et al., 2020).

### 3.3.8. Anticancer/antitumor activity

Cancer is a one of the important causes of morbidity and mortality in humans. The proliferation of this disease is growing rapidly in the population of Central and South America, Africa, and Asia (Nguyen et al., 2020). The ethyl acetate extract of *F. benghalensis* aerial roots exhibited strong anticancer effects against A549 cell line (IC<sub>50</sub> 13.027  $\mu$ g/mL). The values were compared to that of doxorubicin (IC<sub>50</sub> 13.0463  $\mu$ g/mL). Similarly, the extract was also found effective against MDA-MB-231 cell line (IC<sub>50</sub> 70.089  $\mu$ g/mL) and results were compared to the doxorubicin (IC<sub>50</sub> 59.2523  $\mu$ g/mL; Jain and Jegan, 2019). Methanol extract *F. carica* leaves significantly suppressed the proliferation of MDA-MB-231 cell line ( $P < 0.05$ ) in dose dependent manner (IC<sub>50</sub> 0.081 mg/mL; Ergül et al., 2019). Chloroform extracts of *F. deltoidea* var. *angustifolia* and *F. deltoidea* var. *deltoidea* leaves showed cytotoxic effects against the prostate cancer cell lines (IC<sub>50</sub> 23 and 29  $\mu$ g/mL for PC3 and IC<sub>50</sub> 19 and 23  $\mu$ g/mL for LNCaP; Hanafi et al. 2017). The plectranthoic acid, from ethyl acetate extract of *F. macrocarpa* leaves, significantly suppressed the viability of DU145, PC3, CWRV1, NB26 and A375 cell lines (IC<sub>50</sub> 25.4, 32.2, 41, 53.1 to 77  $\mu$ M; Akhtar et al., 2015).

### 3.3.9. Neuroprotective activity

Neurodegenerative disorders cause slow neuronal death that led to the loss of cognitive functions and sensory dysfunctions (Mattson et al., 2004). Nowadays, these disorders are linked to various multifactorial pathologies, social, and financial issues (Adewusi et al., 2010; Saxena and Caroni, 2011). Methanolic extract of *F. benghalensis* leaves showed potent inhibitory effect to acetylcholine esterase activity (IC<sub>50</sub> = 194.6  $\pm$  7.96  $\mu$ g/mL) when compared to donepezil (IC<sub>50</sub> = 186.1  $\pm$  7.1  $\mu$ g/mL; Hassan et al., 2020). Ethanol extract of *F. erecta* leaves significantly reduced neuronal loss and neuronal nuclei expression in the brain tissues of A $\beta$  injected mice. Extract significantly changed the A $\beta$ -induced inhibition of cAMP response element-binding protein phosphorylation and the expression of brain-derived neurotrophic factor, showing mechanism of neuroprotection. Extract significantly suppressed the formation of interleukin-1 $\beta$  and tumour necrosis factor- $\alpha$ , and the ionized calcium-binding adaptor molecule 1 expression in brain tissues of A $\beta$ -injected mice, proposing anti-neuroinflammatory actions (Sohn et al., 2021).

### 3.3.10. Radioprotective activity

Radiations can cause mutagenic alterations, and lead to the formation of cancers. Plants that could defend the body from radiation effects would be of great interest (Mamedov et al., 2011). The radioprotective effect of ethanol extract of *F. racemosa* stem bark was tested on electron beam radiation induced-DNA damage. The extract (50  $\mu$ g) displayed significant inhibition on radiation induced-DNA damage when compared to control ( $P < 0.001$ ; Vinutha et al., 2015). Ethanol extract of *F. racemosa* (20  $\mu$ g/mL) showed a significant radioprotection ( $P < 0.01$ ) to 4 Gy  $\gamma$ -irradiation when compared to



**Table 1** Ethnomedicinal properties of Indian Ficus species found in different states of India.

Species	State/India	Disease/complaints	Mode/parts of application	References
<i>F. abelii</i> <i>F. auriculata</i> (syn. <i>F. pomifera</i> )	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and Meghalaya Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Orissa, Sikkim, Karnataka, and West Bengal	Used in the treatment of diabetes	Leaf decoction	Chaachouay et al. (2019) Kunwar and Bussmann (2006)
		Externally applied for wound healing	Paste of crushed leaves	
		Treatment of dysentery	Roasted figs	Zhang et al. (2019) Tamta et al. (2021) Kunwar and Bussmann (2006)
		Used in cholera mumps, and vomiting	Latex of roots	
Taken in the treatment of jaundice	Mixture of root powder and bark of <i>Oroxylum indicum</i>	Cox and Balick (1996) Wangkheirakpam and Laitonjam (2012) Shakya (2000)		
<i>F. bengalensis</i>	Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala	Useful in diarrhoea	Infusion of stem bark	Dangol (2002) Mishara (1998) Kharel and Siwakoti (2002)
		Employed in the treatment of diabetes	Fruits	
		Employed in cold, cough and asthma	Boiled stem bark	Siwakoti and Siwakoti (2000) Parajuli (2001)
		Used for diarrhoea, dysentery, indigestion, joint pain, dermatitis, gum swelling, gonorrhoea, and snake bite	Milky sap from bark	
Cause allergy to children	Leaves	Chopra et al. (1956) Kunwar and Adhikari (2005)		
Employed in stopping the menstruation	Aerial root juice			
Applied externally for body pain, toothache, diabetes, joint pain, and rheumatism	Root bark powder is mixed with <i>Desmostachys bipinnata</i> and is taken with one spoon of sugar	Siwakoti and Siwakoti (2000)		
Helps in leucorrhoea control	Root latex	Parajuli (2001)		
<i>F. benzamina</i>	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Sikkim, and Uttar Pradesh	Treatment of boils, wounds and obstinate vomiting	Aerial roots decoction and water obtained from rice wash	Chopra et al. (1956)
		It is used in diarrhoea	Latex	Kunwar and Adhikari (2005)
<i>F. carica</i>	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, North-east states, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu	Applied on the treatment of boils	Leaf infusion	Chaachouay et al. (2019)
		Used in the treatment of diabetes and hypercholesterolemia	Fruit powder	Idolo et al. (2010) Ramazani et al. (2010)
		In leprosy and nose bleeding	Decoction of dried fruits and unpeeled almond	
		Useful in diarrhoea	Fruits juice	Khan and Khattoon (2007) Kirtikar and Basu (1995) Dimomfu (1984) Akah et al. (1998)
		Treatment of abdominal pain	Root's decoction	
		Treatment of leukoderma and ringworm infection	Latex	Tene et al. (2007) Prajapati et al. (2007) Ghazanfar and Al-Abahi (1993) Afzal et al. (2009) Manjula et al. (2011)
		Used as expectorant, diuretic, and anthelmintic agent	Bark poultice	
		Bone treatment	Aqueous infusion of fresh leaves	Tene et al. (2007) Prajapati et al. (2007) Ghazanfar and Al-Abahi (1993) Afzal et al. (2009) Manjula et al. (2011)
		Bronchitis treatment	Fruit juice	
		Taken orally in constipation	Fruit decoction with honey	Afzal et al. (2009) Manjula et al. (2011)
		Taken orally in the treatment of cough	Fruit	
		Expectorant	20 mL of leaf juice mixed with a cup of goat milk is taken early in the morning for 3 days	Afzal et al. (2009) Kalaskar et al. (2010) Tene et al. (2007)
		Jaundice	Bark and leaves	
Removal of kidney stone	Roots	Idolo et al. (2010) Patil et al. (2011)		
Leukoderma	Aqueous infusion of fresh leaf tender is taken orally as a drink			
In menstruation pain	Decoction made with dried fruits, lemon peel and <i>Laurus nobilis</i> leaves	Patil et al. (2011) Khan and Khattoon (2007)		
Regulates blood stream	Single dry fruit is soaked in water for a night and is consumed at morning for 15 days			
To remove weakness	Fruits and stem latex	Khan and Khattoon (2007)		
Skin disease				

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Species	State/India	Disease/complaints	Mode/parts of application	References
<i>F. curtipes</i>	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Tripura, and West Bengal	Used as immune stimulant	Decoction of stem bark and leaves	Andrade et al. (2019)
<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Assam, and West Bengal	Treatment of wounds, rheumatism, and sores Used as a tonic to contract the uterus and vaginal muscles, and to treat menstrual cycle, and leucorrhoea Chewed to relieve toothache, cold, and headache Taken as an aphrodisiac tonic	Powdered roots and leaves Decoction of boiled leaves Fruits Whole plant	Burkill and Haniff (1930) Khan et al. (2011) Bunawan et al. (2014) Bouquet (1969)
<i>F. elastica</i>	Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Assam, and West Bengal	Useful in skin infections and skin allergies Employed as a diuretic agent Employed as an astringent and styptics for wounds	Boiled leaf extract Cold leaf extract Stem bark	Kiem et al. (2012) Teinkela et al. (2018) Rahman and Khanom (2013)
<i>F. erecta</i>	Assam, Sikkim, and Meghalaya	Recommended as medicine in nephritis, and arthritis Treatment of inflammations	Whole plant Roots, stem bark, and fruits	Yakushiji et al. (2012) Kislev et al. (2006)
<i>F. exasperata</i>	Andaman & Nicobar Island, Central and Southern states of India	Used in the treatment of stomach disorders, coughs, epilepsy, high blood pressure, rheumatism, arthritis, intestinal pains, and wounds  Employed as an antipyretic agent Used in the treatment of malaria  Used in the treatment of haemorrhoids In diarrhoea treatment Treatment of ulcer  To treat stomach-ache Remedy for peptic ulcers  Treatment of asthma, bronchitis, tuberculosis, and emphysema Used for insomnia Applied externally to treat eczema  Eaten to relieve throat pain Used to manage asthma, and venereal diseases Inhaled in case of chest pain Used to arrest bleeding by traditional birth attendants in hastening childbirth Orally taken and rubbed on the abdomen to stimulate uterus contractions during childbirth	Leaf decoction  Leaves The leaves are macerated in water and the decoction is taken orally Aqueous extract of leaves Infusion of leaves Few leaves are chewed and swallowed three times for 4–8 weeks Infusion of dried leaves 50 Leaves of <i>F. exasperata</i> , 50 leaves of <i>Emilia coccinea</i> and 10 fruits of <i>Capsicum frutescens</i> are boiled in water (1 l), homogenized, and filtered. 150 mL filtrate is taken twice a day for 5 days Leaf juice mixed with lemon juice and taken twice a day Fresh leaves Stem bark crushed with the roots of <i>Croton roxburghii</i> in coconut milk Dried flowers Roots Leaves are boiled in water and the steam Plant sap	Dalziel (1948)  Haxaire (1979) Titanji et al. (2008)  Focho et al. (2009) Noumi and Yomi (2001) Berg (1989)  Akah et al. (1997) Noumi and Dibakto (2000)  Bafor and Igbinuwen (2009) Kerharo (1974) Harsha et al. (2003)  Chhabra et al. (1984) Chhabra et al. (1990) Assi (1990) Irene and Iheanacho (2007)  Hutchinson (1985)
<i>F. fistulosa</i>	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bengal, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura	Used in the post-natal treatment, and possess diaphoretic property	Whole plant	Mehra et al. (2014)
<i>F. gasparriniana</i>	Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Sikkim	Used in the improvement of digestion	Roots	Luo et al. (2019)
<i>F. geniculata</i>	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Orissa, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal	Medicines for haemorrhage, stomach disorder, gastrointestinal, arthritis, headache, and cardiovascular disorder	Stem bark and leaves	Kumari et al. (2019)
<i>F. hirta</i>	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Meghalaya, Tripura, and West Bengal	Used as child snacks	Ripe female figs	Shi et al. (2014)

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<i>F. hispida</i>	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan	Is taken for earache Used to treat liver complaints Used as emetic and purgative agents Remedy to treat diabetes Used as lactagogue and tonic Given to mother as a galactagogue for better milk formation	Leaf juice Fumes from twigs Fruit, seed, and bark Infusion of stem bark Seed infusion Boiled green fruits	Basnet (1998) Dangol and Gurung (1995) Kharel and Siwakoti (2002) Khan et al. (2011) Kirtikar and Basu (1987) Behera (2006)
<i>F. lacor</i>	Uttarakhand, West Bengal, and Uttar Pradesh	Used to treat leucorrhoea, ulcers, and boils Useful in the curing of stomach disorders Treatment of Harsha Used to treat diabetes In expelling round worms from stomach	Decoction of buds Seeds Dried buds Powder of dried ripened fruits Stem bark	Manandhar (1985) Bhatt (1977) Nakarmi (2001) Khan et al. (2011) Nadkarni and Nadkarni (1976a) Gupta and Arora (2013) Das et al. (2008)
<i>F. lamponga</i>	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, and West Bengal	Used for treatment of various skin problems In the treatment of jaundice	Leaves Whole plant	Gupta and Arora (2013) Das et al. (2008)
<i>F. lyrata</i> (Syn. <i>F. pandurata</i> Sand)	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Used as diuretic and antidepressant agent	Leaves	Dhawan et al. (1977)
<i>F. microcarpa</i>	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Peninsular region, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Sikkim	Used as insecticide to kill housefly Taken orally in the treatment of diabetes	Leaf extract Powder of fresh leaves and fruits (equal amounts)	Kalaskar and Surana (2012) Khan et al. (2011)
<i>F. mollis</i>	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Central and Southern provinces, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh	Used to increase lactation after delivery of women Used to treat ulcers and wounds Applied as a poultice to treat boils Used for stomatitis, and to clean ulcers To treat skin infections, neck swelling and scabies	Whole plant Leaves Crushed leaves Roots Stem bark	Shahare and Bodele (2020) Thapa (2001)Lim (2012) Priya and Abinaya (2018) Ghimire et al. (2000)
<i>F. neriifolia</i>	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, and Western to Eastern Himalayas	Given in conjunctivitis Used in the treatment of boils	Stem bark juice Milky latex of bark	Manandhar (2001) Khan et al. (2011)
<i>F. palmata</i>	Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh	Employed in ringworm and skin diseases Used in dysentery and vomiting	Fruit paste Ripen fruits	Thapa (2001) Devkota and Karmacharya (2003) Manandhar (1995) Pala et al. (2010) Abraham et al. (2008)
<i>F. pumila</i>	Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka	Applied to extract spines deeply lodged in the flesh Used to treat digestion complaints Treatment of bleeding, swelling, haemorrhoids, and intestinal disorders Used to treat diabetes, and high blood pressure Used for skin infections Useful in carbuncle, dysentery, haematuria, and piles Used to treat bladder inflammation and dysuria Employed for backache, piles, swellings, and tuberculosis of the testicles Used for boils, rheumatism, and sore throat In the treatment of hernia	Stem latex Fruits Leaves and fruits Leaves and fruits Stem latex Leaves Roots Stem or fruit peel Dried leaves and stems Fruit decoction Fruits	Mazid et al. (2012)Sarkar and Devi (2017)Pant and Pant (2004) Rahman and Khanom (2013)Vihari (1995)Khare (2007a) Chopra et al. (1958)
<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Sikkim, Meghalaya, and West Bengal	Used as an astringent, stomachic, carminative given in menorrhoea, and constipation Useful in leprosy In the treatment of diabetes Used in bilious infections Taken in asthma and piles treatment Used for boils, blisters, and measles	A bath made of fruit and bark Fruit infusion Leaf powder mixed with honey Bark decoction Leaf latex	Nadkarni et al. (1976) Raghunatha Iyer (1995) Kirtikar and Basu (1975) Muller Boker (1999) Siwakoti and Siwakoti (2000)

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<i>F. religiosa</i>	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Bihar, Meghalaya, and Sikkim	Valuable medicine in diabetes	Trunk sap	Paudyal (2000)
		Used in burns, swelling, leukorrhea dysentery and diarrhoea	Paste of stem bark	Tiwari (2001)
		Used to cure heat stroke, and chronic wounds	Root sap	Thapa (2001)
		Taken as aphrodisiac agent	Stem latex	Yadav (1999)
		Used to cure stomach-ache, cholera, and mumps	Stem latex	Basnet (1998)
		Remedy for cough, asthma, fever, respiratory and liver disorders	Leaf galls	Annon (1976)
		Treatment of children's ear infections, and used to suppress nose bleeding	Leaf galls	Nadkarni (1976)
		Used in pulmonary infections, diarrhoea, and vomiting	Leaf galls	Kirthikar and Basu (1935)
		Employed in the treatment of asthma, cough, sexual disorders, diarrhoea, haematuria, earache, toothache, migraine, and gastric complaints	Mixture of leaf juice and honey	Jain et al. (1991)
		Used as an analgesic for toothache	Leaf decoction	Bhattarai (1993a)Bhattarai (1993b)
Eaten to facilitate asthma and respiratory system	Fruits	Siwakoti and Siwakoti (2000)		
Applied externally to treat scabies	Fruit paste	Chaudhary (1994)		
<i>F. retusa</i>	Goa, Assam, Meghalaya, and Uttar Pradesh	Taken in scabies	Bark infusion	Shrestha (1997)
		Used in gonorrhoea, wounds, diabetes, diarrhoea, and bone fracture	Stem bark	
		Useful in cough, cold and mild fever	Mixture of bark paste and honey (equal amounts)	Dangol (2002)
		Employed in the treatment of menstrual complaints	Aerial root juice	Thapa (2001)
		Used in wounds and bruises	Roots, stem barks, and leaves	Chopra et al. (1956)
<i>F. sarmentosa</i>	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Punjab, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal	Applied to treat decaying or aching tooth	Dried roots are mixed with salt	(Karki 2001)
		Used in the treatment of liver diseases	Roots	Semwal et al. (2013)
		Recommended as remedy for wounds, fever, swollen joints, inflammations, and ulcers	Whole plant	Ripu et al. (2006)
<i>F. semicordata</i>	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, and Karnataka	Taken to cure boils and to increase milk secretion after delivery	Edible bark powder	
		Used in malaria	Aqueous root extract	Joshi and Joshi (2000)Guan et al. (2007)
		Cure for leprosy	A bath made from the fruit and bark	Dimri et al. (2018)Priyanka et al. (2016)Gupta and Acharya (2018)
		Curing of fever	Latex	Lansky (2011)
		Eaten in diarrhoea	Raw fruits	Rajendra and Prasad (2009)
		Applied on forehead to relieve headache	Young fruit juice	Ghildiyal et al. (2014)
		Applied on forehead to cure headache	Root paste	
		Taken orally at the time of pregnancy	Fresh decoction of the stem bark and leaves	
		Curing the fever	Latex	Kunwar and Bussmann (2006)
		Taken in typhoid fever	Milky sap of aerial parts diluted once in water	Gopal (2013)
<i>F. semicordata</i>	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, and Karnataka	Applied for the growth of hairs on head	Milky latex	Phondani et al. (2010)
		Eaten in diarrhoea	Raw fruits	Shashi and Rabinarayan (2018)
		Taken orally to get relief from jaundice	Leaf decoction	Gupta and Acharya (2019)
		Used in the treatment of constipation	Ripe figs	Kunwar and Bussmann (2006)
		Applied to treat wounds and bruises	Juice and powdered stem bark	Khare (2007)
		Used to treat boils	Latex	Rajesh et al. (2017)
Applied for curing scabies	Leaf juice	Shubhechcha (2012)		
Used in the treatment of menstrual disorders	Juice of stem bark of <i>F. semicordata</i> and <i>M. esculenta</i>	Nikomtat et al. (2011)		

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Species	State/India	Disease/complaints	Mode/parts of application	References
<i>F. talbotii</i>	Madhya Pradesh, and Peninsular region	Used for ulcers and venereal diseases Employed as diuretic, spasmolytic, and antidepressant agent	Stem bark Aerial parts	Khare (2007) Shi et al. (2018)
<i>F. tikoua</i>	Assam, Manipur, West Bengal	Used in the treatment of chronic bronchitis, diarrhoea, dysentery, rheumatism, oedema, and impetigo	Rhizomes	Jiangsu New Medical College (1986) Smith (1979)
<i>F. tinctoria</i>	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh	Used as a tonic for weakness after the childbirth Employed in dressing for broken bones	Leaf decoction Plant juice and leaves	Satapathy and Kumar (2017)

the radiation controls. The cytokinesis-block proliferative index revealed that extract does not change radiation stimulated cell cycle delay (Veerapur et al., 2009).

### 3.3.11. Wound healing activity

Wounds are defined as physical, chemical, or thermal damages that result in an opening or breaking of skin integrity or the damage of anatomical and functional integrity of living tissues (Meenakshi et al., 2006). Ethanolic extract of *F. benghalensis* leaves (200 mg/kg, p.o.) showed significant wound-healing effects by reducing the period of epithelialization as well as enhancing the rate of wound contraction ( $P < 0.05$ ; Imran et al., 2021). Methanolic extract of *F. carica* leaves demonstrated significant wound healing activity in the excision wound model. Extract significantly reduced the wound closure time but increased wound contraction percentage (10%, w/w) in treated animals. The wound was totally healed in treated animals within  $14 \pm 2$  days. Healing was compared to negative ( $24 \pm 2$  days) as well as positive ( $12 \pm 2$  days) controls (Begum et al., 2013). Ethanolic extract (2.0 mg/mL) of *F. religiosa* displayed strong RBC membrane stabilization activity (90.84%, *in vitro* assay). Ethanol extract presented the significant decrease in wound size on day 20th when compared to the control (Raisagar et al., 2019).

## 4. Discussion

Plant-derived medicines are used in the treatment and/or management of various diseases. The large population of developing countries (70–90%) is still relies on plants and plant-derived medicines (Benzie and Watchel-Galor, 2011; Rahman et al., 2022). Ficus bark, root, leaves, fruits, and latex are frequently used in the treatment of various illnesses (Sirisha et al., 2010). Ethanol extract of *F. religiosa* leaves significantly inhibits the number of writhings, when compared to diclofenac (Marasini et al., 2020). Ethanol extract of *F. iteophylla* leaves reduces the number of acetic acid-induced abdominal constriction greater than ketopofen (Abdulmalik et al. 2011). *F. carica* leaf extract significantly decreases the formation of TNF $\alpha$ , PGE2, and VEGF in rat air pouch model (Eteraf-Oskouei et al., 2015), which shows its strong anti-inflammatory effects. The ethanol extract of *F. hispida* stem bark exhibits suppression in histamine-induced paw oedema which also displays their anti-inflammatory potential (Howlander et al. 2017). Pro-cyanidin B2, isolated from *F. tikoua* leaves, up-regulates the expression of p62 and exert a positive loop between Nrf2 and p62 for the treatment of inflammation (Lu et al., 2018; Ma et al., 2021; Chen et al., 2022). Flavanonols {(2R, 3R)-(+)-dihydroquercetin, and aromadendrin} have been reported from *F. tikoua* leaves (Zhou et al., 2022). Aromadendrin regulates the formation of IL-2 and IFN $\gamma$  in Jurkat T cells (*in vitro*). It inhibits the expression of surface molecules (CD69, CD25, and CD40L) as well as the ATP hydrolysis of nuclear factor of activated T cells (Lee and Jeong, 2020). Methanol extract of *F. auriculata* fruits displays strong antimicrobial effect against *M. genitalium* and *S. epidermidies* (60  $\mu$ g/disc concentration; Raja et al., 2021). The ficuiflavone and alpinumisoflavone, from *F. auriculata* fruits, demonstrate strong antibacterial effects against pathogenic bacterial species (*S. aureus*, *K. pneumoniae*, *B. cereus*, *N. gonorrhoeae*, and *P. aeruginosa*; MIC 1.25 to 20  $\mu$ g/ml; Shao et al., 2022). The n-

hexane extract of *F. vogelii* leaves exhibits potent antibacterial activity against *E. coli* and *S. typhimurium* (MIC 12.5 µg/mL; Uche Stephen, 2020). Ethanol extract of *F. racemosa* fruits demonstrates strong antioxidant effects on ABTS, FRAP, DPPH radical scavenging, hydrogen peroxide radical scavenging, hydroxyl radical scavenging, chelating power, and reducing power assays (Tamuly et al., 2015). The aqueous extract of *F. asperifolia* leaves possesses strong DPPH scavenging effects ( $P < 0.05$ ; Ojo and Akintayo, 2014).

Methanol fraction of methanol: water (4:1) extract of *F. auriculata* fruits demonstrates strong inhibitory effects against  $\alpha$ -amylase and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase activities which compared to acarbose (Anjum and Tripathi, 2019). Ethanol extract of *F. asperifolia* leaves reduces blood glucose levels in streptozotocin-induced diabetes when compared to diabetic control (Pwanjiyibo et al. 2020). The ethyl acetate fraction of acetone extract of *F. lutea* leaves exhibits significant increase in insulin secretion in RIN-m5F pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells when compared to glibenclamide (Olaokun et al. 2016). The formulated Emulgel (ethanol extract of *F. benghalensis*), when compared to diclofenac, validates the anti-arthritic activity through *in vitro* release assay (Sonali et al., 2021). Methanol extract of *F. vogelii* leaves significantly ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) inhibits adjuvant-induced paw arthritis when compared to indomethacin (reference drug; 10 mg/kg; Nwaeujor, 2021). The methanol extract *F. carica* leaves significantly suppresses the proliferation of MDA-MB-231 cell line ( $P < 0.05$ ) in dose dependent manner (Ergül et al., 2019). The petroleum ether fraction of ethanol extract of *F. glumosa* stem bark demonstrates significant cytotoxicity on HT-29 (90.26%), and on A549 (88.38%) cell lines, respectively. Similarly, ethanol extract also displays potent cytotoxic effect against HFL-1 cells (IC<sub>50</sub> 232.66 µg/mL; Mutungi et al. 2021).

## 5. Bioavailability and pharmacokinetic profile

Indian Ficus species are used in the Ayurvedic system of medicine for treatment of various diseases in diverse geographical

areas (Trivedi et al. 1969). Different species of Ficus genus (*F. racemosa*, *F. glomerata*, *F. glumosa*, *F. carica*, *F. religiosa* and *F. benghalensis*) are used to treat diabetic disorders such as regulating enzymatic activities, rate of carbohydrates assimilation, enhancing insulin sensitivity, release of insulin, formation of hepatic glycogen, and the uptake of peripheral glucose of body (You and Nicklas, 2006; Veberic et al., 2008). The figs of *F. carica* serve as excellent source of dietary carotenoids, anthocyanins, polyphenols, tocopherols, and vitamin C, therefore the consumption of *F. carica* fruits must be stimulated (Idolo et al., 2010; Manjula et al., 2011; Sirajo, 2018). Fruits have various health benefits due to the presence of phenolic constituents. The fig latex is used in the treatment of warts, toothache, haemorrhoids, cough, and cancers (Caxito et al. 2017; Abdel-Aty et al. 2019). The aqueous extract of *F. sycomorus* is useful in the treatment of sickle cell disease (Ramde-Tiendrebeogo et al. 2012).

### 5.1. Ascorbic acid (vitamin C)

*F. carica* figs contain rich amount of ascorbic acid, a potent antioxidant molecule, useful in checking of nonenzymatic browning of fruits and vegetables. The molecule is used as an alternative to synthetic antioxidants (Fasakin et al., 2011). Ascorbic acid plays essential role in strengthening of immune system, wound healing, orthogenesis, absorption of iron, biosynthesis of collagen, metabolite detoxification, and stopping the blood vessels from clotting (Tomita et al. 2005). The accumulation of ascorbic acid relies on environmental factors, species diversity, time of harvest, and stages of development and storage. Various isolation and characterization techniques also influence the reliability, and stability of ascorbic acid (Carvalho et al. 2015).

### 5.2. Carotenoids and anthocyanins

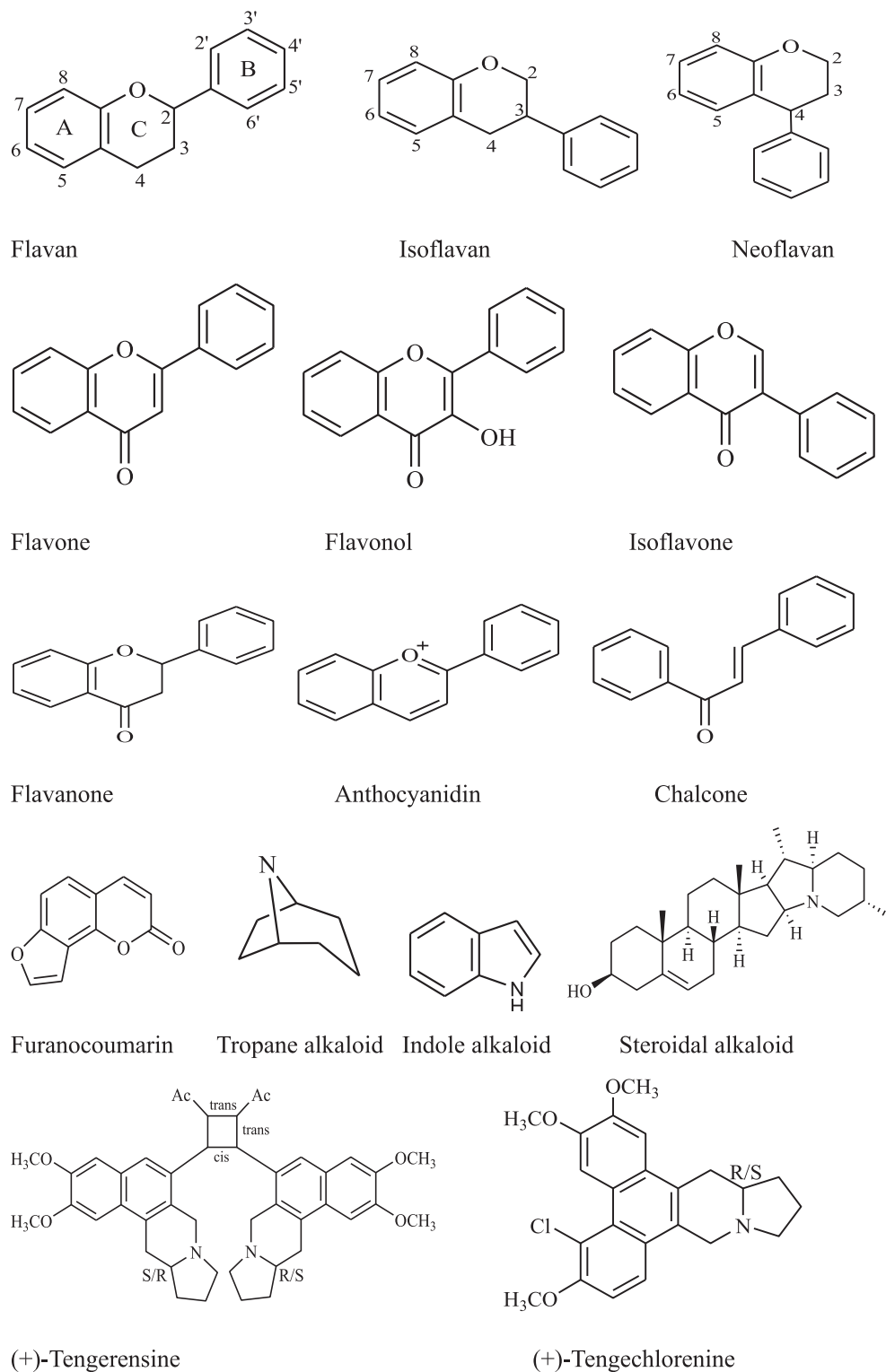
Carotenoids are bioactive compounds, occur in plants, responsible for the colour of Ficus species. Indian Ficus species are an



Fig. 2 Ethnomedicinal properties of some important Indian Ficus species.

excellent source of carotenoids. They act as an antioxidant agent and reduce the speed of aging process by utilizing reactive oxygen species [Campos et al. 2013]. Ficus fruit consists of diversity of health-advantageous bioactive compounds such as polyphenols (Del Caro and Piga, 2008), alkaloids, sterols (Su et al. 2002), anthocyanins (Dueñas et al. 2008), minerals, and

carotenes (Adams and Richardson, 1977). The colour of fruits, and vegetables is associated to the presence of anthocyanins. Normally yellow and orange shades of many foods are developed due to the presence of carotenoids and anthocyanins. Carotenoids and anthocyanins play defensive roles against cancer and cardiovascular diseases (Stintzing and Carle, 2004).



**Fig. 3** Backbone structures of important isolated and identified compounds of Indian Ficus species.

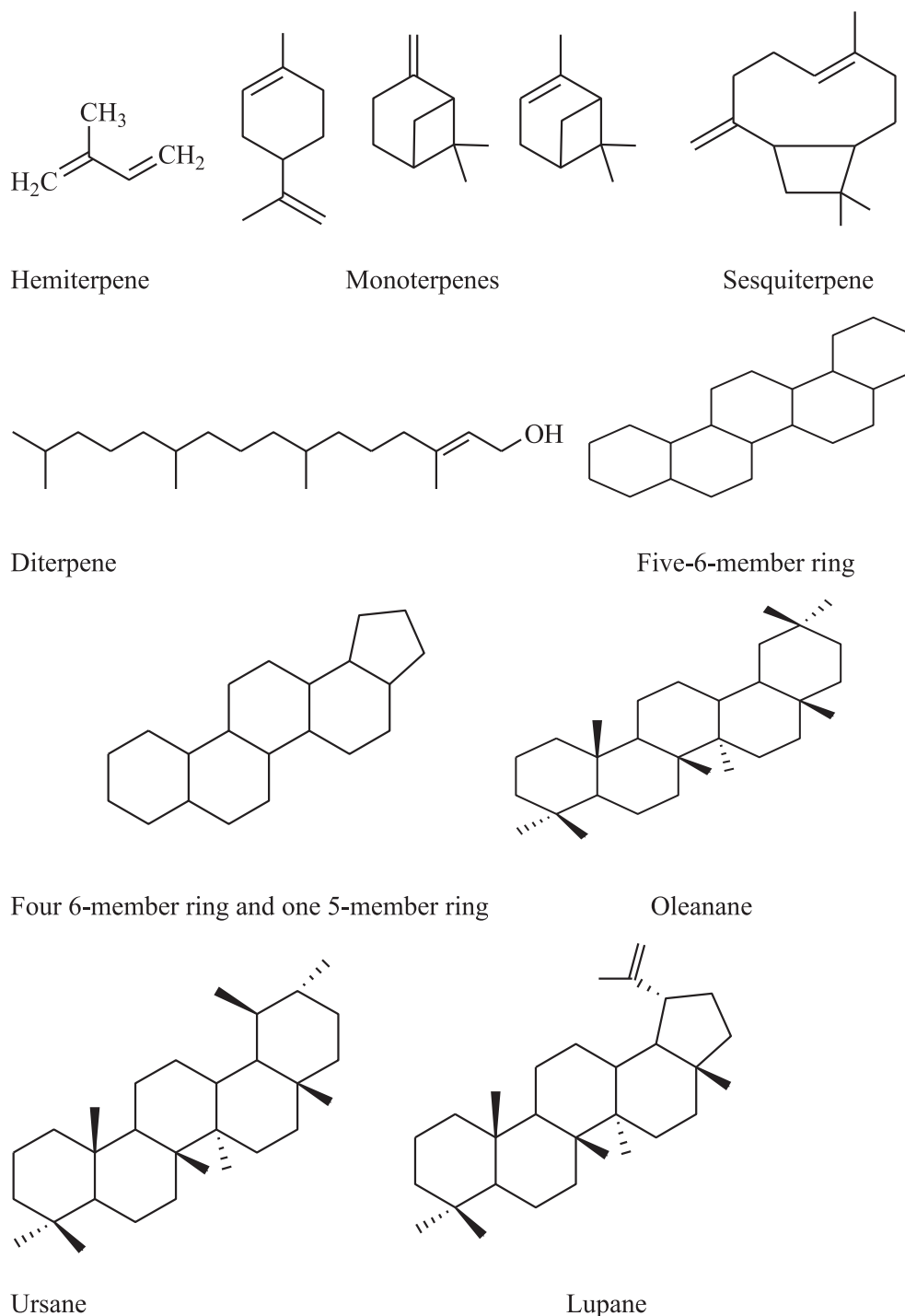


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### 5.3. Phenolic compounds

Phenolic constituents play essential role in protection of cells from hydrogen peroxide injury, as well as absorption of free radicals. Ficus plants contain high quantity of phenolic compounds (Juániz et al. 2016). Due to high profiles of phenolic compounds in Ficus plants, they have explored for their health-beneficial properties such as anti-inflammatory, antitumor, and cardioprotective properties (Dias et al. 2016).

### 5.4. Pharmacokinetic profile

The oral bioavailability complications can emerge, *F. hispida* stem bark, leaves, and roots, due to the presence of lipophilic constituents. These lipophilic compounds can influence various metabolic activities. The lipophilic molecule delivery, through oral route, has weak bioavailability because of their poor dissolution. Therefore, it is required that assimilation of *F. hispida* into dosage form may enhance its bioavailability (Touitou and



**Table 2** Isolated chemical constituents from various parts of Indian Ficus species.

Plant species	Extract type	Plant parts	Compounds type	Isolated compounds	References	
<i>F. auriculata</i> (syn. <i>F. pomifera</i> )	Ethanollic (70%) Ethanollic	Dried fruits	Sesquiterpene	Aristolone	Ambarwati et al. (2021)	
		Roots	Isoflavones	5,7,4'-Trihydroxy-3'-hydroxymethylisoflavone, 3'-formyl-5,4'-dihydroxy-7-methoxyisoflavone, ficusoflavone and alpinumisoflavone	Qi et al. (2018)	
		Aerial parts	Flavonoids	Quercetin, epigallocatechin, kaempferol, quercetin, and myricetin	El-Fishawy et al. (2011); Khayam et al. (2019)	
		Leaves	Volatile oils	4-Phenylmethyl-pyridine, dibutyl phthalate, phytol, 3 $\beta$ -lup-20(29)-en-3-ol-acetate and indol, 4-phenylmethyl-pyridine	Shao et al. (2013)	
	Ethyl acetate	Stem	Triterpenoids	Betulinic acid, lupeol, stigmaterol, scopoletin, and $\beta$ -sitosteril-3- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside,	El-Fishawy et al. (2011)	
			Lactone	Ficusine D	Shao et al. (2018); Tamta et al. (2021)	
		Fruit	Phenolic acids	Galloylquinic acid, 3- <i>O</i> -cafeoylquinic acid, 4- <i>O</i> -cafeoylquinic acid, 5- <i>O</i> -cafeoylquinic acid, procyanidin trimer (B-type), 4- <i>O</i> -feruloylquinic acid derivatives, methoxyl-epicatechin dimer, epicatechin-trimer (A-type), trihydroxy-octadecadienoic acid, trihydroxy octadecanoic acid, galloctachin- <i>O</i> -hexoside, hydroxy-octadecatrienoic acid, xanthone derivatives, and 3-methyl epigallocatechin gallate (3 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>R</i> )-4-Hydroxy-de- <i>O</i> -methylasiodiplodin, 6-oxolasiiodiplodin and ficusines A-C, ( <i>R</i> )-(+)-lasiiodiplodin, (+)-( <i>R</i> )-de- <i>O</i> -methylasiodiplodin and (3 <i>R</i> ,6 <i>S</i> )-6-hydroxylasiodiplodin	Shahinuzzaman et al. (2021)	
		Stem	12-Membered and benzoic acid lactones	Bergapten	Shao et al. (2014)	
		Aqueous	Dried bark	Furanocoumarins	Myricetin and querecetin-3- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside	Tiwari et al. (2017)
		Petroleum ether	Leaves	Flavonoid	3 $\beta$ -Acetoxyurs-12-ene, 3 $\beta$ -hydroxyurs-12-ene, 3 $\beta$ -hydroxyurs-12-en-27- <i>oic</i> acid, 3 $\beta$ -hydroxyolean-12-en-27- <i>oic</i> acid and 3 $\alpha$ -acetoxyolean-12-en-27- <i>oic</i> acid	Wangkheirakpam et al. (2015)
<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Methanollic	Leaves	Essential oils	$\alpha$ -Cadinol, germacrene D-4-ol, $\gamma$ -cadinene, $\alpha$ -muurolene, $\beta$ -caryophyllene epoxide, cyclosativene, cubenol, $\tau$ -cadinol, ( <i>E</i> )- $\beta$ -ionone, $\delta$ -cadinene, $\beta$ -geranylacetone, toluene, $\gamma$ -muurolene, ethylbenzene, $\alpha$ -copaene, $\alpha$ -phellandrene, linalool, $\beta$ -caryophyllene, maaliene, <i>n</i> -nonanal, <i>n</i> -hexanal, $\beta$ -cyclocitral, ( <i>E</i> )- $\alpha$ -ionone and limonene	Adebayo et al. (2015)	
		Stem bark	Flavonoids Triterpenoids	Naringenin, and quercetin Lanostadienylglucosyl cetoleate, bengalensisteroic acid ester, heneicosanyl oleate, $\alpha$ -amyrin acetate, and lupeol	Rao et al. (2014) Naquvi et al. (2015)	
	Ethanollic	Aerial roots	Terpenoid	3, 7, 11, 15-Tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-ol (phytol)	Kanjikar and Londonkar (2020)	
		Fruits	Flavones and coumarins	Bengalensinone, benganoic acid, apocarotenoid, alpinumisoflavone, 4-hydroxyacetophenone, 4-hydroxybenzoic acid, 4-hydroxymellein, and <i>p</i> -coumeric acid	Riaz et al. (2012)	
	Ethanollic	Aerial roots	Lupane triterpenoids Phenolics	Stigmaterol, lupanyl acetate, and 3-acetoxy-9(11),12-ursandiene	Afzal et al. (2020)	
		Fruits	Phenolics	Cyanidin 3-glucoside equivalent, cyanidin 3-glucoside, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid, quercetin, naringenin, and kaempferol		
		Aerial parts	Triterpenoids	Cyanidin 3-glucoside equivalent, cyanidin 3-glucoside, chlorogenic acid, and caffeic acid	Verma et al. (2015)	
		Stem bark	Flavonoids	Lanosterol, lupeol, amyrin acetate, lupenyl acetate, friedelanol, cyclolaudenol, epifriedelanol, dihydrobrassicasterol, stigmaterol, sitosterol, ergosterol acetate, furostano, 4,22-stigmastadiene-3-one, 1-heptatriacotanol, and protodioscin	Fegade Sachin and Siddaiah (2019) Daniel et al. (1998)	
	Aqueous- acetone Ethyl acetate	Fruits	Phenolic acid	5,7-Dimethyl ether of leucopelargonidin 3- <i>O</i> - $\alpha$ -L rhamnoside and 5,3'-dimethyl ether of leucocyanidin 3- <i>O</i> - $\alpha$ -D galactosyl cellobioside, and quercetin	Gopukumar and Praseetha (2015)	
		Stem bark	Anthocyanin	Caffeic acid	Kundap et al. (2017)	
Ethyl acetate	Leaves	Flavonoids	Pelargonidin	Elgindi (2004)		
	Leaves	Phenolics	5,6,7,3',5'-Pentamethoxy-4'-prenoxyflavone, rutin, quercetin and 3-acetyl ursal-14:15-en-16-one	Almahy et al. (2003)		
Chloroform	Leaves	Phenolics	Cinnamic acid, gallic acid, theaflavin-3,3'-digallate, rutin, quercetin-3-galactoside, leucodelphinidin, galloctechin, kaempferol, leucocydin and apigenin			
		Triterpenoids	Stigmaterol, friedelin, lupeol, $\beta$ -amyrin, 3-friedelanol, betulinic acid, 20-traxasten-3-ol, taraxosterol, and $\beta$ -sitosterol	Murugesu et al. (2021)		
	Stem bark and leaves	Indole-type	Calycanthidine, akuammidine, ergoline, dasycarpidan, ibogamine, ajamalicine, and dasycarpidol	Novelli et al. (2014)		
	Leaves and stem bark	Indolizidine-type Isoquinoline-type Quinolizidine-type Pyridine-type Carbazol-type Pyrrolizidine-type Steroidal-type Quinoline-type	Obscurinervinediol, and crinamidine Columbamine, laudanoline, methylcorridaldine, salsoline, reticuline, hydroxymorphine, and isoclaurine Sophocarpine, matridine, scoulerine, and lycocernuine Anabasine, nicodicodeine, adenocarpine, and lutidine Nebelinine, harmine, ellipticine, and aspidospermidin Indicine N-oxide, and retronecine Tomatidine and solasodine Cinchophen			
<i>F. benjamina</i>	3% formic acid in 70% methanol/dH <sub>2</sub> O	Stem bark and leaves Leaves and stem bark	Triterpenoids Indole-type Indolizidine-type Isoquinoline-type Quinolizidine-type Pyridine-type Carbazol-type Pyrrolizidine-type Steroidal-type Quinoline-type	Stigmaterol, friedelin, lupeol, $\beta$ -amyrin, 3-friedelanol, betulinic acid, 20-traxasten-3-ol, taraxosterol, and $\beta$ -sitosterol Calycanthidine, akuammidine, ergoline, dasycarpidan, ibogamine, ajamalicine, and dasycarpidol Obscurinervinediol, and crinamidine Columbamine, laudanoline, methylcorridaldine, salsoline, reticuline, hydroxymorphine, and isoclaurine Sophocarpine, matridine, scoulerine, and lycocernuine Anabasine, nicodicodeine, adenocarpine, and lutidine Nebelinine, harmine, ellipticine, and aspidospermidin Indicine N-oxide, and retronecine Tomatidine and solasodine Cinchophen	Murugesu et al. (2021) Novelli et al. (2014)	

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<i>F. carica</i>	Petroleum ether Ethyl acetate	Leaves	Pyrrolidine-type Tropane-type Acridine-type	Clemastine <i>p</i> -Bromo atropine Acridine derivative	Singh et al. (2020) Dai et al. (2012); dos Anjos Cruz et al. (2022)
		Fruits	Pentacyclic triterpenoids Isoflavonoids	Ursolic acid and lupeol 5,7,4'-Trihydroxy-6-(3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadienyl)isoflavone, 5,7,2',4'-tetrahydroxy-8-(3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadienyl)isoflavone, 6-((1 <i>R</i> *,6 <i>R</i> *)-3-methyl-6-(1-methylethenyl)-2-cyclohexen-1-yl]-5,7,4'-trihydroxyisoflavone, 3,5,7-trihydroxy-4'-methoxycoumarano-chroman-4-one, 6-(3-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-3,5,7-trihydroxy-4'-methoxycoumarano-chroman-4-one, 5,4'-dihydroxy-2''-hydroxyisopropylidihydrofuran[4,5:7,8]-isoflavone, 5,4'-dihydroxy-2''-(2-hydroxy-6-methylhept-5-en-2-yl)dihydrofuran[4,5:7,8]-isoflavone, 5,4'-dihydroxy-2''-(2-hydroxy-6-methylhept-5-en-2-yl)dihydrofuran[4,5:6,7]-isoflavone, lespedezol E1, ficusin A, gancaonin N, lupiwighteone and erythrinin C	
	Aqueous methanol (95%)	Root bark	Triterpenoids and ceramide	$\beta$ -Amyrin acetate, $\beta$ -amyrin, psoralen, betulinic acid, lupeol, platanic acid, $\beta$ -sitosterol glucoside, and benjaminamide	Simo et al. (2008)
	Ethanol (70%)	Leaves	Isoflavones  Polyphenolics	Quercetin, luteolin, biochanin A, kaempferol, and rutin  3- <i>O</i> -(Rhamnopyranosyl-glucopyranosyl)-7- <i>O</i> -(glucopyranosyl)-quercetin, 2-carboxyl-1, 4-naphthohydroquinone-4- <i>O</i> -glucopyranoside, luteolin 6- <i>C</i> -glucopyranoside, 8- <i>C</i> -arabinopyranoside, schaftoside, isoorientin, isoschaftoside, rutin, 2''- <i>O</i> -rhamnopyranosylvitexin, isovitexin, isoquercetin, kaempferol-3- <i>O</i> -rutinoside	Vaya and Mahmood (2006); Trifunski et al. (2015) Li et al. (2021b)
	Ethanol	Root bark	Triterpenoids Coumarins	$\alpha$ -Amyrin, $\beta$ -sitosterol, and $\beta$ -sitosterol- $\beta$ -D-glucoside Psoralen, bergapten, xanthotoxin, and 6-(2-methoxyvinyl)-7-methylcoumarin	Jain et al. (2007)
		Fruits	Prenylated isoflavone derivatives Anthocyanin	Ficucaricones A–D Cyanidin-3- <i>O</i> -rutinoside	Liu et al. (2019) Solomon et al. (2006)
		Leaves	Isoflavonoids Phenolic acids and flavonoids	Rutin, isoschaftoside, isoquercetin, chlorogenic acid, caffeoyl malic acid and rutin Chlorogenic acid, rutin, and psoralen	Takahashi et al. (2017) Teixeira et al. (2006)
	Methanol	Leaves, pulps, and peels	Phenolic acids and flavonoids	3- <i>O</i> - and 5- <i>O</i> -Caffeoylquinic acids, ferulic acid, quercetin-3- <i>O</i> -glucoside, quercetin-3- <i>O</i> -rutinoside, psoralen and bergapten	Oliveira et al. (2009)
		Leaves	Triterpenoids Furanocoumarin Polyphenols and furanocoumarins Phenolics	Bauerenol, lupeol acetate, methyl maslinate, calotropenyl acetate and oleanolic acid Psoralen and bergapten Caffeoyl malic acid, psoralic acid-glucoside, rutin, psoralen and bergapten Caffeoylmalic acid, psoralic acid-glucoside, rutin, psoralen and bergapten	Saeed and Sabir (2002) Takahashi et al. (2014); Li et al. (2021a) Yu et al. (2020); Ladhari et al. (2020) Wang et al. (2017)
	Methanol: water (80:20%)	Fruits	Pentacyclic triterpenoids	Betulinic acid, and oleanolic acid	Wojdyto et al. (2016)
Leaves		Phenolics	Chlorogenic acid, caffeoylmalic acid, <i>p</i> -coumaroyl derivative, <i>p</i> -coumaroylquinic acid, <i>p</i> -coumaroylmalic acid, caffeic acid, isoschaftoside, schaftoside, rutin, psoralic acid glucoside, quercetin 3- <i>O</i> -glucoside, quercetin 3- <i>O</i> -malonylglucoside, kaempferol 3- <i>O</i> -glucoside, psoralen, and bergapten	Petrucelli et al. (2018)	
Water - methanol (40:60)	Leaves	Polyphenol	Quercetin-3-glucoside, caftaric acid, quercetin-3, 7-diglucoside, and coumaroyl-hexose, kaempferol-3- <i>O</i> -sophorotrioside, cichoric acid and sinapic acid glucoside	Nadeem and Zeb (2018)	
			Flavonoids	3- <i>O</i> -(Rhamnopyranosyl-glucopyranosyl)-7- <i>O</i> -(glucopyranosyl)-quercetin, 2-carboxyl-1,4-naphthohydroquinone-4- <i>O</i> -hexoside, luteolin 6- <i>C</i> -hexoside, 8- <i>C</i> -pentoside, kaempferol 6- <i>C</i> -hexoside –8- <i>C</i> -hexoside, quercetin 6- <i>C</i> -hexobioside, kaempferol 6- <i>C</i> -hexoside –8- <i>C</i> -hexoside, quercetin 3- <i>O</i> -hexobioside, apigenin 2''- <i>O</i> -pentoside, apigenin 6- <i>C</i> -hexoside, quercetin 3- <i>O</i> -hexoside, and kaempferol-3- <i>O</i> -hexobioside	Zhao et al. (2021)
<i>F. curtipes</i>	Methanol	Stem bark	Phenolics	3- <i>O</i> -Caffeoylquinic acid, catechin, chlorogenic acid isomer, 5- <i>O</i> -caffeoylquinic acid, procyanidin type B, catechin/epicatechin derivative, epicatechin, vicenin-2, procyanidin type C, apigenin-7- <i>O</i> -hex-6/8- <i>C</i> -hex, apigenin-6- <i>C</i> -pt-8- <i>C</i> -hex, cinchonain type II, apigenin-6- <i>C</i> -hex-8- <i>C</i> -pent, cinchonain type I, vitexin, procyanidin type B, isovitexin, and aviculon	Andrade et al. (2019)
<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Methanol	Leaves	Acyclic monoterpenes	6-Methyl-5-hepten-2-one, myrcene, ( <i>Z</i> )- $\beta$ -ocimene, ( <i>E</i> )- $\beta$ -ocimene, <i>cis</i> -furanoid linalool oxide, <i>trans</i> -furanoid linalool oxide, linalool, <i>cis</i> -pyranoid linalool oxide, <i>trans</i> -pyranoid linalool oxide, hotrienol, perillene	Grison-Pige et al. (2002a)
		Fruits	Cyclic monoterpenes Sesquiterpenes	Limonene Dendrolasine, $\alpha$ -cubebene, cyclosativene, A-ylangene, $\alpha$ -copaene, $\beta$ -bourbonene, 1,5-diepi- $\beta$ -bourbonene, $\beta$ -cubebene, $\beta$ -elemene, $\alpha$ -gurjunene, $\alpha$ - <i>cis</i> -bergamotene, $\beta$ -caryophyllene, $\alpha$ -santalene, selina-3-6-diene, $\alpha$ - <i>trans</i> -bergamotene, $\alpha$ -humulene, alloaromadendrene, aciphyllene, germacrene D, $\beta$ -selinene, $\alpha$ d-selinene, $\alpha$ -selinene, bicyclgermacrene, $\alpha$ -muurolene, germacrene A, $\delta$ -amorphene, ( <i>E,E</i> ) $\alpha$ -farnesene, 2- <i>epi</i> - $\alpha$ -selinene, $\delta$ -cadinene, cadina-1,4-diene, germacrene B, and caryophyllene oxide	Grison-Pige et al. (2002b)

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<i>F. elastica</i>	Ethanollic	Leaves	Flavonoids	Gallocatechin, epigallocatechin, catechin, (epi)afzelechin-(epi)catechin, (epi)afzelechin-(epi)afzelechin, (epi)catechin, epicatechin, lucenin-2, vicenin-2, luteolin-6-C-hexosyl-8-C-pentoside, luteolin-6-C-glucosyl-8-C-arabinoside, isoschaftoside, luteolin-6-C-arabinosyl-8-C-glucoside, schaftoside, orientin, apigenin-6-C-pentosyl-8-C-glucoside, vitexin, apigenin-6-C-glucosyl-8-C-pentoside, apigenin-6,8-C-dipentose isomer, isovitexin, 4-p-coumarolyquinic acid, rutin, quercetin, and naringenin	Ong et al. (2011); Omar et al. (2011); Choo et al. (2012)
	Aqueous	Leaves and fruits	Triterpenoid Flavonoids	Lupeol Epicatechin, rutin, quercetin 5,4'-di-O-β-D-glucopyranoside, myricetin and naringenin	Suryati et al. (2011) Dzolin et al. (2015)
	Ethyl acetate	Leaves	Alkaloids Terpenoid	1,1'-(1,1-Ethenediyl) bis(3- methylpiperazine), and nigeplanine 1,1,2,3,3-Pentamethylindane	Triadisti et al. (2021)
	<i>n</i> -Hexane	Leaves	Phenolics	Macluraxanthone, rutin, chlorogenic acid, and psoralen	Teixeira et al. (2009)
	Dichloromethane	Leaves	Triterpenoids	Campesterol, stigmasterol, β-sitosterol, α-amyrin, and friedelin	El-Hawary et al. (2012)
	Ethanollic (70%)	Leaves	Flavonoids	Quercitrin, morin, myricitrin, and elutheroside B	Ginting et al. (2020)
Ethanollic	Leaves	Pentacyclic triterpenoids	1-O-Caffeoyl-D-mannitol, moretenone, glutinol, moretenol, lupeol, β-sitosterol, sakuranin, and kaempferol-3-O-rutinoside	EI-Domiatiy et al. (2002)	
<i>F. erecta</i>	Methanollic	Aerial root bark	Ceramide, cerebroside and triterpenoid saponin	Ficusamide, ficososide and elasticoside	Mbosso et al. (2012)
	Aqueous ethanol (50:50%)	Leaves and branches	Flavonoids	Chlorogenic acid, rutin, and kaempferol-3-O-rutinoside	Sohn et al. (2021)
<i>F. exasperata</i>	Ethanollic (70%)	Branches	Organic acids	<i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzoic acid, methyl <i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoate, vanillic acid, methyl vanillate, syringic acid, and ethyl linoleate	Park et al. (2012)
	Methanollic	Leaves	Triterpenoids Isoflavone glycosides	β-Sitosterol, and α-amyrin acetate Quercetin-3,7-di-hexoside, quercetin-3-(6-rhamnoside) glucoside, quercetin-3-glucoside, kaempferol-3-92- rhamnoside)hexoside, quercetin-3-(6-malonyl) hexoside, quercetin-3-hexoside-7-ketorhamnoside, kaempferol-3 hexoside, apigenin-7-(6-rhamnoside)hexoside, luteolin 6,8-di-C-hexoside, apigenin-6-C-pentoside-8-C-hexoside pigenin-6-C-hexoside-8-C-pentoside, apigenin-6-C rhamnoside-8-C-hexoside, apigenin-6-C-pentoside-8-C- (3/4-ketorhamnoside) hexoside, apigenin-8-C-glucoside, luteolin-8-C-(3/4-ketorhamnoside)hexoside, apigenin 7-O-ketorhamnoside-8-C-hexoside, and apigenin-8-C-(3/4 ketorhamnoside) hexoside	Mouho et al. (2018)
<i>F. fistulosa</i>	Ethanollic	Leaves	Phenolics	Quercitrin, chlorogenic acid and caffeic acid	Oboh et al. (2014)
	Aqueous- ethanol (50:50%)	Leaves	Isoflavone glycosides	Apigenin C-8 glucoside, isoquercitrin-6-O-4-hydroxybenzoate and quercetin-3-O-β-rhamnoside	Taiwo and Igbenghu (2014)
	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> /MeOH	Leaves	Bis-benzopyrroloisoquinoline and chlorinated phenanthroindolizidine enantiomers	(±)-Tengerensine, (+)-Tengechlorene, (±)-fistulosine, (+)-antofine, and (-)-seco-antofine	Al-Khdhairawi et al. (2017); Putra et al. (2020)
<i>F. geniculata</i>	Methanollic	Stem bark	Triterpenoids	3β-Acetyl urs-14:15-en-16-one, lanosterol-11-one acetate, 3β-acetyl-22,23,24,25,26,27-hexanordamaran-20-one, 24-methylenecycloartenol, sorghumul (isoarborinol), 11α,12α-oxidotaraxeryl acetate, and urs-9(11):12-dien-3β-ol acetate	Tuyen et al. (1998)
	Ethanollic	Stem bark	Benzopyrroloisoquinoline alkaloids	Fistulosine	Subramaniam et al. (2009)
		Stem bark and leaves	Phenanthroindolizidine alkaloids Septicine-type alkaloids Phenanthroindolizidine alkaloids	(-)-13α-Antofine, (-)-14β-hydroxyantofine and (-)-13α-secoantofine Fistulopsines A and B (+)-Septicine, (+)-tylophorine, (+)-tylocrebrine, (-)-3,6-didemethylisotylocrebrine and (+)-(-)-6(S,9S)-vomifoliol	Yap et al. (2016)
<i>F. geniculata</i>	Methanollic	Pulps and peels	Phenolics	3-O- and 5-O-Caffeoylquinic acids, ferulic acid, psoralen, and bergapten	Gupta et al. (2017)
<i>F. hirta</i>	Methanollic	Fruits	Flavonoids	Naringenin-7-O-β-D-glucoside, pinocembrin-7-O-β-D- glucoside, eriodictyol-7-O-β-D-glucoside, luteolin, apigenin, eriodictyol-7-O-β-D-glucoside, methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-β-carboline-3-carboxylic acid, 2-methyl-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-β-carboline-3-carboxylate, dihydrophaseic acid, vomifoliol, dehydrovomifoliol, pubinernoid A, 2-phenylethyl-O-β D-glucoside, 1-O-trans-cinnamoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1 → 6)-β-D-glucopyranoside, 4-O-benzoyl-quinic acid, 3-O-benzoyl-quinic acid, benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside, (2S) 2-O-benzoyl-butanedioic acid-4-methyl ester, pinocembrin-7-O-β-D-glucoside, naringenin-7-O-β-D-glucoside, eriodictyol-7-O-β-D-glucoside, luteolin, apigenin, and umbelliferone	Wan et al. (2017); Chen et al. (2020)
	Methanollic (80%)	Roots	Phenolics	Luteolin, apigenin, psoralen, and bergapten	Yi et al. (2013)
	Ethyl acetate	Roots	Phenylpropanoids	(1'S)-Methoxy-4-(1-propionyloxy-5-methoxycarboxyl-pentyloxy)-(E)-formylvinyl, (8R)-4,5'-dihydroxy-8-hydroxymehtyl-3'-methoxydeoxybenzoin, (2'S)-3-[2,3-dihydro-6-hydroxy-2-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-5- benzofuranyl] methyl propionate, 3-[6-(5-O-β-D-glucopyranosyl) benzofuranyl] methyl propionate, methylenedioic acid, (E)-3-[5-(6-hydroxy) benzofuranyl] propenoic acid, ficuscarpanoside A, syringaresinol, (7R,8S)-ficusal, trans- <i>p</i> -hydroxycinnamic acid, 1'-O-β-D-glucopyranosyl (2R,3S)-3-hydroxynodakenetin, <i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoic acid,	Cheng et al. (2017a)

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<i>F. hispida</i>	Ethyl acetate and n-butanol	Roots	Furanocoumarin glycoside	syringic acid, and ficuglucoside	Dai et al. (2018)
			Phenolics	5- <i>O</i> -[ $\beta$ -D-Apiofuranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl]- bergaptol Bergapten, umbelliferone, 6-carboxy-umbelliferone, 6,7-furano-hydrocoumaric acid methyl ester, picraquassioside A, and rutin	
	Ethanolic	Roots	Triterpenoids	Stigmasterol, 22,23-dihydro-stigmasterol, $\alpha$ -amyirin, and $\beta$ -sitosterol	Li et al. (2006)
			Phenolics	Psoralene, 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-stigmast-5-en-7-one, 5-hydroxy-4', 6, 7, 8-tetramethoxy flavone, 4', 5, 6, 7, 8-pentamethoxy flavone, 4', 5, 7-trihydroxy-flavone, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy- $\beta$ -amyirin, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy- $\alpha$ -amyirin and hesperidin	
	Ethanolic (95%)	Roots	Phenolics	Epicatechin, chlorogenic acid, (-) (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>R</i> )epiafzelechin, psoralenoside, methoxypsoralenoside, hydrasine, 4,5-dihydrogenpsoralenoside, pelargonidin 7-glucoside, aloin A, isoliquiritigenin, vitexin, picraquassioside A, isoeugenitol, kaempferol, psoralen, ( $\pm$ )-naringenin, apigenin, bergapten, resveratrol, pinolenic acid, 2-ethylhexyl ester-2-propenoic acid, <i>n</i> -hexadecanoic acid, ethyl <i>iso</i> -allocholate, bergapten, and 2-methyl- <i>Z</i> , <i>Z</i> -3,13-octadecadienol	Tang et al. (2020)
				Leaves	Lignan Ursane triterpenoids
	Ethanolic (60%)	Roots	Phenolics	<i>p</i> -Coumaric acid and isovitexin	Dai et al. (2020) Zheng et al. (2013)
			Phenolics	Cyclomorusin, 3- <i>O</i> -[(6- <i>O</i> - <i>E</i> -sinapoyl)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl]-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3,5,4'-trihydroxy-6,7,3'-trimethoxyflavone, quercetin, tricrin, acacetin, luteolin, apigenin, ( <i>E</i> )-suberenol, meranzin hydrate, methyl eugenol(11),3-methoxy-4-hydroxybenzoic acid, <i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoic acid, methyl chlorogenate, and emodin	
	Ethanolic (75%)	Roots	Phenolics	1-Methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-3-carboxylic acid, methyl 1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-3-carboxylate, vomifoliol, dehydromomifoliol, icaraside B2, dihydrophaseic acid, pubinernoid A, pinocembrin-7- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucoside, naringenin-7- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucoside, eriodictyol-7- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucoside, and 1-phenylpropane-1,2-diol	Wan et al. (2017)
				Fruits	
Ethanolic (60%)	Roots	Phenolic glycosides	Ficusides A-G, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl-1- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-apiofuranosyl (1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, khaephuside A, 2-methoxyphenol- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, methyl 2-hydroxybenzoate 2- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, markhamioside F, benzyl- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl 1- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -apiofuranosyl (1' $\rightarrow$ 6')- $\beta$ -glucopyranoside, di- <i>O</i> -methylcrenatin, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, phenyl $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 2,4,6-trimethoxy-1- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glycoside, 2,6-dimethoxy-4-hydroxyphenol-1- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, uralenneoside, glucosyringic acid, 4-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyloxy) benzoic acid and vanillic acid 4- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, (1' <i>R</i> )-1'-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl) propan-1'-ol 4- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3,4,5-Trimethoxybenzaldehyde, 4-(3'-hydroxypropyl)-2,6-dimethoxyphenol-3'- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucoside, and gentisic acid 5- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-xyloside	Ye et al. (2020)	
			Phenolics		( <i>Z</i> )-3-[5-(6- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyl) benzofuranyl] methyl propenoate, ( <i>Z</i> )-3-[5-(6-methoxy) benzofuranyl] propenoic acid, (10 <i>S</i> )-6-(2'-hydroxy-10- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside)-7-hydroxycoumarin, (2 <i>S</i> )-1- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-2- <i>O</i> -(2-methoxy-4-phenylaldehyde) propane-3-ol, psoralen, umbelliferone, 7-(2',3'-dihydroxy-3-methylbutoxy)-coumarin, nodakenetin, (1 <i>R</i> , 2 <i>R</i> , 5 <i>R</i> , 6 <i>S</i> )-6-(4-hydroxy-3, 5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3, 7-dioxabicyclo [3, 3, 0] octan-2-ol, (+)-(7 <i>R</i> , 8 <i>R</i> )-4-hydroxy-3,3',5'-trimethoxy-8',9'-dinor-8,4'-oxyneoligna-7,9-diol-7'-aldehyde, (-)-(7 <i>S</i> ,8 <i>R</i> )-4-hydroxy-3,3',5'-trimethoxy-8',9'-dinor-8,4'-oxyneoligna-7,9-diol-7'-aldehyde, (1 <i>R</i> , 2 <i>R</i> , 5 <i>R</i> , 6 <i>S</i> )-6-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,7-dioxabicyclo [3,3,0] octan-2-ol, (-)-pinoresinol, 2-[4-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-methoxyphenoxy] propane-1, 3-diol, vanillin, 3'-hydroxy-4'-methoxy- <i>trans</i> -cinnamaldehyde, vanillin acid, $\beta$ -hydroxypropiovanillone, 7- <i>O</i> -ethylguaiaacylglycerol, evofolin-B, ( <i>E</i> )-3-[5-(6-methoxy) benzofuranyl] propenoic acid, ( <i>E</i> )-isopsoralic acid 1 $\rightarrow$ 6- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, ( <i>Z</i> )-isopsoralic acid 1 $\rightarrow$ 6- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, phenyl $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 2, 3-dihydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-propan-1-one, 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl-1- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenoltetraacetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene
Ethanolic (75%)	Roots	Phenolics	3 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-11-oxo-olean-12-enyl-3-stearate, taraxerol, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-11 $\alpha$ -methoxy-12-ursene and 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-11 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-12-ursene	Cheng et al. (2017b)	
			Phenolics		( <i>Z</i> )-3-[5-(6- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyl) benzofuranyl] methyl propenoate, ( <i>Z</i> )-3-[5-(6-methoxy) benzofuranyl] propenoic acid, (10 <i>S</i> )-6-(2'-hydroxy-10- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside)-7-hydroxycoumarin, (2 <i>S</i> )-1- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-2- <i>O</i> -(2-methoxy-4-phenylaldehyde) propane-3-ol, psoralen, umbelliferone, 7-(2',3'-dihydroxy-3-methylbutoxy)-coumarin, nodakenetin, (1 <i>R</i> , 2 <i>R</i> , 5 <i>R</i> , 6 <i>S</i> )-6-(4-hydroxy-3, 5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3, 7-dioxabicyclo [3, 3, 0] octan-2-ol, (+)-(7 <i>R</i> , 8 <i>R</i> )-4-hydroxy-3,3',5'-trimethoxy-8',9'-dinor-8,4'-oxyneoligna-7,9-diol-7'-aldehyde, (-)-(7 <i>S</i> ,8 <i>R</i> )-4-hydroxy-3,3',5'-trimethoxy-8',9'-dinor-8,4'-oxyneoligna-7,9-diol-7'-aldehyde, (1 <i>R</i> , 2 <i>R</i> , 5 <i>R</i> , 6 <i>S</i> )-6-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,7-dioxabicyclo [3,3,0] octan-2-ol, (-)-pinoresinol, 2-[4-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-methoxyphenoxy] propane-1, 3-diol, vanillin, 3'-hydroxy-4'-methoxy- <i>trans</i> -cinnamaldehyde, vanillin acid, $\beta$ -hydroxypropiovanillone, 7- <i>O</i> -ethylguaiaacylglycerol, evofolin-B, ( <i>E</i> )-3-[5-(6-methoxy) benzofuranyl] propenoic acid, ( <i>E</i> )-isopsoralic acid 1 $\rightarrow$ 6- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, ( <i>Z</i> )-isopsoralic acid 1 $\rightarrow$ 6- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, phenyl $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 2, 3-dihydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-propan-1-one, 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl-1- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenoltetraacetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene
<i>F. hispida</i>	<i>n</i> -Hexane	Leaves	Oleanane triterpenoids	Ficuhispimines A-D, ficushispimine C, magnosprengerine, and ficushispimine A	Thien et al. (2019)
	Ethanolic	Stem bark and leaves	Unusual 8,4'-oxyneolignan-alkaloid Phenanthroindolizidine alkaloids	Hispidacine Hispilosine and (+)-deoxypingularinine	Yap et al. (2015)
		Twigs and leaves	Amine alkaloids with a rhamnosyl moiety	Ficuhispimines A-D, ficushispimine C, magnosprengerine, and ficushispimine A	Jia et al. (2020)
	Twigs	Pyrrolidine alkaloids	Ficushispimine A and ficushispimine B	Shi et al. (2016)	

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Plant species	Extract type	Plant parts	Compounds type	Isolated compounds	References
	Chloroform	Leaves and twigs	Pyrrolidine alkaloids	Ficushispimine A and ficushispimine B	Peraza-Sánchez et al. (2002)
			$\omega$ -(Dimethylamino)caprophenone alkaloid	Ficushispimine C	
			Indolizidine alkaloid	Ficushispidine	
			Isoflavones	Isoderrone, 3'-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)biochanin A, myrsininone A, fucisin A, and 4',5,7-trihydroxy-6-[(1 <i>R</i> *,6 <i>R</i> *)-3-methyl-6-(1-methylethenyl)cyclohex-2-en-1-yl] isoflavone	
Hexane	Fruits	Isoflavonoids	Isowigtheone hydrate, 3'-Formyl-5,7-dihydroxy-4'-methoxyisoflavone, 5,7-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-3'-(3-methyl-2-hydroxybuten-3-yl) isoflavone, and alpinumisoflavone	Zhang et al. (2018)	
		Coumarin	7-Hydroxycoumarin, 7-hydroxy-6-[2-( <i>R</i> )-hydroxy-3-methyl-but-3-enyl] coumarin, psoralen, and (-)-marmesin		
		Phenolics	Chlorogenic acid, chlorogenic acid methyl ester, chlorogenine glycoside, protocatechuic acid, gallic acid, benzyl $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy phenyl) ethyl $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside		
		Indole alkaloid	Murrayaculatine		
<i>F. lacor</i>	Methanolic	Fruits	Triterpenoids	Betulonic acid, and sitosterol 3- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside	Cheng et al. (2021)
	Ethanollic	Aerial roots	Isoflavone	5,7-Dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-3'-(3-methyl-2-hydroxybuten-3-yl) isoflavone	Sindhu and Arora (2013a, b); Ghimire et al. (2020)
<i>F. lyrata</i> (Syn. <i>F. pandurata</i> Sand)	Methanolic	Leaves	Triterpenoids	Scutellarein glucoside, scutellarein, infecterin, sorbifolin, bergaptol, and bergapten	Farag et al. (2014)
			Flavonoids	( <i>epi</i> )-catechin digalloyl rhamnoside, ( <i>epi</i> )afzelechin-( <i>epi</i> ) gallocatechin, epicatechin, ( <i>epi</i> )afzelechin-( <i>epi</i> )catechin, ( <i>epi</i> )afzelechin-( <i>epi</i> )afzelechin-epigallocatechin, benzyl rutinoside, lucenin-2, vicenin-2, rutin, orientin, 3- <i>O</i> - <i>p</i> -coumaroyl epigallocatechin, isoquercetin, luteolin, quercetin, apigenin, and ficusiflavone	
<i>F. microcarpa</i>	Ethanolic	Leaves	Triterpenoids	29(20 $\rightarrow$ 19)Abeolupane-3,20-dione, 19,20-securasane-3,19,20-trione, (3 $\beta$ )-3-hydroxy-29(20 $\rightarrow$ 19)abeolupane-20-one, lupenone, and $\alpha$ -amyrene	Hsiung and You (2004)
			Aerial roots	Triterpenoids	3 $\beta$ -Acetoxy-11 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-11(12 $\rightarrow$ 13)abeooleanan-12-al, 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-20-oxo-29(20 $\rightarrow$ 19)abeolupane, and 29,30-dinor-3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-18,19-dioxo-18,19-secolupane
		Aerial roots	Triterpenoids	3 $\beta$ -Acetoxy-12,19-dioxo-13(18)-oleanene, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-19(29)-taraxasten-20 $\alpha$ -ol, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-21 $\alpha$ ,22 $\alpha$ -epoxytaraxastan-20 $\alpha$ -ol, 3,22-dioxo-20-taraxastene, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\alpha$ -epoxy-16-oxo-14-taraxerene, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-25-methoxylanosta-8,23-diene, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\alpha$ -epoxy-14-taraxerene, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-25-hydroxylanosta-8,23-diene, oleanonic acid, acetylbetulonic acid, betulonic acid, acetylursolic acid, ursonic acid, ursolic acid, and 3-oxofriedelan-28-oic acid	Chiang et al. (2005)
			Peroxy triterpenoids	3 $\beta$ -Acetoxy-12 $\beta$ ,13 $\beta$ -epoxy-11 $\alpha$ -hydroperoxyursane, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-11 $\alpha$ -hydroperoxy-13 $\alpha$ H-ursan-12-one, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-1 $\beta$ ,11 $\alpha$ -epidioxy-12-ursene, (2 <i>S</i> )-3 $\beta$ -acetoxyilupan-29-oic acid, (2 <i>S</i> )-3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-20-hydroperoxy-30-norlupane, and 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-18 $\alpha$ -hydroperoxy-12-oleanen-11-one, and 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-12-oleanen-11-one	Chiang and Kuo (2001)
<i>F. mollis</i>	Methanolic	Syconia	Terpenes	$\alpha$ -Cubebene, 1,2,4-metheno-1H-indene, 3,7-dimethyl-1,3,6-octatriene, ( <i>E,E</i> )-2,4-hexadiene, caryophyllene, copaene, and D-limonene	Zhang et al. (2017)
		Stem bark	Phenolics	Protocatechuic acid, chlorogenic acid, methyl chlorogenate, catechin, epicatechin, procyanidin B1, and procyanidin B3	Ao et al. (2010)
<i>F. mollis</i>	Methanolic	Stem	Monoterpenes	Sulfurous acid, octadecyl 2-propyl ester, tetratetracontane, hexatriacontyl pentafluoropropionate, octatriacontyl pentafluoropropionate, octacosyl trifluoroacetate, hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester, heptacosanoic acid, and 25-methyl-, methyl ester	Priya and Abinaya (2018)
<i>F. palmata</i> <i>F. pumila</i>	Methanolic	Fruit	Phenolics	Rutin, isoquercitin, quercetin, kaempferol, luteolin, and cinnamic acid	Sharma et al. (2021)
	Chloroform	Stem	Flavonoid glycosides	Astragal, isoquercitrin, apigenin 6-C- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, kaempferol 3- <i>O</i> - $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl- (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside and kaempferol 3- <i>O</i> - $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside, rutin and isorhamnetin-3- <i>O</i> -glucoside, apigenin, taxifolin, tricetin, luteolin, hesperitin, and chrysin	Pistelli et al. (2000)
	n-Hexane Chloroform Aqueous Pb(OAc) <sub>2</sub> solution Ethanolic	Stem Leaves Leaves Leaves	Triterpenoids	$\beta$ -Sitosterol, $\alpha$ -amyrin, taraxasterol and 11 $\alpha$ -hydroxy- $\beta$ -amyrin	Juan et al. (1997) Ragasa et al. (1999) Bai et al. (2019)
			Furanocoumarin derivatives	Bergapten and oxypeucedanin hydrate	
			Triterpenoids	Neohopane	
			Norisoprenoids	3,9-Dihydroxy dihydro actinidiolide, 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-5,6-epoxy-7-megastimen-9-one, dehydrovomifoliol, 3,9-dihydroxy-5,7-megastigmadien-4-one, 9,10-dihydroxy-4,7-megastigmadien-3-one, 8,9-dihydro-8,9-dihydroxymegastigmatienone, (6 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> )-3-oxo- $\alpha$ -ionol, blumenol A, ( <i>E</i> )-3-oxo- <i>retro</i> - $\alpha$ -ionol, (6 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>R</i> )-3-oxo- $\alpha$ -ionol- $\beta$ -d-glucopyranoside, roseoside, and ( <i>E</i> )-4-[3'-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyloxy)butylidene]-3,5,5-trimethyl-2-cyclohexen-1-one	
			Benzofuran derivative	Pumiloside	Trinh et al. (2018)
			Flavonoid glycosides	Afzelin, astragal, quercitrin, isoquercitrin, kaempferol 3- <i>O</i> -rutinoside, rutin and	

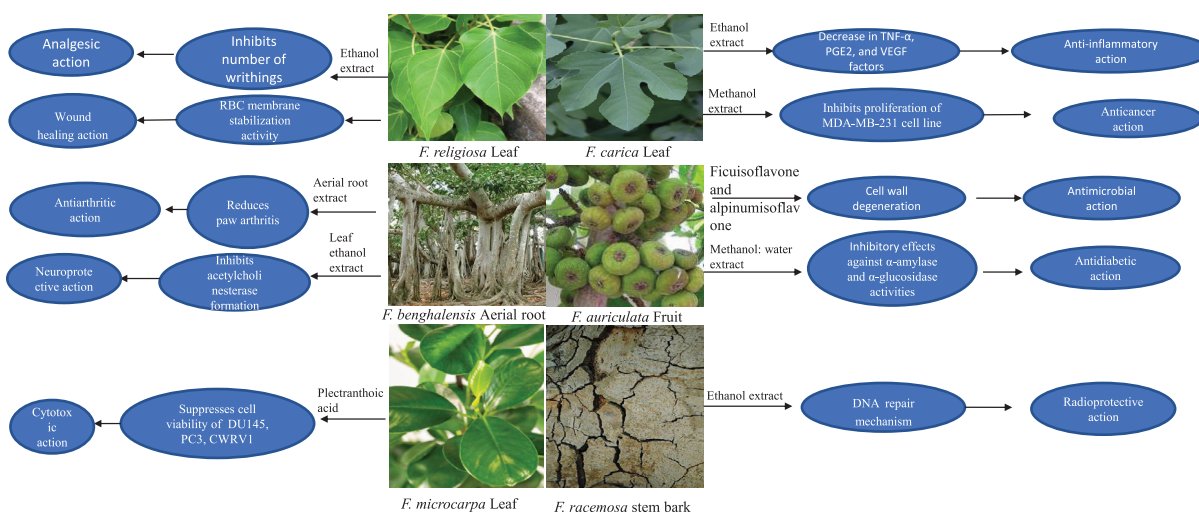
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<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	Ethyl acetate	Roots Stems and roots	Flavonoids and phenolic acids	kaempferol 3- <i>O</i> -sophoroside Rutin, kaempferol 3- <i>O</i> - $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, isoquercitrin, quercitrin, dihydrokaempferol 5- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, dihydrokaempferol 7- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, maesopsin 6- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, secoisolariciresinol 9- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, chlorogenic acid, protocatechuic acid, caffeic acid, 5- <i>O</i> -caffeoyl quinic acid methyl ester(12), <i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoic acid, vanillic acid, and 5- <i>O</i> -caffeoyl quinic acid butyl ester (6 <i>S</i> ,9 <i>R</i> )-Vomifoliol and (6 <i>S</i> )-dehydrovomifoliol	Wei et al. (2014)	
			Dinorsesquiterpenoids Sesquiterpenoids	Phaseic acid, and methyl (2 $\alpha$ ,3 $\beta$ )-2,3-dihydroxy-olean-12-en-28-oate	Nguyen and Nguyen (2021)	
	Aqueous- ethanol (50:50)	Leaves	Flavonoid glycosides	Rutin, apigenin 6-neohesperidose, kaempferol 3-robinobioside and kaempferol 3-rutinoside	Leong et al. (2008)	
	Methanolic	Fresh fruits	Acetylated dammarane- triterpenoids	3 $\beta$ -Acetoxy-22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27-hexanordammaran-20-one, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27-octanordammaran-17 $\beta$ -ol, 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-(20 <i>R</i> , 22 <i>E</i> , 24 <i>RS</i> )-20, 24-dimethoxydammaran-22-en-25-ol and 3 $\beta$ -acetoxy-(20 <i>S</i> , 22 <i>E</i> , 24 <i>RS</i> )-20, 24-dimethoxydammaran-22-en-25-ol	Kitajima et al. (1999, 2000)	
	Ethanollic	Stem bark	Sesquiterpenoid glucosides Flavonoids Triterpenoid Anthocyanins	Pumiliasides A, B and C Kaempferol, Quercetin, Naringenin, and Baicalein Lupeol	Keshari et al. (2016) Joshi et al. (2016) Joy et al. (2001)	
			Triterpenoids	Gluanol acetate, leucocyanidin-3- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, leucopelargonidin-3- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, leucopelargonidin-3- <i>O</i> - $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside, ceryl behenate	Nguyen et al. (2001); Malairajan et al. (2006); Veerapur et al. (2007)	
	Methanolic	Stem bark	Fruits	Triterpenoids	Lupeol acetate, and $\alpha$ -amyirin acetate, lupeol, friedelin, behenate, stigmasterol, $\beta$ -sitosterol, $\beta$ -sitosterol-D-glucoside, bergenin, racemosic acid, friedelin $\beta$ -sitosterol, $\beta$ -amyirin, and lupeol acetate	Singhal and Saharia (1980);Narender et al. (2009)
			Leaves	Tetracyclic triterpenoids	$\beta$ -Sitosterol, gluanol acetate, hentriacontane, tiglic acid, taraxasterol, lupeol acetate, and $\alpha$ -amyirin acetate Gluanol acetate	Rahuman et al. (2008)
	Methanolic	Stem bark	Leaves	Tetraterpenoids	Tetra triterpene, glauanolacetate, and racemosic acid	Patil et al. (2010)
			Root	Triterpenoids Triterpenoids	Lupeol, lupeol acetate, and $\beta$ -sitosterol Cycloartenol, euphorbol, taraxerone, and tinyatoxin	Bopage et al. (2018) Varma et al. (2009)
Latex		Triterpenoids	Triterpenoids	$\alpha$ -Amyrin, $\beta$ -sitosterol, cycloartenol, cycloephordenol, 4-deoxyphorbol and its esters, euphorbinol, isoeuphorbol, taraxerol, tinyatoxin, and trimethylellagic acid	Paarakh (2009)	
			Triterpenoids			
<i>F. religiosa</i>	Methanolic	Stem bark	Naphthyl substituted phytosterol Lanostane type-triterpenic Naphthyl esters	$\beta$ -Sitosteryl naphthadiolyl linoleinate Lanostanoic acid oleate Lanostanoic acid linolenate, Lanostanoic acid and naphthadiolyl linoleiate	Ali et al. (2017, 2020) Ali et al. (2014)	
			Leaves	Steroids Phenolics Monoterpenes	$\beta$ -Sitosterol glucoside and $\beta$ -sitosteryl oleate Eugenol, and tannic acid Phytol, linalool, $\alpha$ -cadinol, $\alpha$ -eudesmol, $\beta$ -eudesmol, epi- $\alpha$ -cadinol, $\gamma$ -eudesmol, and epi- $\gamma$ -eudesmol	Poudel et al. (2015); Rathod et al. (2018)
	Ethanollic	Stem bark	Triterpenoids Phenolics	Lupeol $\alpha$ -amyirin, campesterol, and stigmasterol Leucopelargonidin-3- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, leucopelargonidin-3- <i>O</i> - $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside, leucoanthocyanidin, leucoanthocyanin, bergapten, and bergaptenol	Murugesu et al. (2021) Sirisha et al. (2010); Wilson et al. (2016)	
			Triterpenoids and their derivatives	Lanosterol, lupen-3-one, $\beta$ -sitosterol, stigmasterol, $\beta$ -sitosterol-D-glucoside, lupeol acetate, and $\alpha$ -amyirin acetate		
	Methanolic	Stem	Phenolics	2,6-Dimethoxyphenol, n-hexadecanoic acid, octadecanoic acid, 4H-pyran-4-one,2,3-dihydro-3,5-dihydroxy-6-methyl, and 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)	Manorenjitha et al. (2013)	
			Roots	Triterpenoids Phenolics	Stigmasterol, lanosta-8,24-dien-3-ol, acetate(3 $\beta$ ), and ergost-5-en-3-ol(3 $\beta$ ) Ceryl behenate, leucocyanidin-3- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, leucopelargonidin-3- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, leucoanthocyanidin, and leucoanthocyanin	Goyal (2014)
	Ethanollic	Fruits	Triterpenoids Monoterpenes	Lupeol acetate, $\alpha$ -amyirin acetate, lupeol, and $\beta$ -sitosterol $\beta$ -Caryophyllene, $\alpha$ -terpinene, dendrolasine, $\alpha$ -trans bergamotene, (e)- $\beta$ -ocimene, $\alpha$ -pinene, limonene, dendrolasine, $\alpha$ -ylangene, $\alpha$ - thujene, $\alpha$ -copaene, $\beta$ -bourbonene, aromadendrene, $\delta$ -cadinene, $\alpha$ -humulene, $\beta$ -pinene, alloaromadendrene, germacrene, $\gamma$ -cadinene, bicyclgermacrene [undecane, tridecane, and tetradecane	Rathee et al. (2015); Verma and Gupta (2015)	
			Triterpenoids Polyphenolic	Stigmasterol and lupeol retusaphenol [2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-1,3-phenylene-bis- (4-hydroxy-benzoate)], (+)-retusa afzelechin [afzelechin - (4 $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ 8) - afzelechin - (4 $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ 8) - afzelechin], luteolin, (+) - afzelechin, (+)-catechin, and vitexin	Sarg et al. (2011)	
<i>F. retusa</i>	Ethanollic (96%)	Aerial parts	Triterpenoids Polyphenolic	$\beta$ -Sitosterol acetate, $\beta$ -amyirin acetate, moretenone, friedelenol, $\beta$ -amyirin and $\beta$ -sitosterol		

Table 2 (continued)

Plant species	Extract type	Plant parts	Compounds type	Isolated compounds	References
<i>F. sarmentosa</i>	Methanolic	Stem and leaves	Flavonoids	Eriodictyol, homoeriodictyol, dihydroquercetin, luteolin, quercetin, dihydroquercetin, kaempferol, dihydrokaempferol, naringenin, luteolin, apigenin, chrysoeriol, and 3',5',5,7-tetrahydroxylavanone	Wang et al. (2010a, b)
<i>F. semicordata</i>	Ethanol (70%): acetic acid: formalin (90:5:5%)	Leaves and fruits	Aflatoxins	7-Hydroxycoumarin, apigenin, eriodictyol, and quercetin	Wang et al. (2016)
	Ethanol	Leaves	Phenolics	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin B2, aflatoxin G1, and aflatoxin G2	Gupta and Acharya (2019)
<i>F. tikoua</i>	Methanolic	Fruits	Monoterpenes	Gallic acid and quercetin	Kaur et al. (2017)
			Sesquiterpenes	Gallic acid and quercetin	Nguyen (2002); Gupta et al. (2019); Al-Snafi (2020)
	Ethanol (95%)	Whole plant	Isoprenylated flavonoids	$\alpha$ -Thujene, $\alpha$ -Pinene, sabinene, $\beta$ -pinene, $\beta$ -myrcene, limonene, 1,8-cineole, (Z)- $\beta$ -ocimene, (E)- $\beta$ -ocimene, $\gamma$ -terpinene, terpinolene, linalool, and perillene	Chen et al. (2009)
			Coumarin Benzofuran glucoside	Ylangene, $\alpha$ -copaene, $\beta$ -panasinsene, $\beta$ -cubebene, $\beta$ -elemene, $\alpha$ -gurjunene, $\beta$ -caryophyllene, $\alpha$ -humulene, alloaromadendrene, $\gamma$ -muurolene, germacrene D, $\beta$ -Selinene, $\alpha$ -selinene, $\alpha$ -muurolene, (E,E)- $\alpha$ -farnesene, and $\delta$ -cadinene	Wu et al. (2015)
Methanolic	Stem	Pyranosylflavone	Ficustikousins A and B, derrone, alpinumisoflavone, (S)-5,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy-2'-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)flavanone, (S)-paratocarpin K, 3'-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)biochanin A, and genistein	Wei et al. (2011b)	
		Isoflavones	Bergapten	6-Carboxyethyl-5-hydroxybenzofuran 5-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, and 6-carboxyethyl-7-methoxy-5-hydroxy-benzofuran 5-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside	Fu et al. (2018)
Ethanol (90%)	Stem	Isoflavanone	Ficusin C, 6-[(1 <i>R</i> *,6 <i>R</i> *)-3-methyl-6-(1-methylethenyl)-2-cyclohexen-1-yl]-5,7,4'-trihydroxyisoflavone, ficusin A, alpinumisoflavone, 4'-O-methylalpinumisoflavone, and quercetin	Wei et al. (2012)	
		Phenolic glycosides	Ficustikounone A	5,3',4'-trihydroxy-2'',2''-dimethylpyrano (5'',6'':7,8) isoflavone	Zhou et al. (2018)
				Wightone and lupiwightone	Jiang et al. (2013)
				Ficustikounone A	
				2-Ethylene-3,5,6-trimethyl-4-phenol-1-O- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3-methoxy-4-O- $\beta$ -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosylpropiofenone, 3-hydroxy-1-(4-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-3-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one, 4-hydroxy-3,5-bis(3'-methyl-2-butenyl)benzoic acid-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenol-1-O- $\beta$ -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenol-1-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 3-methoxy-4-O- $\beta$ -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosylpropiofenone, baihuaqianhuoside, 3,5-dimethoxy-4-hydroxybenzoic acid-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside and 2-methoxy-4-allylphenyl-1-O- $\beta$ -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside	



**Fig. 4** Different pharmacological actions of different parts of some important Indian *Ficus* species.

Rubinstein, 1986; Arunkumar et al. 2009). Different strategies such as solid dispersion, microemulsion, liposome, lipid emulsion, solid lipid nanoparticle, nanosuspension, cyclodextrin complex or phospholipids are used with bioactive molecule to increase dissolution as well bioavailability (Shah et al. 2010; Ali and Chaudhary, 2011). Lanosterol, isolated from *F. religiosa*, examined for drug similarity using Five parameters of the Lipinski Rule. The reported values were found as 10 (hydrogen bond acceptor), 5 (hydrogen bond donor), 500 Dalton (molecular weight), 5 (H<sub>2</sub>O partition coefficient, logP), and 40–130 (molar refractivity). These parameters support its strong pharmacokinetics and bioavailability. Therefore, this molecule may be used as an anti-inflammatory agent and could be taken by oral route (Lipinski et al. 2001; Yueniwati et al. 2021).

## 6. Clinical studies

Since prehistoric times, the plant-derived medicines have been used in drug and cosmetic industries. As per WHO records, plant-derived medicines are used by millions of people of the developing countries (Al Rashid et al., 2019). Panchavalkal, prepared as per the literature available in Ras shastra, showed significant wound healing effects in 60 patients suffering from Dushta Vrana (infected wound). Dressing of patients was done with Panchavalkal ointment for 21 days and 36.7% wound healing recorded in the treated patients (Kulkarni and Dwivedi, 2019). Three *F. carica* paste packs (300 g/day) improve the colon transit time in 109 subjects of functional constipation when compared with the placebo group ( $P = 0.045$ ). No serious adverse effects were recorded in the patients during the treatment period. The treatment was continued for 56 days (Baek et al., 2016). Consumption of fruits (90 g/day) produces a significant improvement in the irritable bowel syndrome symptoms such as pain frequency, distention, frequency of defecation and hard stool in patients. The treatment is given for 120 days (Pourmasoumi et al., 2019). Melfi cream (*F. carica* aqueous extract of sun-dried fruit and base cream; topical use) significantly increases efficacy in terms of reducing the SCORAD index, pruritus, and intensity scores

when compared to hydrocortisone (1.0%;  $P < 0.05$ ; Abbasi et al., 2017). Aqueous extract of *F. racemosa* stem bark, given two times before each meal, presents significant increase ( $P < 0.05$ ) in insulin levels in the patients of type 2 diabetes (Ahmed et al., 2011). The details of clinical studies of *Ficus* species are mentioned in Table 4.

## 7. Toxicological effects

The large number of people of developing countries (approximately 80%) use medicinal plants regularly, without prescription, for the treatment of various diseases (WHO, 2002). Usage of medicinal plants for longer duration, in customary medicine, may cause low levels of toxicity in the people (Yuet Ping et al., 2013). Many recent studies indicate that the medicinal plants, used in traditional system of medicine, show various adverse effects (Ertekin et al. 2005; Ukwuani et al., 2012). Therefore, traditional medicines are getting substantial support in health debates world-wide (Tilburt and Kaptchuk, 2008). The rats showed negative behavioral changes at 5000, 5500, 5750 and 6000 mg/kg dosages of aqueous extract of *F. carica* leaves. The LD<sub>50</sub> obtained was higher than 6000 mg/kg (Odo et al., 2016). No signs of symptoms of acute toxicity or behavioral changes and mortality were reported within 72 h to 14 days. Ethanol extract of *F. deltoidea* leaves (2000 mg/kg dose) did not affect the body weight of mice (Nugroho et al., 2020). Some symptoms of toxicity recorded were unease, sluggishness, and dizziness three hours after the administration of methanol extract of *F. exasperata* leaves (Shemishere et al., 2020). *F. religiosa* ethanol extract (2000 mg/kg/p.o.) decreased the levels of water intake in Wistar rats when compared to the control (Elavarasi et al., 2018). The results of toxicity studies of Indian *Ficus* species are described in Table 5.

## 8. Conclusions and perspectives

*Ficus* is the largest genus of Moraceae family and found in Neotropical America, Madagascar, Indian Ocean islands, Malaysia, the Arabian Peninsula, India-Asia, New Guinea, Pacific islands, and Australia.



**Table 3** Summary of the pharmacological activities of Indian Ficus species.

Pharmacological activity	Plant species	Used plant parts	Tested extract/ compound	Tested concentration/dose	Tested model/mode of administration	Study outcomes	References	
Analgesic activity	<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Stem bark	Aqueous	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Swiss albino mice/ tail-flick and formalin-induced pain assay/i.p.	Tail-flick model - extract ( $P < 0.001$ ) increased mean tail-flick latency when compared to the control group/formalin-induced pain - extract significantly reduced pain response when compared with control group animals ( $P < 0.001$ )	Rajdev et al. (2018)	
			Methanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Swiss albino mice/ acetic acid-induced writhing/i.p.	Extract prevented acetic acid induced writhing movements significantly in mice ( $P < 0.01$ ) when compared to control	Thakare et al. (2010)	
		Leaves	Methanol	100 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Swiss albino Wistar rats/ acetic acid-induced writhing and hot plate assays/i.p.	Extract showed maximum inhibition to writhing responses (43%) when compared to aspirin (20 mg/kg; $P < 0.05$ )/maximum nociception inhibition of stimulus displayed by extract at 15 min ( $P < 0.05$ ) in hot plate model	Mahajan et al. (2012)	
	<i>F. carica</i>	Fruits	Aqueous (boiled)	2000 mg/kg b.w./i.p.	Wistar male rats/ formalin-induced paw licking/i.p.	Extract showed no significant difference between control and extract treated animals ( $P > 0.05$ )	Mirghazanfari et al. (2019)	
	<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Leaves and roots	Aqueous	100 mg/kg b.w./i.p.	Male ICR mice/acetic acid-induced abdominal writhing, formalin-induced pain, and hot plate assays/i.p.	Extract produced significant antinociceptive effect in tested assays when compared with control ( $P < 0.001$ )	Sulaiman et al. (2008)	
	Aqueous		200 mg/kg b.w./i.p.	Male ICR mice/ acetic acid-induced abdominal writhing (i.p.) / formalin (s.c.)-induced pain and hot plate assays	Extract produced significant antinociceptive effect in acetic acid-induced abdominal writhing ( $P < 0.001$ compared to control)/extract showed significant inhibition in the early phase of the formalin-induced pain assay ( $P < 0.001$ compared to control)/increased latency time significantly in the hot plate assay ( $P < 0.0001$ )	Salihan et al. (2015)		
	<i>F. elastica</i>	Stem bark	Methanol (98%)	10 mg/kg b.w./i.p.	Wistar albino rats/ acetic acid-induced writhing/i.p.	The inhibitory effect of extract on squirming count was significant ( $P < 0.05$ ; compared to control)	Aziba and Sokan (2009)	
	<i>F. exasperata</i>	Leaves	Methanol	250 mg/kg b.w./i.p.	Swiss albino mice/ acetic acid-induced writhing/i.p.	Extract reduced the numbers of writhes (36.87%) when compared with control (69.7%; $P < 0.001$ )	Zubair et al. (2014)	
	<i>F. pumila</i>	Stem and leaves	Methanol	1 g/kg b.w./p.o.	Male ICR mice/acetic acid-induced writhing and formalin-induced paw licking/i.p.	Extract significantly decreased writhing responses in the acetic acid assay ( $P < 0.01$ ) and licking time in the formalin-induced pain ( $P < 0.001$ )	Liao et al. (2012)	
	<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	Leaves	Ethanol	400 mg/kg b.w./i.p.	Male Swiss albino mice/ acetic acid-induced writhing and formalin-induced paw licking/i.p.	Extract displayed significant activity ( $P < 0.01$ ) in acetic-induced writhing/extract showed significant reduction in paw biting and licking response ( $P < 0.01$ )	Ghawate et al. (2012)	
	<i>F. religiosa</i>	Leaves	Methanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/ tail flick latency period/ acetic acid-induced writhing in mice/i.p.	Extract found more effective ( $P < 0.01$ ) in preventing acetic acid induced writhing and in increasing latency period in tail flick method ( $P < 0.01$ )	Gulecha et al. (2011)	
		Leaves and bark	Ethanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Swiss albino mice/ Eddy's hot plate and acetic acid-induced writhing/p.o.	Hot plate - both extracts increased latency time 70.81% (8.54 min) and 70.78% (8.53 min), respectively ( $P < 0.05$ )/ both extracts inhibited the number of writhings induced by acetic acid ( $P < 0.05$ )	Marasini et al. (2020)	
	Anti-inflammatory activity	<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Stem bark	Ethanol	600 mg/kg/day/b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/ carrageenan-induced rat paw edema and cotton pellet granuloma models/i.p.	Extract showed significant inhibition (69.04%; $P < 0.05$ ) after 3 h on carrageenan-induced paw edema/extract displayed significant (39.03%; $P < 0.05$ ) inhibition after 3 h on cotton pellet granuloma model	Patil and Patil (2010)
					200 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Sprague Dawley rats/ carrageenan-induced paw edema/i.p.	Extract (69.86%) showed significant ( $P < 0.0001$ ) inhibition at 3 h on the carrageenan-induced inflammation	Wanjari et al. (2011)
				Methanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 6 h	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema/s.c.	Extract (3.8 ± 0.1 mL) and diclofenac sodium (2.9 ± 0.1 mL) elicited significant inhibition of edema formation at 3 h ( $P < 0.01$ )	Thakare et al. (2010)
			300 mg/kg b.w./i.p. in case of FCA-induced edema arthritis, formalin-induced arthritis while p.o. in case of agar-induced	Swiss albino rats/FCA-induced edema arthritis/s.c./ formalin-induced arthritis/ agar-induced edema/i.p.	FCA-induced edema arthritis - extract exhibited significant inhibition (40.48%) when compared with acetyl salicylic acid (26.98%; $P < 0.05$ ) / formalin-induced paw edema-extract displayed significant inhibition (69.9%) when compared with acetyl salicylic acid (67.72%; $P < 0.05$ )/agar-induced edema-extract exhibited maximum inhibition which was as good as indomethacin ( $P < 0.01$ )	Manocha et al. (2011)		
			Methanol (70%)	60 µg/mL	RAW 246.7 cells/ <i>in vitro</i> induced using LPS (500 ng/mL)	Significant decrease in the amount of uric acid, nitric oxide, lipid peroxidation and xanthine oxidase activity reported in treated cell ( <i>in vitro</i> )	Sabi et al. (2022)	
Leaves			Methanol	200 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/formalin-induced inflammation/ i.p.	Extract showed a significant ( $P < 0.001$ ) decrease in paw volume at 3 h (inhibition 65.21% when compared to 62.31% of diclofenac)	Kothapalli et al. (2014)	
<i>F. benjamina</i>			Leaves	Aqueous	264 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar male albino rats/ carrageenan-induced paw edema/i.p.	Extract showed significant anti-inflammatory (inhibition 39.715%) effects when compared to the negative control (inhibition 70.12%; $P < 0.05$ )	Bunga and Fernandez (2021)
<i>F. carica</i>			Leaves	Ethanol	600 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/ carrageenan-induced paw edema/i.p.	Extract showed (75.90%; $P < 0.05$ ) significant inhibition after 3 h when compared with indomethacin (79.72%)	Patil and Patil (2011)
					Wistar albino rats/carrageenin, serotonin, histamine, dextran-induced rat paw oedema/i.p.	Extract exhibited maximum anti-inflammatory effect (inhibition 33.73%) at the end of 3 h on carrageenin, serotonin, histamine, and dextran-induced rat paw edema when compared to indomethacin ( $P < 0.001$ )	Patil et al. (2013)	
				Extract gel (carbopol 940 base swelling + fig leaves) Methanol (50%)		Rats were topically treated for 3 days	BALB/c rats/croton oil-induced inflammation on the back of rats	The gel displayed significant differences in the treatment group ( $P = 0.688$ negative control; gel $P = 0.470$ )
			Methanol	50 mg/pouch	Male Wistar albino rats/ carrageenan-induced pouches/ i.p.	Wistar albino rats/ formalin-induced rat paw edema/ i.p.	Extract showed significant inhibition (66.43%) after 4 h ( $P < 0.001$ ) of administration	Ali et al. (2009, 2012)
		Branches	Ethyl acetate	-	RAW264.7 cells/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	Male Wistar albino rats/ carrageenan-induced pouches/ i.p.	Extract significantly reduced the formation of TNF $\alpha$ , PGE2, and VEGF, while angiogenesis was significantly suppressed when compared to diclofenac ( $P < 0.001$ )	Eteraf-Oskouei et al. (2015)
		Fruits	Ficucaricenes A-D	0.89 ± 0.05 to 8.49 ± 0.18 µM	RAW264.7 cells/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	RAW264.7 cells/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	Extract suppressed nitric oxide formation in RAW264.7 cells. The level of tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$ was significantly decreased ( $P < 0.01$ )	Park et al. (2013)
<i>F. deltoidea</i>		Leaves	Aqueous	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema, cotton pellet-induced granuloma/i.p.	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema, cotton pellet-induced granuloma/i.p.	Compounds showed significant anti-inflammatory effects (IC <sub>50</sub> 0.89 ± 0.05 to 8.49 ± 0.18 µM)	Liu et al. (2019)
Methanol			-	Wistar albino rats/lipoxygenase inhibitory activity/ hyaluronidase inhibition assay and 12-o-tetradecanoylphorbol 13-acetate (TPA)-induced ear oedema	Wistar albino rats/lipoxygenase inhibitory activity/ hyaluronidase inhibition assay and 12-o-tetradecanoylphorbol 13-acetate (TPA)-induced ear oedema	Extract showed significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) anti-inflammatory activity in all tested assays	Zakaria et al. (2012)	
<i>F. elastica</i>	Root bark	Aqueous	10 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Male Wistar albino rats/ carrageenin-induced paw edema/i.p.	Male Wistar albino rats/ carrageenin-induced paw edema/i.p.	Extract exhibited 10.35 ± 0.04% inhibition in case of lipoxygenase activity/ extract showed 51.0% inhibition in case of hyaluronidase inhibition assay/extract showed strong decrease of oedema (85.46 ± 8%; $P < 0.05$ ) in (TPA)-induced ear oedema	Abdullah et al. (2009); Ashraf et al. (2021)	
	Stem bark	Methanol (98%)	10 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema/i.p.	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema/i.p.	Extract and indomethacin produced potent inhibition (68.92% and 69.26%) to paw edema	Sackeyfo and Lugeleka (1986)	
<i>F. erecta</i>	Leaves	Dichloromethane	1 µg/mL	Raw 264.7 murine macrophage cell lines /LPS-induced <i>in vitro</i> assay	Raw 264.7 murine macrophage cell lines /LPS-induced <i>in vitro</i> assay	Extract significantly inhibited carrageenan induced inflammation when compared with control ( $P < 0.05$ )	Aziba and Sokan (2009)	
<i>F. exasperata</i>	Stem bark	Ethanol (70%)	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Male Wistar rats/carrageenan-induced foot edema/ i.p.	Male Wistar rats/carrageenan-induced foot edema/ i.p.	Extract inhibited the production of pro-inflammatory factors (NO, iNOS, COX-2, and PGE2)	Jung et al. (2018)	
						Extract significantly suppressed carrageenan induced foot edema (68.57 ± 3.342%) when compared to diclofenac (71.56 ± 3.43%) and dexamethasone (74.53 ± 5.21%)	Amponshah et al. (2013)	

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Pharmacological activity	Plant species	Used plant parts	Tested extract/ compound	Tested concentration/dose	Tested model/mode of administration	Study outcomes	References
Antimicrobial activity	<i>F. hitra</i>	Roots	(1 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> )-methoxy-4-(1 <i>propanoyloxy</i> -5-methoxybenzoyloxy)pentan-3-yl formylamine, (6 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>S</i> )-dihydro-8-hydroxy-3-methoxy-2-methoxybenzoic acid, (2 <i>S</i> )-3-(2,3-dihydro-6-hydroxy-2-(1-hydroxy-1-methyl-5-benzofuran-2-yl)methyl propionate, 3-[6-(5- <i>O</i> - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl) benzofuran-2-yl] methyl propionate	–	Marine macrophage RAW 264.7 cells <i>in vitro</i> assay	Isolated compounds (1, IC <sub>50</sub> > 100 $\mu$ M; 2, IC <sub>50</sub> 68.42 $\pm$ 4.96 $\mu$ M; 3, IC <sub>50</sub> 46.32 $\pm$ 3.67 $\mu$ M; 4, IC <sub>50</sub> > 100 $\mu$ M) showed pronounced inhibitory effects on the LPS induced NO production in murine macrophage RAW 264.7 cells when compared to indomethacin (IC <sub>50</sub> 48.3 $\pm$ 2.8 $\mu$ M)	Cheng et al. (2017)
		Twigs and leaves	Frustranins A-D	–	HEK293/NF- $\kappa$ B cells <i>in vitro</i> luciferase assay	Frustranins B exhibited significant inhibitory effects in NF- $\kappa$ B pathway luciferase assay (IC <sub>50</sub> 0.32 $\pm$ 0.11 $\mu$ M) when compared with bortezomib (IC <sub>50</sub> 0.12 $\pm$ 0.01 $\mu$ M)	Jia et al. (2020)
		Fruits	Methanol	200 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Male Wistar albino rats/carrageenan and histamine-induced inflammation (i.p./RAW 264.7 cells) <i>in vitro</i> assay	Extract showed significant activity in a dose dependent manner on carrageenan and histamine-induced inflammation/MTT assay – extract (IC <sub>50</sub> 125 $\mu$ g/ml) and indomethacin on RAW 264.7 (IC <sub>50</sub> 50 $\mu$ g/ml)	Choudhury et al. (2021b)
		Leaves	Ethanol	800 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Female Wistar albino rats/ acetic acid-induced colitis (intra-colonic administration) (disease activity index/colon mucosal damage index were determined	Acetic acid group-mucosal disease index 4.33 $\pm$ 0.51 (control)/sulisalazine score 2.00 $\pm$ 0.63 (extract score 2.50 $\pm$ 0.54 ( $P$ < 0.001) which was significantly less than control/disease activity index - acetic acid group score (5.50 $\pm$ 0.34)/sulisalazine score (1.83 $\pm$ 0.75)/extract score (2.30 $\pm$ 0.54) which was significantly less than control ( $P$ < 0.001)	Gnanaseelan et al. (2015)
		Stem bark	Ethanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Swiss albino mice/xylene-induced ear edema test (i.p.	Extract exhibited significant ( $P$ < 0.05, vs. control) ear weight differences and inhibition of ear edema	Mushir Rahman et al. (2018)
		Aerial roots	Ethanol	100 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.	Extract showed significant inhibition within 90 min when compared with prednisolone (0.05 mg/kg) and indomethacin (0.01 mg/kg) ( $P$ < 0.001)	Anasara and Chaturvedi (2017)
		Leaves	Methanol	200 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan and carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.	Extract (59.49%) and indomethacin (67.72%) inhibited the inflammation significantly in carrageenan-induced paw edema extract (60.12%) and indomethacin (69.64%) inhibited inflammation significantly ( $P$ < 0.001) in histamine-induced paw edema	Howlader et al. (2017)
		Fruits	Methanol	150 mg/kg b.w./p.o. given for 4 h	Male Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.	Extract showed (75.40%) inhibition on carrageenan-induced paw edema when compared with indomethacin (80.80%; $P$ < 0.001)	Sindhu and Arora (2014)
		Fruits	Ethanol	100 $\mu$ g/mL concentration	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan and histamine-induced paw edema (i.p.	Extract showed maximum inhibition (75.11%) on carrageenan induced edema ( $P$ < 0.001) when compared with indomethacin (81.83%) extract exhibited significant inhibition on histamine-induced edema (35.66%, $P$ < 0.05)	Pandey et al. (2019)
		Stems and leaves	Methanol	1.0 g/kg b.w./p.o.	Male Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.	Extract significantly reduced the formation of edema induced by carrageenan, histamine and serotonin when compared with control ( $P$ < 0.05)	Bairagi et al. (2012)
Stem bark	Ethanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.) formalin induced peritonitis (i.p.) cotton pellet induced granuloma (s.c)	Wistar albino rats/carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.) formalin induced peritonitis (i.p.) cotton pellet induced granuloma (s.c)	Liao et al. (2012)		
Antimicrobial activity	<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	Fruits	Aqueous (hot)	0.1 $\mu$ g/mL	Albumin denaturation assay/ inhibition of protein denaturation (%)	Paw volume was significantly reduced ( $P$ < 0.01) in treated animals as compared to control group NO and PGE <sub>2</sub> production was significantly inhibited by the extracts in a dose-dependent manner ( $P$ < 0.05) Extract reduced the swelling significantly in carrageenan-induced model ( $P$ < 0.001) extract also inhibited xylene-induced ear swelling ( $P$ < 0.05) when compared with control Extract showed about equal amount of inhibition as exhibited by indomethacin ( $P$ < 0.01) and $P$ < 0.001) when compared to control Extract ( $P$ < 0.001) produced 61.37% inhibition to carrageenan-induced paw edema when compared with difenolone (62.95%) after 3 h extract decreased formalin-induced peritonitis when compared with difenolone significantly (0.0001) in cotton pellet induced granuloma (0.0001) and difenolone decreased the formation of granuloma ( $P$ < 0.001) Extract showed higher inhibition (0.1 $\mu$ g/ml) than the reference drugs ( $P$ < 0.05)	Chandra and Sakhani (2016)
		Fruits	Ethanol	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Swiss albino mice/ carrageenan-induced rat paw edema (i.p.	Extract showed significant inhibition ( $P$ < 0.001) when compared with the vehicle control (distilled water) and indomethacin (standard) after 3 h	Rahman et al. (2016)
		Leaves	Methanol	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Male albino Wistar rats/ carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.	Extract (37.8%) caused significant inhibition on carrageenan-induced rat paw edema when compared to control ( $P$ < 0.001)	Suneja et al. (2008)
		Fruits	Kaempferol	–	<i>In vitro</i> approach using molecular docking/cyclooxygenase-2 receptor	Kaempferol strongly was tied to TYR338 and SER350 of the receptor	Utami et al. (2020); Biju et al. (2020)
		Fruits	Methanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/ carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.	Extract produced significant reduction on paw edema when compared with difenolone sodium (50 mg/kg; $P$ < 0.05)	Raju and Sreekanth (2011)
		Fruits	Methanol: water (80:20)	60 $\mu$ g concentration/dise	Wistar albino rats/ carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.) <i>M. genitalium</i> and <i>P. aeruginosa</i> /disc diffusion assay	Potent activity displayed against <i>M. genitalium</i> and <i>S. epidermidis</i>	Raja et al. (2021)
		Fruits	Ethanol	50 mg/mL, disc	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. enterica</i> , <i>S. flexneri</i> , <i>S. epidermidis</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>N. meningitidis</i> , <i>M. genitalium</i> and <i>P. aeruginosa</i> /disc diffusion assay	Extract showed strong activity (inhibition zone 14 $\pm$ 1 mm, 13 $\pm$ 1 mm and 12 $\pm$ 1 mm) against <i>S. flexneri</i> , <i>E. coli</i> and <i>S. epidermidis</i>	Saklani and Chandra (2012)
		Roots	(2 <i>Z</i> )-5,7,4'-trihydroxy-3'-[3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-buteno] isolavone 5,7,4'-Trihydroxy-3'-hydroxymethylisolavone, 3'-formyl-5,4'-dihydroxy-7-methoxyisolavone, ficusolavone and alpinumisolavone	1.25 to 20 $\mu$ g/mL 1.30 to 39.93 $\mu$ M concentration	Wistar albino rats/ carrageenan-induced paw edema (i.p.) formalin induced peritonitis (i.p.) cotton pellet induced granuloma (s.c)	Compound exhibited significant antibacterial effects against selected pathogenic bacterial strains (MIC 1.25 to 20 $\mu$ g/mL) Isolated compounds showed strong antibacterial activity against selected pathogenic bacteria (MIC 1.30 to 39.93 $\mu$ M)	Shao et al. (2022)
		Roots	Ethanol	75 mg/mL/dise	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>S. aureus</i> and <i>E. coli</i> (disc diffusion assay)	Extract showed potent antibacterial activity against <i>S. aureus</i> (IZ 30 mm) when compared with gentamicin (IZ 30 mm)	Murri and Kumar (2011)
		Leaves	Ethanol	100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25 mg/mL	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>Lactobacillus</i> species, <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , and <i>C. albicans</i>	Extract showed minimum antimicrobial activity against <i>K. pneumoniae</i> (IZ 23 mm, MIC 6.25 mg/mL)	Samsel et al. (2022)
Fruit latex	Latex	100 $\mu$ L concentration	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. pyogenes</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>P. mirabilis</i> , <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> spp., <i>Shigella</i> spp., <i>C. albicans</i> , <i>C. tropicalis</i> , <i>C. criculi</i> , <i>C. kefyr</i> , <i>C. sojae</i>	<i>Candida</i> species were found more susceptible to latex than selected bacterial pathogens	Faisal (2017)		

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Pharmacological activity	Plant species	Used plant parts	Tested extract/ compound	Tested concentration/dose	Tested model/mode of administration	Study outcomes	References
	<i>F. benjamina</i>	Leaves	Methanol	40 mg/ mL/disc	<i>S. typhimurium</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>S. typhimurium</i> and <i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. typhimurium</i> [3.0 mm] > <i>P. aeruginosa</i> [2.0 mm] > <i>S. typhimurium</i> (TA100) [1.0 mm] = <i>E. coli</i> [2.5 mm]	Bhawana et al. (2018)
			Ethanol (96%)	50 µL/disc	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. aureus</i> and <i>S. pneumoniae</i> /disc diffusion assay	Extract showed varied levels of inhibitory effects against all the test organisms	Truchan et al. (2017)
	<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Leaves	Methanol	50 mg/mL/disc	<i>S. aureus</i> (IMR S-277), <i>B. subtilis</i> (IMR K-1), <i>E. coli</i> (IMR E-940), <i>P. aeruginosa</i> (IMR P-84) and <i>C. albicans</i> (IMR C-44)	Extract showed greater activity to <i>S. aureus</i> (IZ 15.67 ± 0.58 mm; MIC 3.125 mg/mL) than other bacterial strains	Abdsamah et al. (2012)
			Lupeol	150, 220 and 130 µg/mL	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> and <i>S. aureus</i> /MIC determination	Potent activity displayed against <i>E. coli</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> and <i>S. aureus</i> with different concentrations (MIC 150, 220 and 130 µg/mL)	Suryati et al. (2011)
	<i>F. exasperata</i>	Leaves	Ethanol	100 mg/mL/disc	<i>A. flavus</i> , <i>A. niger</i> , <i>B. theobromae</i> , <i>F. oxysporum</i> , <i>F. solani</i> , <i>P. chrysogenum</i> , <i>P. oxalicum</i> , <i>R. stolonifera</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp. and <i>Klebsiella</i> spp.	Extract exerted significant antimicrobial effects against the test organisms	Oyelana et al. (2011)
			Methanol	10 mg/mL/disc	<i>B. brevis</i> , <i>B. cereus</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>E. coli</i> and <i>A. polymorphi</i> /disc diffusion assay	Maximum activity displayed against <i>E. coli</i> (inhibition zone 17.8 mm) when compared with ampicillin (IZ 34.5 mm) while mild activity against other microbes	Ao et al. (2008)
	<i>F. microcarpa</i>	Whole plant	Aqueous	37.5 mg/mL/disc	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> and <i>E. coli</i> /disc diffusion assay/MIC determination	Extract showed moderate inhibitory effect against <i>P. aeruginosa</i> (18 mm) followed by <i>S. aureus</i> and <i>E. coli</i>	Nair and Mahesh (2016)
			Methanol	100 µg/mL/disc	<i>B. cereus</i> , <i>S. enterica</i> , <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. epidermidis</i> and <i>S. pyogenes</i> /disc diffusion assay	Genistein demonstrated potent antibacterial activity against <i>B. cereus</i> (IZ 23 mm) when compared to erythromycin (35 mm)	Chandra and Saklani (2017)
	<i>F. palmata</i>	Leaves	Catechin, genistein, β-sitosterol, stigmasterol	100 µg/mL/disc	<i>E. coli</i> and <i>S. aureus</i> /disc diffusion assay	Extract showed maximum activity against <i>E. coli</i> (IZ 8 mm)	Kumar et al. (2012)
			Ethanol	20 mg/10 mL/disc	<i>A. hydrophila</i> , <i>C. freundii</i> , <i>P. fluorescens</i> , <i>Y. ruckeri</i> /disc diffusion assay	Extract showed maximum activity against <i>Y. ruckeri</i> (IZ 14 mm)	Halyna et al. (2018)
	<i>F. pumila</i>	Fruits	Ethanol	20 µg/disc	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>S. aureus</i> and <i>E. coli</i> /disc diffusion assay	Extract showed maximum activity against <i>S. aureus</i> (IZ 35 mm) when compared to ampicillin (10 µg/disc; IZ 40 mm)	Murti and Kumar (2011)
			Ethanol	100 µL/disc	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , and <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>A. flavus</i> , <i>Rhizopus</i> species and <i>R. solani</i> /disc diffusion assay	Extract showed moderate activity against <i>E. coli</i> (IZ 10 mm), <i>S. aureus</i> (IZ 14 mm) and <i>Rhizopus</i> (6 mm)	Thilagavathi and Kathiravan (2017)
		Leaves	Ethanol	100 µL/well	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>S. aureus</i> and <i>S. mutans</i> /well-diffusion assay	Extract manifested strong zone of inhibition against <i>E. coli</i> (13.1 mm), <i>B. subtilis</i> (10.5 mm), <i>P. aeruginosa</i> (10.4 mm), <i>S. aureus</i> (11.0 mm) and <i>S. mutans</i> (12.4 mm)	Danie Kingsley et al. (2014)
			Fruits	Ethanol	100 µg/mL/disc	<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp., <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp., <i>Klebsiella</i> spp. and <i>E. coli</i> /MIC determination/disc diffusion assay	Extract showed strong antibacterial activity against <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp. and <i>Klebsiella</i> spp. (IZ 26 ± 0.10 and 24 ± 0.13 mm) showed lowest MIC (0.07 mg/mL)
	<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	Roots	Ethanol	75 mg/mL/disc	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. typhi</i> , <i>C. albicans</i> and <i>A. niger</i> /agar well diffusion assay	In well diffusion method- ethyl acetate extract showed significant bactericidal activity against <i>S. aureus</i> (0.98 mg/mL) and fungistatic against <i>A. niger</i> (1.39 mg/mL)	Pingale et al. (2019)
			Leaves	Ethanol	100 µL/disc	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>V. cholera</i> , <i>B. cereus</i> , <i>S. typhi</i> , <i>S. dysenteriae</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> spp., <i>Proteus</i> spp., <i>Alternaria</i> spp., <i>Colletotrichum</i> spp., <i>Curvularia</i> spp. and <i>Fusarium</i> spp./disc diffusion assay	Maximum activity displayed against <i>S. aureus</i> (IZ 18 mm) and <i>Fusarium</i> spp. (IZ 12 mm)
		Leaves	Methanol	200 µg/disc for bacteria and 150 µg/disc for fungal organisms	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>V. cholera</i> , <i>B. cereus</i> , <i>S. typhi</i> , <i>S. dysenteriae</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> spp., <i>Proteus</i> spp., <i>Alternaria</i> spp., <i>Colletotrichum</i> spp., <i>Curvularia</i> spp. and <i>Fusarium</i> spp./disc diffusion assay	Maximum activity displayed against <i>S. aureus</i> (IZ 18 mm) and <i>Fusarium</i> spp. (IZ 12 mm)	Hossain et al. (2014)
			Methanol	200 µg/disc for bacteria and 150 µg/disc for fungal organisms	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>V. cholera</i> , <i>B. cereus</i> , <i>S. typhi</i> , <i>S. dysenteriae</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> spp., <i>Proteus</i> spp., <i>Alternaria</i> spp., <i>Colletotrichum</i> spp., <i>Curvularia</i> spp. and <i>Fusarium</i> spp./disc diffusion assay	Maximum activity displayed against <i>S. aureus</i> (IZ 18 mm) and <i>Fusarium</i> spp. (IZ 12 mm)	Hossain et al. (2014)
Antioxidant activity	<i>F. religiosa</i>	Leaves	Methanol	50 µL/disc	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>B. cereus</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>E. coli</i> and <i>B. subtilis</i> /disc diffusion assays	Disc diffusion assay - extract showed antibacterial effect against <i>S. aureus</i> (IZ 12.1 mm) <i>B. cereus</i> (10.3 mm), <i>B. subtilis</i> (8.14 mm)	Faiyaz et al. (2010)
			Methanol	50 µL/well	<i>E. coli</i> /disc diffusion assay	Methanolic extract showed activity to <i>E. coli</i> (12 mm)	Parasharami et al. (2014)
	<i>F. retusa</i>	Aerial parts	Ethanol	–	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>S. typhi</i> , <i>A. niger</i> and <i>Penicillium notatum</i> /well diffusion method	Methanolic extract exhibited greater activity against <i>E. coli</i> than other tested microbes	Pathania et al. (2021)
			Ethanol	–	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>E. coli</i> and <i>P. mirabilis</i> /disc diffusion assay	Extract showed moderate activity against <i>S. aureus</i> (7.00 ± 0.32 mm), <i>E. coli</i> (7.04 ± 0.32 mm) and <i>P. aeruginosa</i> (7.05 ± 0.32 mm)	Subramani et al. (2014)
	<i>F. sarmentosa</i>	Fruits	Eriodictyol, homoeriodictyol, dihydroquercetin, and luteolin	–	<i>F. graminearum</i> , <i>P. fusarium</i> , <i>C. lunata</i> , <i>S. zeicola</i> , <i>B. cinerea</i> , and <i>R. solani</i> /MIC determination	Luteolin showed the strongest inhibitory activity (IC <sub>50</sub> 56.38 and 81.48 mg/L) against <i>F. graminearum</i> and <i>S. zeicola</i>	Wang et al. (2010)
			Essential oil	0.20–6.25 mg/mL	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>E. faecalis</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> and <i>P. vulgaris</i> /MIC determination	Essential oil showed strong antibacterial activity (IZ 7.89–10.59 mm), MIC (0.20–6.25 mg/mL) and MBC (0.20–12.50 mg/mL) against <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>E. faecalis</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> and <i>P. vulgaris</i>	Tian et al. (2020)
	<i>F. tikoua</i>	Whole plant	Methanol	0.1 mg/mL	DPPH free radical scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 0.042 mg/mL; inhibition – 84.088%	Gaire et al. (2011)
			Ethanol: water (50:50)	50 µL	DPPH radical scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 190.57 ± 4.25 µg/mL	Bertoletti et al. (2020)
	<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Roots	Ethyl acetate fraction	250 µg/mL	DPPH free radical scavenging and FRAP reducing power assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 315.5 ± 7.98 µg/mL/FRAP – 173.5 ± 4.32 µmol Fe <sup>2+</sup> mg dry weight	Etratkhah et al. (2019)
			Fruit	Methanol	–	DPPH radical scavenging, and total reducing power assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 3.18 µg/mL/ total reducing power – 243.89 ± 1.6 µg ascorbic acid equivalents/mg extract
		Leaves	Hydroalcoholic	1,000 µg/mL	DPPH, and ABTS radical scavenging assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 32.3 ± 1.320 µg/mL/ABTS – IC <sub>50</sub> 52 ± 0.722 µg/mL	Bhanwase and Alagawadi (2016)
	<i>F. benjamina</i>	Leaves	Methanol	200 µg/mL	DPPH, iron chelating, and FRAP assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 59.07 µg/mL/ iron chelating – 131.12 µg/mL/g ascorbic acid equivalents/FRAP – 433.32 µg/mL/g ascorbic acid equivalents	Jain et al. (2013)
			Ethanol (75%)	500 µg/mL	DPPH and ABTS radical scavenging and FRAP reducing power assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	Significant activity to DPPH – 65.91 ± 1.73% inhibition/ABTS – 98.96 ± 1.06% inhibition/ FRAP – 27.08 ± 0.34 mg Trolox equivalents/g	Shahinuzzaman et al. (2020)
	<i>F. carica</i>	Fruit	Peel juice	–	DPPH scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – TPC of juices extracts 74.16 mg gallic acid equivalents/g fresh weight	Harzallah et al. (2016)
			Methanol (80%) extract (for ABTS)	21 µL extract (for DPPH) and 10 µL extract (for ABTS)	DPPH and ABTS assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – 418.51 mg Trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity/100 g dry matter/ ABTS – 207.43 mg Trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity/100 g dry matter (significant difference at <i>P</i> < 0.05)	Khadraoui et al. (2019)
	<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Leaves and twigs	1 mL	–	DPPH radical and ABTS scavenging assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – 41.63% inhibition/ABTS – 676.13 equivalent vitamin C mg/100 g fresh weight/ difference <i>P</i> < 0.05	Aljane et al. (2020)
			Aqueous- methanol (80:20)	0.25 mg/mL	DPPH, ABTS and FRAP assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 346.2 µg/mL (leaf extract) with significant difference ( <i>P</i> < 0.05)/ ABTS – IC <sub>50</sub> 288.3 µg/mL (leaf extract) with significant difference ( <i>P</i> < 0.05)/ FRAP – IC <sub>50</sub> 50.8 µg/mL (leaf extract) with significant difference ( <i>P</i> < 0.05)	Farid et al. (2018)
		Leaves	Methanol	250 µg/mL	DPPH radical scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	DPPH – 10.222% scavenging inhibition	Ahmad et al. (2013)
<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Leaves	Methanol	1 mg/mL	DPPH radical scavenging and reducing power assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 288.04 µg/mL/reducing power IC <sub>50</sub> 0.02–0.24 µg/mL/DPPH ( <i>P</i> < 0.001 compared to quercetin – DPPH)/reducing power assay ( <i>P</i> < 0.001 compared to ascorbic acid – reducing power)	Mohd Dom et al. (2020)	
		Methanol	1 mg/mL	DPPH, ABTS, and ferric ion reducing power assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – EC <sub>50</sub> 6.4166 ± 0.3329 mg/mL/ ABTS EC <sub>50</sub> 0.0768 ± 0.0020 mg/mL/ ferric reducing power EC <sub>50</sub> 0.4027 ± 0.0016 mg/mL	Fiahyh et al. (2019)	
<i>F. elastica</i>	Leaves	Ethanol (50%)	2 mg/mL	DPPH, iron chelating, and reducing power assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 20.17 µg/mL ( <i>P</i> < 0.05)/ iron chelating – IC <sub>50</sub> 300 µg/mL ( <i>P</i> < 0.05)/ reducing power OD 1.25 ± 0.047 at 1 mg/mL ( <i>P</i> < 0.05)	Preeti et al. (2015)	
		Methanol	500 µg/mL	DPPH, xanthine oxidase, nitric oxide, and superoxide dismutase assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 75.02 ± 0.02 µg/mL/xanthine oxidase – IC <sub>50</sub> 422.69 ± 10.09 µg/mL/SOD – IC <sub>50</sub> 85.72 ± 1.23 µg/mL	Jung et al. (2018)	
<i>F. erecta</i>	Leaves	Ethyl acetate fraction of Ethanol (70%) extract	500 µg/mL	DPPH radical scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 7.35 ± 0.08 µg/mL, whereas standard ascorbic acid – IC <sub>50</sub> 5.80 ± 0.22 µg/mL	Al Faysal et al. (2018)	
		Petroleum ether	500 µg/mL	DPPH radical scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	DPPH – IC <sub>50</sub> 7.35 ± 0.08 µg/mL, whereas standard ascorbic acid – IC <sub>50</sub> 5.80 ± 0.22 µg/mL	Al Faysal et al. (2018)	

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Pharmacological activity	Plant species	Used plant parts	Tested extract/ compound	Tested concentration/dose	Tested model/mode of administration	Study outcomes	References
Anti-diabetic activity	<i>F. fruticosa</i>	Leaves	Methanol	250 µg/mL	DPPH free radical scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	Extract displayed significant radical scavenging activity (IC <sub>50</sub> 16.66 µg/mL) when compared with ascorbic acid (IC <sub>50</sub> 11.93 µg/mL)	Raks et al. (2019)
	<i>F. hirta</i>	Fruits	Acetone	–	DPPH, FRAP, and ORAC assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	High content of FRAP (321.75 mg dry weight, $P < 0.05$ ) DPPH – 90.54% ( $P < 0.05$ ) ORAC 158.36 ± 0.65 Trolox equivalents/100 g ( $P < 0.05$ )	Hhail et al. (2014)
		Fruits	Ethanol (90%)	0.2 mg/mL (DPPH and other radicals)/reducing power assays (10 mg/mL)	DPPH, FRAP, ABST, hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radicals, chelating and reducing power assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	Extract showed significant antioxidant activity (DPPH-IC <sub>50</sub> – 345.9 ± 2.71 µg/mL; FRAP-IC <sub>50</sub> 327.5 ± 3.71 µg/mL; ABST radicals – EC <sub>50</sub> 325.4 ± 3.15 µg/mL; hydrogen peroxide – EC <sub>50</sub> 486.5 ± 2.96 µg/mL; hydroxyl radical – EC <sub>50</sub> 351.1 ± 3.88 µg/mL; chelating power – EC <sub>50</sub> 380.6 ± 2.25 µg/mL; reducing power assay – 646.6 ± 3.50 µg/mL)	Tamaly et al. (2015)
	<i>F. lyrata</i>	Leaves	Ethyl acetate	–	DPPH, ABTS, and FRAP assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH-IC <sub>50</sub> 2.52 mg/mL; ABTS IC <sub>50</sub> 3.06 mg/mL; extract showed maximum antioxidant potential to reduce ferric ions ( $P < 0.05$ )	Chen et al. (2020)
	<i>F. microcarpa</i>	Leaves	Methanol	–	DPPH radical scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	DPPH-IC <sub>50</sub> – 8.27 µg/mL	El-Sayed/Saleh (2009)
	<i>F. palmata</i>	Stem bark	Ethyl acetate	4.83, 1.62 and 63.2 µg/mL	DPPH, ABTS radical dot + superoxide radicals scavenging assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH-EC <sub>50</sub> 4.83 µg/mL; ABTS radical dot + EC <sub>50</sub> 1.62 µg/mL; superoxide radicals scavenging – EC <sub>50</sub> 63.2 µg/mL	Ali et al. (2008)
		Leaves	Ethyl acetate	500 µg/mL	DPPH radical scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	Extract showed strong DPPH scavenging effects (97.0%) when compared with ascorbic acid (98.1%)	Akousami et al. (2014)
		Fruits	Aqueous	2 mg/mL	DPPH and ABTS radical scavenging assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH radical scavenging 175.08 mg TE/g with maximum potency; ABTS radical scavenging activity was 265 mg TE/g	Towari et al. (2021)
	<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	Stem bark	Methanol	200 µg/mL	DPPH scavenging assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	DPPH scavenging activity - IC <sub>50</sub> 73.46154%	Sultana et al. (2013)
		Leaf gall	Aqueous and methanol	125, 250 and 500 µg/mL	DPPH, NO scavenging, hydroxyl scavenging and FRAP reducing power assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH - inhibition 59% (250 µg/mL aqueous)/NO - IC <sub>50</sub> 172.37 ± 02 µg/mL (methanol)/hydroxyl radical scavenging activity – 42.31% inhibition (125 µg/mL methanol)/FRAP – methanol extract showed maximum reducing ability at 800 µg/mL	Eshwarappa et al. (2015)
		Fruits	Ethanol (90%)	0.2 mg/mL (DPPH and other radicals)/reducing power assays (10 mg/mL)	DPPH, FRAP, ABST, hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radicals, chelating and reducing power assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	Extract showed significant antioxidant activity (DPPH-EC <sub>50</sub> 356.1 ± 5.03 µg/mL; FRAP-EC <sub>50</sub> 260.7 ± 2.55 µg/mL; ABST radicals – EC <sub>50</sub> 262.7 ± 2.68 µg/mL; hydrogen peroxide – EC <sub>50</sub> 402.6 ± 2.47 µg/mL; hydroxyl radical – EC <sub>50</sub> 433.3 ± 4.33 µg/mL; chelating power – EC <sub>50</sub> 172.1 ± 1.28 µg/mL; reducing power assay – 470.7 ± 4.17 µg/mL)	Tamaly et al. (2015)
	<i>F. religiosa</i>	Leaves	Chloroform and aqueous	80 µg/mL	DPPH and ABTS assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH-IC <sub>50</sub> – 4.76 ± 0.15 µg/mL (chloroform)/ABTS – IC <sub>50</sub> – 0.14 ± 0.04 µg/mL (aqueous)	Sharma et al. (2020)
<i>F. semicordata</i>	Fruits	Ethanol (90%)	0.2 mg/mL (DPPH and other radicals)/reducing power assays (10 mg/mL)	DPPH, FRAP, ABST, hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radicals, chelating and reducing power assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	DPPH-EC <sub>50</sub> – 301.0 ± 1.23 µg/mL; FRAP-EC <sub>50</sub> 305.3 ± 3.73 µg/mL; ABST radicals – EC <sub>50</sub> 316.9 ± 3.07 µg/mL; hydrogen peroxide – EC <sub>50</sub> 430.2 ± 4.01 µg/mL; hydroxyl radical – EC <sub>50</sub> 517.2 ± 3.06 µg/mL; chelating power – EC <sub>50</sub> 251.7 ± 2.70 µg/mL; reducing power assay – 579.1 ± 4.39 µg/mL	Tamaly et al. (2015)	
<i>F. auriculata</i> (syn. <i>F. pumifera</i> )	Stem bark	Aqueous	100 µg/mL	$\alpha$ -Amylase inhibitory assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	Extract showed significant inhibition (31.3%)	Towari et al. (2017)	
	Fruits	Methanol	500 µg/mL	$\alpha$ -Amylase and $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory activity/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	Methanol showed maximum $\alpha$ -amylase and $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory activity (IC <sub>50</sub> 155.08 ± 1.75 and 95.63 ± 1.71 µg/mL)	Ahjan and Tripathi (2019a)	
<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Aerial roots	Aqueous	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Female albino Wistar rats (p.o.) streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats; glucose tolerance test	Extract significantly reduced the fasting blood glucose level (43.8%) when compared with control after 6 h ( $P < 0.001$ ) extract showed significant reduction (40.7%) in glucose tolerance test after 3 h ( $P < 0.01$ )	Singh et al. (2009)	
	Leaf	Petroleum ether	200 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Alloxan monohydrate-induced diabetic male Wistar albino rats (i.p./blood glucose test)	Extract reduced the blood glucose level to 337 ± 31.9, 451 ± 43.8 and 310 ± 12.6 mg/dl on 7, 14 and 21 days, respectively ( $P \leq 0.05$ compared to diabetic control)	Sidhu and Sharma (2014)	
	Stem bark	Hexane extract, cyclohexanol and 24-methylcyclohexanol	100 mg/kg b.w./p.o. and 1 mg/kg (for isolated compounds)/given for 25 days	Male Wistar albino rats and male Swiss albino diabetic mice; glucose administered (p.o.) high fat diet-streptozotocin-induced type II diabetic rats/oral glucose tolerance test	Extract reduced the levels of glucose (fast/control values are 100.2 ± 3.2 mg/dl and 124 ± 4.1 mg/dl) at 150 min after glucose administration ( $P < 0.001$ when compared to control) Both compounds showed significant activity in high fat diet-streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats and normalized the deranged blood glucose levels (from 348.4 to 139.6 mg/dl to 139.6 to 139.6 mg/dl) respectively (6.001) treated groups were 48% and 33% when compared with control (71.7%)	Nair et al. (2020)	
	Fruits	Leucosaphoridin derivative	250 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Alloxan monohydrate-induced diabetic Wistar albino rats (i.p./glucose tolerance test)	Extract reduced the levels of blood glucose in treated animals (31.72% when compared with control ( $P < 0.0001$ ))	Geetha and Mathew (1994)	
	Stem bark and leaves	Ethanol	120 mg/kg b.w./p.o./once a daily for 15 days	Alloxan-induced diabetic male Wistar albino rats (i.p./GOD-POD kit method)	Extract showed significant positive change in the blood glucose levels when compared with control ( $P < 0.0001$ )	Sharma et al. (2007)	
	Leaves	Aqueous	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 28 days	Alloxan monohydrate-induced male Wistar albino diabetic rats (i.p.)	Extract showed significant decrease in the blood glucose levels when compared with control ( $P < 0.0001$ )	Chikaradny and Maniyar (2017)	
<i>F. benjamina</i>	Leaves	Ethanol (80%)	30 µL/mL	$\alpha$ -Glucosidase and $\alpha$ -amylase inhibitory assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays	Extract exhibits strong $\alpha$ -glucosidase and $\alpha$ -amylase inhibitory effects (IC <sub>50</sub> 106.5 ± 2.11 in 90 min)	Mumtaz et al. (2018)	
<i>F. coriaria</i>	Leaves	Basic and chloroform fraction of aqueous extract	0.5 mL olive oil per animal i.p.	Streptozotocin-induced diabetic Wistar albino rats (p.o./erythrocyte assays/CAT and MDA assays)	Both fractions tended to normalize the values of fatty acids and plasma vitamin E values ( $P < 0.01$ versus normal rats); diabetic group injected with the basic fraction (1.00 ± 0.19 µg/mg, $P < 0.05$ )	Perez et al. (2003)	
	Leaves	Methanol (70%)	2 mg/mL	$\alpha$ -Amylase inhibitory activity/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	Extract showed significant inhibition (IC <sub>50</sub> 0.896 µg/mL, $P < 0.001$ ) when compared with control	Am et al. (2020)	
	Leaves	Aqueous	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given twice daily for 9 days	Streptozotocin-induced diabetic Wistar albino (male and female) rats (i.p./glucose tolerance test)	Extract showed significant reduction in the blood glucose level when compared to diabetic control ( $P < 0.001$ ) maximum glucose tolerance was reported (106.5 ± 2.11) in 90 min	Roy et al. (2021)	
	Leaves	Ethyl acetate	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 28 days	High fat diet-led streptozotocin-induced type 2 diabetic Wistar rats (i.p./biochemical and immunohistochemical parameters were analyzed)	Extract treatment significantly ( $P < 0.005$ ) reduced the increase of blood glucose levels (129.14 ± 8.23 mg/dl at 120 min)	Irdaryaraj et al. (2017)	
	Leaves	Chloroform	–	Streptozotocin-induced hyperglycaemic and induced cholesterol methods	Plasma glucose levels in treated animals: 38.22 ± 3.63 mM, basal; 33.55 ± 4.12 mM, 60 min ( $P < 0.001$ compared to the basal value); 35.85 ± 3.85 mM, at 24 h ( $P < 0.05$ compared to the 60 min value)	Canal et al. (2000)	
<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Leaves	Vitexin or isovitexin	1 mg/kg b.w./30 min	Sucrose loaded normoglycaemic mice and induced hyperglycaemic mice; $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition assay	Vitexin or isovitexin significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) decreased the levels of postprandial blood glucose increase in hyperglycaemic mice	Choo et al. (2012)	
	Leaves	Vitexin and isovitexin	–	$\alpha$ -Amylase inhibition assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	$\alpha$ -Amylase inhibition – vitexin (IC <sub>50</sub> 0.02 µg/mL)/isovitexin (IC <sub>50</sub> 0.06 µg/mL ( $P < 0.05$ ))	Abu Bakar et al. (2018)	
<i>F. exasperata</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	100 mg/kg/day/ p.o./given for 30 days	Streptozotocin-induced nonobese hyperlipidemic Wistar albino rats (i.p./serum cholesterol, lipoproteins and triglyceride levels were determined)	Extract significantly reduced ( $P < 0.05$ ) blood glucose concentrations/ lipid parameters were significantly improved ( $P < 0.05$ ) towards normal values	Akwolue et al. (2011)	
<i>E. hirta</i>	Leaves	Ethanol (90%)	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 28 days	Streptozotocin-induced male Wistar albino rats (i.p./triglycerides, cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, and LDL-cholesterol were estimated)	Extract significantly reduced the levels of blood glucose (113.23 ± 9.22 mg/dl) on 28th day when compared with diabetic control (278.92 ± 11.90 mg/dl) showed significant reduction ( $P < 0.05$ ) in total cholesterol, LDL, VLDL, triglycerides and significant increase ( $P < 0.05$ ) in HDL level	Mauriya et al. (2012)	

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	<i>F. hispida</i>	Stem bark	Aqueous suspension (water soluble portion of alcoholic extract)	1.25 g/kg b.w./p.o.	Alloxan monohydrate-induced diabetic rats/ i.v.	Extract reduced the levels of fasting blood sugar (14.75% of extract and 25.37% of glibenclamide $P < 0.01$ ) extract displayed significant decrease in the blood glucose levels both in the normal ( $P < 0.01$ ) and diabetic ( $P < 0.001$ ) rats	Ghosh et al. (2004)
	<i>F. lacor</i>	Fruits	Ethanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given daily for 21 days	Streptozotocin-induced diabetic female Wistar albino rats/i.p./ oral glucose tolerance test	Extract reduced the elevated levels of blood glucose when compared to diabetic control group ( $P < 0.001$ )	Mule and Naikwade (2022)
	<i>F. lyrata</i>	Leaves	Ethanol (80%)	400 mg/kg / given for 30 days	Alloxan-induced diabetic Sprague-Dawley rats/i.p./ plasma total cholesterol, triglycerides, and LDL-cholesterol levels estimated	Extract reduced the blood glucose levels significantly (127.7 ± 6.889 mg/dl when compared with gliclazide 110.8 ± 7.240 mg/dl; $P < 0.05$ )/LDL 80.51 ± 8.235 mg/dl/cholesterol 163.0 ± 7.922 mg/dl/ triglycerides 81.80 ± 1.686 mg/dl	El-Kashoury et al. (2013)
	<i>F. microcarpa</i>	Leaves	Ethanol (60%)	200 mg/ kg b.w./ p.o./given for 15 days	Alloxan-induced Wistar albino rats/i.p./ total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, LDL and VLDL levels estimated	Extract showed significant decrease in the levels of blood glucose (101.5 ± 8.58 mg/dl) better than the glibenclamide (5 mg/kg: 101. 26 ± 8.16 mg/dl)	Kumar et al. (2007)
	<i>F. mollis</i>	Leaves	Ethyl acetate	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 30 days	Dexamethasone-induced hyperglycemia and hyperlipidemia Wistar albino rats/ s.c./biochemical parameters studied	Extract significantly ( $P < 0.01$ and $P < 0.05$ ) reduced the level of glucose (123.5 ± 7.5 mg/dl), cholesterol (88 ± 8 mmol/L), LDL (37.5 ± 2.5 mmol/L), triacylglycerides (63.5 ± 2.5 mmol/L), SGOT (305 ± 6.5 IU/L), SGPT (77.5 ± 0.5 IU/L) but, significantly ( $P < 0.01$ and $P < 0.05$ ) increased the level of HDL (22.5 ± 0.5 mmol/L)	Munna and Saleem (2013)
	<i>F. palmata</i>	Fruits	Methanol	500 µg/mL	$\alpha$ -Amylase and $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory assays/ <i>in vitro</i>	Extract showed strong $\alpha$ -amylase and $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory effects (IC <sub>50</sub> 166.91 ± 2.73 and 118.73 ± 0.67 µg/mL) when compared with acarbose (IC <sub>50</sub> 154.87 ± 2.33 and 105.63 ± 1.71 µg/mL)	Anjum and Tripathi (2019b)
	<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	Leaves	Petroleum ether	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given twice a day for 7 days	Streptozotocin- induced diabetic Wistar albino rats/p.o./ high density lipoprotein, total triglycerides, and total cholesterol. GSH, SOD, CAT and MDA levels were estimated	Extract exhibited maximum hypoglycemic effect/reduced glucose concentration (from 290 to 205 mg/dl; $P < 0.001$ ) when compared with control /reduced cholesterol level (157.5 ± 6.45 and 150.33 ± 2.43 mg/dl) extract reduced thiobarbituric acid reactive substances and protein carbonyl levels in liver of diabetic rats	Yadav et al. (2015)
			Ethanol (70%)	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 10 days	Alloxan monohydrate induced male Wistar albino rats/p.o./ levels of serum urea, serum creatinine, serum cholesterol, and serum protein were estimated	Extract significantly reduced the levels of fasting blood glucose (189.83 ± 3.31 mg/dl when compared with control; $P < 0.001$ vs diabetic control)also reduced the levels of biochemical parameters ( $P < 0.001$ )	Sharma et al. (2010)
			Benzene	–	$\alpha$ -Amylase and $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory assay/ <i>in vitro</i>	Benzene extract showed significant inhibition to $\alpha$ -amylase and $\alpha$ -glucosidase activities ( $P < 0.05$ )	Abusufyan et al. (2018)
		Fruits	$\alpha$ -Amyrin acetate	100 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Streptozotocin- induced diabetic Wistar albino rats/ p.o.	Isolated compound reduced the levels of blood glucose (18.4% and 17.0%) at 24 h ( $P < 0.05$ )	Narender et al. (2009)
			Petroleum ether	300 mg/kg b.w./ p.o./ given once a daily for 14 days	Alloxan-induced diabetic male Wistar rats/i.p./ the levels of blood glucose level, serum urea level, serum cholesterol level and serum triglycerides were estimated	Extract reduced the levels of serum glucose significantly ( $P < 0.01$ vs. control)/ levels of the serum urea, serum cholesterol and serum triglyceride were reduced in treated diabetic animals significantly ( $P < 0.01$ vs. control)	Patil et al. (2006)
		Stem bark	Baicalein, kaempferol, naringenin, and quercetin	100 mg/kg b.w./p.o. given once a day for 7 days	Streptozotocin-induced diabetic Wistar albino rats/ p.o./lipid profile parameters and high-density lipoproteins estimated	Baicalein reduced the blood glucose level and restored biochemical parameters significantly ( $P < 0.001$ )	Keshari et al. (2016)
			Methanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Alloxan-induced diabetic Wistar albino rats/i.p.	Extract exhibited significant hypoglycemic effects by reducing the levels of glucose ( $P < 0.001$ )	Rao et al. (2002)
			Ethanol	400 mg/kg/p.o.	High-fat diet and streptozotocin-induced diabetic Wistar albino rats/i.p./glucose tolerance assay	Extract altered the biochemical parameters and significantly improved glucose tolerance and HDL-c levels/extract showed inhibition of PTP-1B (IC <sub>50</sub> 12.1 µg/mL) and DPP-IV (42.5%)	Veerapur et al. (2012)
				400 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Streptozotocin-induced diabetic male Wistar albino rats/i.v./levels of the serum TG, T-C and LDL-C1 were estimated	Extract restored the levels of blood glucose and lipids ( $P < 0.001$ ), also decreased creatinine kinase ( $P < 0.001$ ), lactate dehydrogenase ( $P < 0.001$ ), C-reactive protein ( $P < 0.001$ ), creatinine ( $P < 0.001$ ), blood urea nitrogen ( $P < 0.001$ ), collagen ( $P < 0.05$ ) and albumin ( $P < 0.001$ ) levels/ reduced the level of sodium ( $P < 0.001$ ), creatinine ( $P < 0.001$ ), albumin ( $P < 0.001$ ) and malondialdehyde ( $P < 0.01$ ) in heart and kidney tissue along with enhanced activities of superoxide dismutase ( $P < 0.001$ ) and reduced glutathione ( $P < 0.001$ )	Joshi et al. (2016)
			Ethanol (90%)	400 mg/kg b.w./i.p./given for 1-3 h	Alloxan-induced diabetic Sprague-Dawley rats/i.v./ blood glucose levels measured	Extract significantly lowered the blood sugar levels (28.66 %)/also reduced blood glucose level (45.03%)	Sachan et al. (2009)
		Roots	Ethanol	200 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 11 days	Alloxan-induced male Wistar albino diabetic rats/i. p./ levels of glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides, and high-density lipoprotein were estimated	Extract significantly reduced the levels of glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides, but increased high-density lipoprotein in diabetic rats ( $P < 0.05$ )	Upadhye et al. (2020)
	<i>F. religiosa</i>	Leaves	Ethanol	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o./ given for 9 weeks	High-fat-diet-induced hypercholesterolemic rats/p. o.	Extract exerted significant hypolipidaemic and antioxidant effects ( $P < 0.001$ )	Hamed (2011)
			Aqueous	250 mg/kg b.w./i.p./given once a daily for 21 days	Alloxan-induced diabetic male Wistar albino rats/plasma glucose, total cholesterol, triglyceride, phospholipids, HDL-cholesterol, lipoprotein lipase, HMG CoA reductase activity	Extract showed moderate decrease in the blood glucose, serum cholesterol, triglyceride and increase phospholipids levels ( $P < 0.001$ )	Pochhi and Muddehwar (2017)
		Fruits	Ethanol	250 mg/kg b.w./p.o./ administered once a daily for 30 days	Alloxan-induced male Wistar albino rats/i.p./ biochemical parameters (blood glucose, total cholesterol, and triglyceride) were evaluated	Extract and glibenclamide significantly reduced ( $P < 0.001$ ) the levels of blood sugar and other parameters	Choudhary et al. (2011)
		Stem bark	Aqueous	100 mg/kg b.w./p.o./ given a daily for 3 weeks	Glucose-loaded hyperglycemic and streptozotocin-induced diabetic Wistar albino rats/p.o./ serum insulin, body weight and glycogen estimation assays	Extract reduced the blood glucose levels (26.2%); $P < 0.05$ ) showed significant reduction in the levels of serum triglyceride and total cholesterol ( $P < 0.05$ and $P < 0.01$ )	Pandit et al. (2010)
	<i>F. sarmentosa</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	500 mg/kg/p.o./given a daily for 9 days	Streptozotocin-induced diabetic Wistar albino rats/ i.p./oral glucose tolerance test	Extract significantly reduced the levels of blood glucose (201.8 ± 22.1 mg/ 100 mL) when compared to diabetic control (339.8 ± 1.81 mg/100 mL)/extract showed maximum glucose tolerance (106.5 ± 2.1 mg/100 mL) when compared with normal control (135.7 ± 2.917 mg/100 mL)	Negi et al. (2021)
	<i>F. semicordata</i>	Leaves	Ethanol	50 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given a daily for 21 days	$\alpha$ -Amylase and $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays/ streptozotocin-induced Wistar albino rats/i.p./ <i>in vivo</i> assay/blood glucose levels estimated	Extract showed significant $\alpha$ -amylase (IC <sub>50</sub> 3.352 µg/mL) and $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory effects (IC <sub>50</sub> 3.448 µg/mL) when compared to standard acarbose (IC <sub>50</sub> 3.175 µg/mL)/extract also significantly reduced the levels of blood glucose ( $P < 0.001$ )	Kaur et al. (2017)
	<i>F. tinctoria</i>	Leaves and stem bark	Aqueous- alcohol (50:50%)	250 mg/kg/p.o./ administered a daily for 35 days	Streptozotocin-induced diabetic male Sprague Dawley rats/i.p./ glucose tolerance test	Leaf extract showed significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) decrease in the elevated blood glucose levels at 120 min/similarly stem bark extract significantly ( $P < 0.01$ ) reduced the elevated glucose levels at 120 min	Kumar et al. (2020)

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Anti-arthritis activity	<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Stem bark	Methanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given daily for 21 days	Formalin and CFA-induced arthritis in Wistar albino rats (i.p./formalin/s.c./CFA/AST,ALT and LDH were assayed)	Extract significantly inhibited on 8th day ( $P < 0.05$ ) and the order of edema inhibition was diethylene sodium > extract > dexamethasone > methotrexate reduced the arthritic score significantly on the 10th day ( $P < 0.05$ ) maximum edema inhibition reported on the 21st day (methotrexate > dexamethasone > extract). Diethylene sodium treatment to arthritic rats prevented the increase in serum AST, ALT and LDH levels significantly ( $P < 0.001$ )	Thite et al. (2014)	
		Aerial roots	Methanol-water (50:50)	300 mg/kg/p.o./given for 16 days	CFA and formalin, agar induced-induced arthritis in Swiss albino rats/s.c.	Extract showed maximum inhibition of denaturation (83.80 ± 5.16%) when compared with diethylene sodium (91.45 ± 6.84%, $P < 0.01$ ) Enamel activity compared to diethylene/saline confirms (spread ability, and viscosity) the anti-arthritis activity ( $P < 0.001$ )	Manocha et al. (2011)	
			Enamel	400 µg/mL	Egg albumin denaturation assay/ <i>in vitro</i> assay			Mahavi and Nethaj (2019)
			Enamel	Enamel (ethanol extract - 0.1 g + glycerol + ethanol - 2.0% + ethanol - 0.1 mL)	Drug release analysis/ <i>in vitro</i> assay/ Franz diffusion cell assay			Sonali et al. (2021)
		Leaves	Ethanol (95%)	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 28 days	CFA-induced arthritis Wistar albino rats/ i.p./ hemoglobin content, total WBC, RBC, and erythrocyte sedimentation rate were estimated	CFA-induced arthritis presented significant increase in the WBC count, a decrease in RBC count, and hemoglobin content	Bhardwaj et al. (2016)	
		Leaves	Ethanol (95%)	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given daily for 21 days	CFA-induced arthritis male Wistar albino rats/s.c./ hemoglobin content, total WBC, RBC, and erythrocyte sedimentation rate were estimated	Extract significantly ( $P < 0.01$ ) inhibited the development of swelling/extract showed maximum inhibition (66.88%) of paw edema compared to indomethacin (75.42%)/extract presented significant increase in the WBC count, a decrease in RBC count, and hemoglobin content	Bhardwaj et al. (2010)	
		Leaves	Aqueous	500 µg/mL	Bovine serum denaturation/egg albumin denaturation assays/ <i>in vitro</i> assays		BSA method - denaturation of protein was increased in dose dependent manner (inhibition 76.9% extract and 86.4% diethylene sodium)/egg albumin method - denaturation of protein was increased (inhibition 64.64% extract and 76.16% diethylene sodium; $P < 0.01$ ) significantly	Rajesh et al. (2020)
		Leaves	Ethanol (70%)	500 mg/kg p.o./given for 21 days	Monosodium iodooacetate (MIA)-induced osteoarthritis/i.p.	Extract significantly reduced the total ipsilateral paw edema (inhibition 34.46 ± 11.42%)/extract reduced the maximum arthritic index (67.35%) than dexamethasone (95.91%) and methotrexate (85.71%; $P < 0.001$ ), respectively	South Korean Patent (2018)	
		Leaves	Ethanol (70%)	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 28 days	CFA-induced arthritis Sprague Dawley rats/i.p.		Control indomethacin ( $P < 0.05$ ) Extract significantly reduced the total ipsilateral paw edema (inhibition 34.46 ± 11.42%)/extract reduced the maximum arthritic index (67.35%) than dexamethasone (95.91%) and methotrexate (85.71%; $P < 0.001$ ), respectively	Abotiri et al. (2010)
		Aerial roots	Petroleum ether and ethanol	150 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for given 21 days	CFA-induced arthritis Wistar albino rats/ i.p.		Both extracts showed statistically significant inhibition of arthritic lesions onwards both extracts showed significant increase in body weight ( $P < 0.001$ ) as compared to arthritic control group and increase in liver weight ( $P < 0.001$ ) as compared to liver weight ( $P < 0.001$ ), and increase in spleen weight ( $P < 0.001$ ) in arthritic control	Sridha and Arora (2013)
Anti-stress activity	<i>F. religiosa</i>	Stem bark	Methanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 28 days	CFA-induced arthritis Wistar albino rats/i.p./ serum parameter (glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase, serum glutamate-pyruvate transaminase, urea, and creatinine) were estimated	Extract paw volume significantly (0.99 ± 0.12 mL) on day 28 when compared to Proxicam (0.96 ± 0.32 mL) higher arthritic score (control 3 ± 2 - 1), and the individuals treated with extract have the least arthritic score/ the levels of SGOT (102.8 ± 1.50 U/L), SGPT (42.4 ± 1.24 U/L) were decreased with proxifen and extract (SGOT: 107.5 ± 1.08 U/L, SGPT 43.6 ± 1.23 U/L)	Gang et al. (2018)	
		Leaves	Ethanol	400 mg/kg/p.o./given for 3 weeks	CFA-induced arthritis male Wistar albino rats/ i. d./body weight, arthritic score, paw volume and ankle diameter were estimated	The weight loss was significantly ( $P < 0.001$ ) reduced by extract in adjuvant induced arthritis/extract attenuated mean arthritic severity score significantly ( $P < 0.001$ ) extract significantly ( $P < 0.001$ ) reduced ankle diameter ( $P < 0.001$ )	Rathod et al. (2018)	
		Fruits	Methanol	500 mg/kg/ p.o./given for 21 days	Anoxia stress tolerance test, swimming endurance test/ Wistar albino rats	Anoxia stress tolerance time - extract (51.1 ± 1.14 min) showed antistress activity lesser to that of the standard drug (64.5 ± 2.0 min)/swimming endurance test in mice - extract displayed increase in swimming performance time (402.80 ± 6.14 min) when compared with ( <i>W. vitellina somnifera</i> ) standard (402.80 ± 5.71 min; $P < 0.001$ )	Jahangir et al. (2020)	
		Stem bark	Methanol	238.3 µg/mL concentration	Acetylcholinesterase inhibitory effect against SHSY5Y cell lines/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	Extract showed significant protective effect against milk-induced leucocytosis ( $P < 0.05$ ) compared with control group/extract displayed significant decrease in eosinophil count when ( $P < 0.05$ ) compared to the control group	Vijayesh et al. (2019); Manjgesu Taur et al. (2017)	
		Leaves	Ethyl acetate	50 mg/kg each/p.o.	Milk-induced leucocytosis and Milk-induced eosinophilia/ <i>in vivo</i> / Male Swiss albino mice/s.c.	Extract reduced the trans-epidermal water loss, the sebium production, the desquamation, and facial skin turning to a pale color from acute stress	Dini et al. (2021)	
		Leaf-derived callus	Aqueous	-	Stress-hormone-induced damage in skin	Both extracts did not show any significant cytotoxic effect against P1C, P1M, P2C and P2M	Kumar et al. (2018)	
		Leaves	Methanol and chloroform	100 µg/mL	Lung carcinoma A549 cells/ <i>in vitro</i> cytotoxicity MTT assay	Both compounds displayed significant cytotoxicity against selected cell lines (IC <sub>50</sub> 15 µg/mL and 3 µg/mL)	Wangchenkaiphan et al. (2015)	
		Leaves	3β-Acetoxyurs-12-ene and 3β-hydroxyurs-12-ene Ethanol (70%)	3 and 15 µg/mL concentration	Human lung cancer cell line A549/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Extract induced significant decrease in G0/G1 phases ( $P < 0.05$ ) and accumulation of A549 cells in G2/M phase (IC <sub>50</sub> 3.36 µg/mL cells, IC <sub>50</sub> 3.86 µg/mL cells, $P < 0.05$ )	Jamil and Abdul Ghani (2017)	
		Fruits	Aqueous	50 µg/mL	Human lung adenocarcinoma cell line (A549)/ death assay/ cell cycle phase distribution and cell viability assay	Extract showed significant activity A549 cell line (IC <sub>50</sub> 17.817 µg/mL)	Jain and Jagan (2019)	
		Aerial roots	Ethyl acetate	100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, and 3.125 µg/mL	A549 cell line, MDA-MB-231 cell line, HeLa cell lines/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	MDA-MB-231 cell line (IC <sub>50</sub> 97.8992 µg/mL)/HeLa cell line (IC <sub>50</sub> 49.27276 µg/mL)	Kumaresan et al. (2018)	
Anticancer/antitumor activity	<i>F. auriculata</i> (syn. <i>F. pomifera</i> )	Leaf	Methanol	100 µg/mL concentration	Human cervical cancer cell line/ <i>in vitro</i> mitochondrial reduction assay	Extract showed increased cell toxicity/increase in concentration of extract displayed decrease in the rate of cell proliferation	Ahmaro et al. (2020)	
		Roots	Aqueous	10 mg/mL	Antimitotic activity by mitotic index determination	Extract showed significant mitotic index (22 ± 1.15%) when compared with methotrexate (30 ± 1.35%)	AlGhalib et al. (2021)	
		Leaves	Leaf latex	0.1% concentration	MDA-MB-231 cells/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay/ genotoxicity and cytotoxicity analysis	Lates showed stress and apoptosis after 24 h/latex showed significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) decrease in cell viability when compared to control/treated cells demonstrate a degree of irreversibility morphological changes like nucleus blebbing, shrinkage, between shape	Ergül et al. (2019)	
		Leaves	Methanol and aqueous	1.0 mg/mL concentration	Human breast adenocarcinoma (MDA-MB-231) cells and mouse fibroblast (L929) cells/ <i>in vitro</i> cell viability assay	Extract significantly suppressed MDA-MB-231 cell proliferation ( $P < 0.05$ ) in a dose dependent manner (IC <sub>50</sub> 0.081 mg/mL) aqueous extract displayed the cell viability (IC <sub>50</sub> > 1 mg/mL; $P < 0.05$ ) significantly	Punamasiri et al. (2019)	

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	<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Fruits	Ethanol	1000 µg/mL	Breast cancer (MCF-7) cell lines/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Extract showed significant inhibition (90.5%) at 72 h/also reduced cell viability in time and dose dependent manner	Jasmine et al. (2015)
		Aerial parts	Chloroform and isovitexin	–	PC-3 cell line, LNCaP clone FGC cell, and human dermal fibroblasts/ cell viability/ apoptosis and cell migration and invasion assays	Extract induced cell death ( $P < 0.05$ ) via apoptosis as evidenced by nuclear DNA fragmentation accompanied by an increase in MMP depolarization ( $P < 0.05$ ), activation of caspases 3 and 7 ( $P < 0.05$ ) in both PC3 and LNCaP cell lines/ inhibited both migration and invasion of PC3 cells ( $P < 0.05$ )/isovitexin showed an antiproliferative effect ( $IC_{50} = 43 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) against PC-3 cells	Hanafi et al. (2017)
		Leaves	Aqueous	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o./ given for 10 weeks	Male Sprague-Dawley rats/ <i>in vivo</i> /4-nitroquinoline-1-oxide-induced tongue neoplastic and preneoplastic lesions/p.o./chemo preventive and chemotherapeutic study	Extract significantly decreased the incidence of oral squamous cell carcinoma (100%)extract reduced the expression of the key tumor marker cyclin D1 but, significantly enhanced the expression of the $\beta$ -catenin and e-cadherin antibodies which are associated with enhanced cellular adhesion	Al-koshab et al. (2020)
	<i>F. elastica</i>	Aerial roots	Ethanol (20%)	100 µg/mL concentration	Prostate cancer cell line (DU145)/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay/ Acridine orange and propidium iodode staining assay/ Annexin V-FITC/PI by flow cytometry assay	Extract showed 54.55 ± 0.36% cell viability when compared to vitamin (90.29 ± 0.35%) and curcumin (89.63 ± 0.09%)early-stage apoptotic cells-induced by extract statistically higher than the control, paclitaxel was statistically higher than control ( $P < 0.05$ )	Soib et al. (2019)
			Ethanol	125 µg/mL	Human breast adenocarcinoma (MCF-7) cells/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Extract did not show any anticancer activity against MCF-7 cell	Wei et al. (2011a)
	<i>F. exasperata</i>	Leaves	Methanol	62.5 µg/mL	HeLa cancer cell line/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	Extract showed potent anticancer activity ( $IC_{50}$ 20 µg/mL) when compared with standard drug emetine ( $IC_{50}$ 0.04 µM)	Teinkela et al. (2018)
			Hexane	100 µg/mL concentration	A2780 human ovarian carcinoma cell lines/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Extract showed potent inhibitory effects (97.2%) when compared to control ( $P < 0.05$ )	Bafor et al. (2017)
	<i>F. hirta</i>	Roots and stem barks	Methanol	1200 µg/mL concentration	PC-3 human prostate cancer cell line/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Both extracts significantly reduced the cell viability ( $P < 0.05$ to $P < 0.001$ )/both extracts suppressed the growth of PC-3 cells by modulating the $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ and stimulating apoptosis through Bax/Cytochrome C/Caspase 3-9 signaling pathway	Deeh et al. (2022)
			Ethyl acetate	–	HeLa cells cell viability assay	Extract showed significant decrease in G1 population of cancerous cells ( $P < 0.01$ )	Zeng et al. (2012)
	<i>F. hispida</i>	Fruits	Isowigtheone hydrate, 3'-formyl-5,7-dihydroxy-4'-methoxyisoflavone, 5,7-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-3'-(3-methyl-2-hydroxybuten-3-yl) isoflavone, chlorogenic, and sitosterol 3-O-β-D-glucopyranoside	400 µg/mL concentrations	Human cancer cell lines (HL60, A549, SKBR3, KB, Hela, HT29, and HepG2) and a normal cell (LO2)/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Isowigtheone hydrate, 3'-formyl-5,7-dihydroxy-4'-methoxyisoflavone, 5,7-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-3'-(3-methyl-2-hydroxybuten-3-yl) isoflavone, chlorogenic acid, and sitosterol 3-O-β-D-glucopyranoside showed potent inhibitory activities on EBV-EA induction ( $IC_{50}$ 271 to 340 M ratio 32 pmol <sup>-1</sup> TPA; $P < 0.05$ )	Zhang et al. (2018)
			Ethyl acetate and plectranthoic acid	100 µg/mL concentration	Melanoma (A375) and prostate (DU145, PC3, CWRV1 and NB26) cancer cells/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Ethyl acetate extract showed potent antiproliferative effect against tested cells in dose dependent manner/ plectranthoic acid significantly suppressed the viability of DU145, PC3, CWRV1, NB26 and A375 cells ( $IC_{50}$ 25.4, 32.2, 41, 53.1 to 77 µM; $P < 0.001$ )	Akhtar et al. (2015)
	<i>F. palmata</i>	Stem	Ethanol	100 µg/mL concentration	RAW264.7 cells/ <i>in vitro</i> assay	MTT assay confirmed that there were no significant changes in cell viabilities reported with extract treatments ( $P < 0.05$ )	Khajuria et al. (2018)
	<i>F. pumila</i>	Leaves	Aqueous- alcoholic (50:50%)	–	CEM, Jurkat, HL-60 and PNT2 cell line/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Extract showed strong inhibitory effect against the cells (Jurkat cells, $IC_{50}$ 130.97 µg/mL)extract displayed strong inhibitory activity (HL-60, $IC_{50}$ 56.31 µg/mL)	Larbie et al. (2015)
	<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	Fruits	Chloroform	–	Human hepatocellular carcinoma cell line (HepG-2)/ <i>in vitro</i> apoptosis assay/ DAPI method	Extract showed greater fluorescence glow in ethidium bromide, acridine orange and DAPI when compared to the $IC_{50}$ concentration and control of HepG-2 cells ( $P < 0.05$ )	Sivakumar et al. (2019)
			Ethanol (70%)	80 µg/mL concentration	MCF7 human breast cancer cell line/ <i>in vitro</i> SRB assay	Extract showed significant reduction against cell lines ( $LC_{50}$ , TGI and $GI_{50} \geq 80 \mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Gavhane et al. (2016)
		Leaves	Ethanol	200 µg/mL concentration	Dalton lymphoma ascites cell line/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Extract showed potent cell death (57.37% of cell death; $IC_{50}$ 175 µg/mL)	Khan et al. (2017a)
			Methanol	0.005 – 100 µg/mL	Cancer cell lines (HL-60, HepG2, NCI-H23 and HEK-293 T)/ <i>in vitro</i> MTT assay	Extract showed cytotoxic activity against HL-60 and HepG2 cell lines ( $IC_{50}$ 276.85 and 362.95 µM) but did not show any activity against HEK-293 T and NCI-H23 cell lines	Sukhramani et al. (2013)
		Stem bark	Methanol	100 µg/mL concentration	HEK-293 T, NCI-H23, HepG2 and HL-60/ <i>in vitro</i> XTT assay	Extract displayed significant cytotoxicity against HepG2 and HL-60 ( $IC_{50}$ 321.742 and 287.126 µM) but did not show any activity against HEK-293 T, and NCI-H23 cell lines	Sukhramani and Patel (2013)
			Chloroform	1000 µg/mL concentration	Human breast cancer cell (MDA-MB-231) lines/ <i>in vitro</i> cytotoxicity SRB assay	Extract showed maximum dead cell percentage (25%)extract found mild cytotoxic at 1000 µg/mL ( $CC_{50}$ 4944.772 µg/mL)	Shaikh et al. (2020)
	Hepatoprotective activity	<i>F. auriculata</i> (syn. <i>F. pomifera</i> )	Leaves	Ethanol	100 mg/kg/day/p.o./given for 14 days	Male Wistar albino rats/intrahepatic cholestasis-induced with 17 $\alpha$ -ethinyl estradiol/serum liver function test/ 5'-nucleotidase, total bile acids, total cholesterol and phospholipids were assayed	Extract preserved liver functions, total bile acids, total cholesterol, and phospholipids/suppressed the pro-inflammatory cytokines but, increased hepatic regeneration and antioxidant defense system
Ethanol (70%)			800 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Adult mice/ $CCl_4$ -induced hepatotoxicity/ levels of serum aspartate aminotransferase and alanine aminotransferase were estimated	Extract restored the increased levels of serum aspartate aminotransferase and alanine aminotransferase to the normal levels in treated animals ( $P < 0.01$ )	El-Fishawy et al. (2011)	
	Fruit	Methanol	400 mg/kg b.w./given for 28 days/p.o.	Wistar albino male rats/ $CCl_4$ -induced hepatotoxicity/ SGPT, SGOT, ALP and bilirubin levels estimated	Extract caused significant reduction in SGPT, SGOT, ALP and bilirubin levels/ also showed moderate improvement with mild vacuolization of hepatocytes ( $P < 0.05$ )	Tamta et al. (2021)	
		Stem bark	Methanol	250 mg/kg b.w./p.o./ given a daily for seven days	Wistar albino rats/ $CCl_4$ -induced hepatotoxicity/ SGPT/SGOT, alkaline phosphatase, ALP were estimated	Extract significantly ( $P < 0.001$ ) decreased the levels of enzymes (SGOT, SGPT, ALP and bilirubin total and direct levels)/when compared to silymarin ( $P < 0.05$ )	Baheti and Goyal (2011)
	Fruits		Ethanol	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 7 days	Wistar albino rats/ $CCl_4$ -induced hepatotoxicity	Extract showed strong activity in terms of the restoration of reduced enzyme level as compared to the standard drug silymarin, which also restored the altered level of catalase enzyme ( $P < 0.01$ )	Karmakar et al. (2020)
		Leaves	Ethanol	400 mg/kg/p.o./given for 7 days	Male Wistar albino rats/ $CCl_4$ and ethanol-induced hepatotoxicity/ AST, ALT, total protein, and total albumin were determined	Extract ameliorated the effects of hepatotoxins and significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) reduced the elevated levels of the biochemical marker enzymes in treated animals	Shinde et al. (2012)
	<i>F. benjamina</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	500 mg/ml b.w./p.o./given daily for 7 days	Male Balb/c mice/ethanol-induced hepatotoxicity/p.o./ alanine aminotransferase levels estimated/ distortion of the liver architecture, presence of foci of necrosis and presence of mild to moderate steatosis was also studied	Alanine aminotransferase showed significant hepatic damage to the negative control group (mean = 196.88 U/L) as compared to the positive control group (mean = 42.58 U/L) and the treated group (mean = 52.40 U/L) ( $P < 0.05$ )A mild distortion of liver parenchymal architecture was observed in extract-treated mice while a moderate distortion of liver parenchymal architecture was observed in untreated mice	Pilapil et al. (2017)
			Ethanol	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/ $CCl_4$ -induced hepatotoxicity/i.p./ SGOT, SGPT, and serum alkaline phosphatase were estimated	Extract showed significant decrease in the increased levels of SGPT, SGOT, ALP, TBL and comparable with the standard silymarin hepatoprotective drug/extract restored the altered level of enzymes significantly ( $P < 0.01$ ).	Kanaujia et al. (2011)

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	<i>F. carica</i>	Leaves	Petroleum ether	200 mg/100 g/p.o./given for 10 days	Wistar albino rats with rifampicin-induced hepatic damage; SGOT, SGPT, determined by the Reitman and Frankel method/ bilirubin by the Malloy and Evelyn method	A significant decrease was observed in SGPT, SGOT levels in the animals of treated group a significant decrease in liver weight was also observed ( $P < 0.05$ )	Gond and Khadhadhi (2008)
			Methanol	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Wistar albino rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ serum ASP, ALT, total serum bilirubin, and malondialdehyde equivalent, and an index of lipid peroxidation were estimated	Extract significantly ( $P < 0.001$ ) lowered the serum enzyme levels. ALT, AST, total bilirubin serum enzyme levels in treated animals were like the normal control values/ Malondialdehyde levels in the extract treated animals were significantly lower ( $P < 0.001$ ) than those of toxic control values	Krishna Mohan et al. (2007)
			Ethyl acetate	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 7 days	Male albino mice/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ alanine transaminase, aspartate aminotransferase, alkaline phosphatase and total bilirubin were estimated	Extract showed significant decrease ( $P < 0.05$ ) in the serum ALT, ASP, alkaline phosphatase, and total bilirubin levels almost like those in the silymarin treated animals	Hira et al. (2021)
	<i>F. hirta</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 5 days	C57BL/6 mice and ICR mice/N, N-dimethylformamide induced acute liver injury (i.p./i.v.)/ ALT, AST and LDH and the pathological changes	Extract significantly reduced the elevated levels of ALT, AST and LDH liver injury ( $P < 0.05$ )	Lu et al. (2008)
		Roots	Aqueous	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 5 days	Male ICR mice/oxalosis-induced hepatotoxicity/ serum ALT, AST activity and the activity of CAT in liver homogenate were estimated	The serum transaminase and catalase levels in liver homogenate were reduced significantly ( $P < 0.01$ )	Cui et al. (2007)
	<i>F. hispida</i>	Leaves	Methanol	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given daily for 7 days	Male albino mice/paracetamol-induced hepatotoxicity (p.o.)/ serum levels of transaminase, bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase were estimated	Extract exhibited a significant protective effect by reducing the serum levels of transaminase (SGOT and SGPT), bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase ( $P < 0.01$ )	Mandol et al. (2000)
	<i>F. lacor</i>	Stem bark	Ethanol (90%)	50 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 5 days	Adult albino rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ SGOT, SGPT and total bilirubin were determined	Extract showed significant levels of protection against hepatotoxicity ( $P < 0.05$ ) and reduced the levels of enzyme parameters	Tripathi and Patel (2007)
	<i>F. lyrata</i>	Leaves	Buanoil (95%)	100 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 14 days	Male Wistar albino rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ AST, ALT, ALP, and GGT levels were estimated	Extract significantly decreased the elevated levels of AST, ALT, ALP, GGT, and total protein levels when compared to the CCl <sub>4</sub> group ( $P \leq 0.05$ )	Awad et al. (2019)
	<i>F. microcarpa</i>	Stem bark	Ethyl acetate	200 mg/kg/p.o./given for 21 days	Male Wistar albino rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> and paracetamol-induced hepatotoxicities/ AST, ALT, and ALP levels were estimated	Extract reduced the elevated levels of AST, ALT and ALP enzymes and showed their protective effects in treated animals ( $P < 0.01$ )	Kalakar and Sinhat (2011)
	<i>F. mollis</i>	Leaves	Petroleum ether	250 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 14 days	Wistar albino rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatic damage/ ALT, AST, ALP, bilirubin, and total protein levels were measured	Extract showed significant liver protection against the toxicant as evident by the presence of normal hepatic cords, absence of necrosis and lesser fatty infiltration ( $P < 0.01$ )	Rama Devi et al. (2010)
	<i>F. palmata</i>	Leaves	Ethanol (95%)	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 7 days	Wistar albino rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ ASP, ALT, $\gamma$ -glutamyl transpeptidase, alkaline phosphatase and total bilirubin were estimated	Extract showed a significant ( $P < 0.001$ ) reduction in the levels of AST, ALT, GGT, ALP and bilirubin indicating good protection against liver damage	Alqasoumi et al. (2014)
	<i>F. pumila</i>	Leaves	Aqueous-ethanol (50:50)	100 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 7 days	Sprague-Dawley rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ ALT, ALP, GGT and total bilirubin were estimated	CCl <sub>4</sub> produced a 2-fold increase in the levels of ALT, ALP, GGT and total bilirubin and a 1.5-fold increase in AST and direct bilirubin levels/extract restored these increases to near normal levels ( $P < 0.05$ )	Laribe et al. (2016)
	<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	Stem bark	Methanol	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 7 days	Male Wistar rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ ALT, ASP and alkaline phosphatase activities were determined	Extract attenuated the increase of AST, ALT and ALP activities and showed their protective effect against CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity ( $P < 0.05$ ) extract exhibited reduction of AST, ALT, and ALP activities nearer to the normal levels ( $P < 0.001$ )	Almud and Urooj (2010b)
	<i>F. religiosa</i>	Leaves	Methanol	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given daily for 7 days	Wistar albino rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ serum levels of transaminase, bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase were estimated	Extract showed a significant reversal of the serum enzyme changes towards the normal when compared to control values ( $P < 0.05$ )	Chamabasuvaraj et al. (2008)
			Methanol	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for once daily for 7 days	Male Wistar albino rats/isoniazid and rifampicin-induced hepatotoxicity/i.p./ ALT, AST, total protein, and bilirubin levels were estimated	Extract significantly stopped isoniazid-rifampicin and paracetamol-induced increase in the levels of serum diagnostic liver marker enzymes and TBARS level/total protein and reduced glutathione levels were significantly ( $P < 0.001$ ) increased	Parameswari et al. (2013)
	<i>F. retusa</i>	Leaves	Ethyl acetate	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 7 days	Wistar albino rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ SGOT, SGPT, alkaline phosphatase and total bilirubin were estimated	Extract prevented the paracetamol-induced rise in serum enzymes. The hepatotoxic dose of carbon tetrachloride (1.5 mL/kg; p.o.) also raised the serum AST and ALT levels/ extract also prevented the CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced rise in serum enzyme levels	Selvan and Chourasia (2017)
		Stem bark	Methanol	200 mg/kg/p.o./given for 10 days	Male albino Wistar rats/paracetamol-induced hepatotoxicity/ ALT, ASP, alkaline phosphatase, and total bilirubin were estimated	Extract showed significant hepatoprotective activity by reducing the elevated levels of SGOT, SGPT, ALP, and total bilirubin ( $P < 0.01$ )	Suryawanshi et al. (2011)
		Latex	Methanol	300 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 10 days	Male Wistar albino rat/ispinatin induced liver injury/ ALT, ALP and AST and lipid peroxidation, GSH, and SOD were estimated	Extract normalized the levels of serum ALT, ALP and AST and lipid peroxidation, GSH, SOD in the liver of treated animals ( $P < 0.05$ )	Yadav (2015)
	<i>F. retusa</i>	Leaves	Ethyl acetate	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 7 days	Wistar albino rats/CCl <sub>4</sub> -induced hepatotoxicity/ SGOT, SGPT, alkaline phosphatase and total bilirubin were estimated	Extract showed significant decrease in SGOT, SGPT, SALKP and total bilirubin levels when compared to control ( $P < 0.01$ )	Jaya Raja and Srekanth (2011)
	<i>F. semicordata</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	200 $\mu$ g/mL/ <i>in vitro</i> /	HepG2 cell line/ D-galactosamine induced toxicity	Extract showed significant protection against toxicity as compared to D-galactosamine control ( $P < 0.05$ )	Gupta et al. (2020)
	<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Stem bark	Aqueous	1.0 mg/mL/ media for 24 h	SK-N-SH cell line/ hydrogen peroxide-induced DNA damage/ comet assay	Extract showed a significant reduction in the intensity of DNA damage in terms of comet assay ( $P < 0.05$ )	Ramakrishna et al. (2014)
		Leaves	Methanol	10 $\mu$ L concentration	Acetylcholinesterase inhibition <i>in vitro</i> assay/ 50% enzyme inhibition was determined	Extract was found to be a potent acetylcholinesterase inhibitor (IC <sub>50</sub> = 194.6 $\pm$ 7.961 $\mu$ g/mL) that is close to that of donepezil (IC <sub>50</sub> = 186.1 $\pm$ 7.1 $\mu$ g/mL)	Hassan et al. (2020)
	<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Fruits	Aqueous	1 mg/mL concentration	Human neuroblastoma SH-SY5Y cell lines/ hydrogen peroxide toxicity test (IC <sub>50</sub> concentration) of cells was determined	Extract showed strong neuroprotective effect ( $P < 0.05$ ; 80-160% of cell viability)	Drobnik et al. (2012)
	<i>F. oreata</i>	Leaves and	Aqueous-ethanol	100 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for	Male C57BL6 mice/amyloid- $\beta$ aggregates were	Extract significantly suppressed the inflammatory cytokines such as interleukin 1 $\beta$	Sohn et al. (2021)

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Radioprotective activity	<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> ) <i>F. religiosa</i> <i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> )	branches		20 days	Injected at intracerebroventricular area (passive avoidance task was performed)	and tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$ and expression of ionized calcium-binding adaptor molecule 1, a marker of microglial activation, in brain tissues of AB-injected mice. Extract significantly increased ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) Ach levels in hippocamp of rats (38%)	Almeid et al. (2011)
		Stem bark	Aqueous	500 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 28 days	Male Wistar albino rats/anticholinesterase levels were determined	Extract significantly improved motor and cognitive performance and significantly attenuated oxidative damage ( $P < 0.001$ )	Bhargava et al. (2015)
		Leaves	Petroleum ether	400 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given for 7 days	Male Wistar albino rats/ 3-nitropropionic acid-induced Huntington's disease/i.p.	Extract significantly reduced the radiation effects induced DNA damage ( $P < 0.001$ ) in treated animals	Vinutha et al. (2015)
Wound healing	<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Stem bark	Aqueous	200 mg/kg/day /p.o./given for 10 days	Swiss albino mice/radiation dose rate of 72 Gy/min/ p.o./const assay V79 cells exposed to $\gamma$ -irradiation at a dose of 1.0 Gy/min/ <i>in vitro</i> assay with cytokinesis-block and proliferation index	Extract resulted in a significant ( $P < 0.05$ and $P < 0.001$ ) decrease in the percentage of micronucleated binucleate cells	Veerapur et al. (2009)
		Leaves	Ethanol	200 mg/kg b.w./p.o.	Female Wistar albino rats/excision and incision wound models	Excision wound model - extract showed a significant reduction in the wound area compared with 21 days of control/ incision wound model - a significant increase in the wound-breaking strength recorded ( $P < 0.001$ )	Garg and Palival (2011)
		Roots	Aqueous	Extract ointment 100 mg/g concentration	Wistar albino rats/excision wound model/topically applied dead space wound models/ topically applied	Extract showed significant wound-healing activity by decreasing the period of epithelialization and increasing in the rate of wound contraction ( $P < 0.05$ ) Extract increased wound closure and completed in 12 days (activity 96%; $P < 0.05$ )	Imran et al. (2021) Mishra et al. (2020)
	<i>F. carica</i> <i>F. deltoidea</i>	Leaves	Methanol	Ointment (5% extract)	Wistar albino rats/ excision wound model/topically applied	Incision wounds model - breaking strength was increased significantly (502.30 $\pm$ 2.26%) when compared with control (305.20 $\pm$ 5.15%; $P < 0.05$ )/ extract showed significant wound contraction and achieved 100% with the wound closure time of 14.17 days ( $P < 0.05$ )	Murri et al. (2011)
		Leaves	Aqueous	50 $\mu$ g/ml	Human skin fibroblast (HSF 1184) cell/scratch <i>in vitro</i> assay	Wound contraction was completely faster in treated group (epithelialization period - 14.7 $\pm$ 2.46 days) compared with control (epithelialization period - 24.7 $\pm$ 2.46 days) in the control animals ( $P < 0.001$ ) Extract reduced the wound area significantly (6 h treatment; 5.96%; $P < 0.05$ )	Begum et al. (2013) Mustaffa et al. (2015)
	<i>F. exasperata</i> <i>F. hispida</i>	Whole plant	Aqueous	Ointment (10%; extract)	Male Sprague Dawley rats/ experimentally wounded in the posterior neck area/ topically applied	Extract showed lesser scar width at the wound enclosure and more fibroblast proliferation in the granulation tissue greater than blank placebo-treated wounds ( $P < 0.05$ ) and intrasite gel (positive control)	Akollu et al. (2010)
		Leaves	Aqueous	Ointment (base of the extract)	Adult albino rats/excision wounds model/ topically applied	Significant wound contraction was observed in ointment treated animals (25%; $P < 0.05$ ) /contraction like that of cetrarin powder (standard) on the 11th day	Umeh et al. (2014)
	<i>F. racemosa</i> (syn. <i>F. glomerata</i> ) <i>F. religiosa</i>	Leaves	Methanol	150 mg/kg b.w.	Albino Wistar rats/excision wound model/ topical application	Significant increase in wound healing reported on 20th day successively in treated animals ( $P < 0.05$ )	Singh et al. (2014)
		Roots	Ethanol (95%)	150 mg/kg/b.w./p.o./given for 10 days	Wistar albino rats/excision, incision, and dead space wound models	Extract showed maximum breaking strength compared to control group. The rate of epithelialization in wound contraction in excision model was better as compared to control group ( $P < 0.05$ )	Murri et al. (2011a, b)
		Roots	Aqueous	Extract ointment (10%)/ applied topically	Wistar albino rats/ incision and excision wound models/wound closure, epithelialization time and scar area on complete epithelialization were measured	Incision model - extract increased breaking strength (394.70 $\pm$ 6.61) when compared to povidone iodine (352.00 $\pm$ 2.83; $P < 0.05$ ) extract showed 100% contraction which was almost better than that of the povidone iodine (17 days)	Murri and Kumar (2012)
		Stem bark	Lupulol and $\beta$ -sitosterol	35 $\mu$ M concentration	BHK 21 (ATCC, CCL-10) and MDCK (ATCC, PTA 6502) cell lines/ <i>in vitro</i> scratch wound assay	Both compounds showed significant wound healing by cell migration enhancement activity on BHK 21 and MDCK cell lines (> 80%) in par with the asitocotide (25 $\mu$ M; $P < 0.001$ )	Bopage et al. (2018)
		Leaves	Methanol	Extract ointment (10%)	Wistar albino rats/ excision and incision wound models/ topically applied	Excision model - extract showed significant ( $P < 0.01$ ) increase in wound contraction (5%age)/incision wound model - extract displayed significant ( $P < 0.01$ ) increase in breaking strength	Londhe et al. (2013)
		Stem bark	Ethanol	Topical gel (10%)	<i>In vitro</i> wound healing model/ albino Wistar rats/ excision wound models	Extract increased the RBC membrane stabilization activity in <i>in vivo</i> and <i>in vitro</i> wound healing models ( $P < 0.05$ )	Raisagar et al. (2019)
<i>F. religiosa</i> <i>F. religiosa</i> <i>F. religiosa</i>	Leaves	Ethanol (70%)	Extract ointment	Wistar albino rats/excision and incision wound models	When compared with povidone iodine ointment treated animals ( $P < 0.001$ vs control)/incision model - showed increase in breaking strength (562.2 $\pm$ 6.93 g)	Ray et al. (2009); Verma and Kumar (2021)	
	Aqueous	Ointment (50 mg of simple ointment base)	Male Sprague Dawley rats/ incision wound, excision wound and dead space wound models/ topical application	Incision model - extract showed significant tensile strength (76.31%) when compared with povidone iodine (94.36%; $P < 0.05$ )/rapid wound closure in standard and extract treated groups was observed between 4 and 12 days/maximum percentage inhibition (%) of wet and dry granuloma were reported	Chowdhary et al. (2014)		
	Methanol (70%)	10% emulsifying ointment	Sprague Dawley rats/excision wound, incision wound and burn wound models/ topically applied once a day	Excision wound and the burn wound models-extract showed significant decrease in the period of epithelialization and in wound contraction (50%; $P < 0.001$ )/a significant increase in the breaking strength was observed in the incision wound model ( $P < 0.001$ )	Nayem et al. (2008); Patra et al. (2020)		
<i>F. religiosa</i> <i>F. sarmentosa</i>	Aerial parts	Ethanol	Extract ointment (5%)	Wistar albino rats/ excision wound, and incision wound model/ topically applied	Incision model - extract showed significant decrease in wound area on day 21 (5%) when compared with framcescin (20%; $P < 0.05$ )/incision wound model - increase in tensile strength reveals better wound healing induced by the applied ointment	Ajja and Pareek (2014)	
	Stem bark	Ethanol	200 mg/kg b.w./p.o./given daily for 10 days	Wistar albino rats/ excision and incision wound models/base ointment applied topically	Excision wound model - showed a significant reduction in the wound area ( $P < 0.001$ ) and epithelialization period (17.16 days)/incision wound model - extract showed significant increase in the wound-breaking strength ( $P < 0.001$ )	Dimri et al. (2018)	

**Table 4** Clinical studies of Indian Ficus species.

Study	Age (years)	Treatment	Dose	Recommended time	Useful outcomes	References
<i>F. benghalensis</i>						
Randomized comparative clinical study	60 Patients (males and females) suffering from Dushta Vrana (infected wound)/ 16 to 60 years	Wound cleaning was done with normal saline. In group A, dressing was done with Panchavalkal ointment and in group B with framycetin sulfate, using sterile gauze	Panchavalkal (stem bark of <i>F. Benghalensis</i> , <i>F. glomerata</i> , <i>F. religiosa</i> , <i>F. lacor</i> and <i>T. populnea</i> , tila tail and bees wax) was prepared as per mentioned in Ras shastra	21 days	Group A – 36.7% healed, 26.7 regenerated and 6.7% improved. Group B – 30.0% healed, 43.3% regenerated and 13.3% improved. Panchvalkal ointment was found effective cream in the management of infected wound	<a href="#">Kulkarni and Dwivedi (2019)</a>
<i>F. carica</i>						
A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study	109 subjects (both sexes) with functional constipation/19 to 39 years	Three <i>F. carica</i> paste packs given to subjects with functional constipation/ given three times a daily before meals	Three paste per day (300 g/day)	56 days	Colon transit time was significantly improved in the paste treated group compared with the placebo group ( $P = 0.045$ )/no serious adverse effects were reported during treatment period/ no significant differences in dietary intake (calorie, carbohydrate, protein, fat, and fiber) were observed between the groups during the intervention period	<a href="#">Baek et al. (2016)</a>
A single-blind randomized clinical trial	150 patients with irritable bowel syndrome with predominant constipation/18 to 70 years	45 g fruits before breakfast and lunch were taken with a glass of water every day	90 g/day	120 days	Consumption of fruits caused a significant improvement in irritable bowel syndrome symptoms such as frequency of pain, distention, frequency of defecation and hard stool. The consumption also showed a significant increase in the quality of life, as well as satisfaction with overall bowel habits	<a href="#">Pourmasoumi et al. (2019)</a>
A single center, randomized, double-blind crossover study	10 healthy adults (7 women and 3 men; 7 White/ Caucasian, 1 Hispanic, and 2 Asian) acute postprandial glucose and insulin homeostasis /18 to 45 years	Glucodin™ powder (abscisic acid $\geq 300$ ppm, drug extract ratio of native extract is 50–60:1) and extract-50 $\times$ (abscisic acid $\geq 50$ ppm with drug extract ration of native extract is 7–1:1)	51.4 g Glucodin™ powder (Valeant Pharmaceuticals, Australia) dissolved in 250 mL water/taken daily	120 min	Extract supplementation is a promising nutritional intervention for the management of acute postprandial glucose and insulin homeostasis, and it is a possible adjunctive treatment for glycemic management of chronic metabolic disorders such as prediabetes and type 2 diabetes mellitus	<a href="#">Atkinson et al. (2019)</a>
A double-blind cross-over clinical trial	28 patients with type 2 diabetic mellitus/40 to 60 years	Aqueous decoction once a day	13 g of leaf powder boiled in 500 mL of distilled water (aqueous decoction)	21 days	The postprandial blood sugar was significantly altered after treatment with aqueous decoction {decreased from $230 \pm 64.67$ mg/dL at baseline to $193 \pm 61.70$ mg/dL in the intervention group, while it was $229 \pm 70.13$ mg/dL in the control group ( $P < 0.001$ )}	<a href="#">Mazhin et al. (2016)</a>

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Study	Age (years)	Treatment	Dose	Recommended time	Useful outcomes	References
A double blind randomized clinical trial	40 patients with multiple sclerosis and constipation/ 25 to 50 years	Carica paste three times a day	10 g	90 days	Mean reductions in the frequency of hard stool in intervention group showed no significant difference ( $P = 0.518$ ) with the placebo group. One patient in fig paste group reported nausea after taking the supplement	<a href="#">Sardari et al. (2015)</a>
A double-blinded, randomized, and placebo-controlled trial	45 children with mild to moderate atopic dermatitis /4 months to 14 years	Melfi cream (aqueous extract of sundried fruit and base cream)/ cream applied twice a day for two weeks	30 g for topical use	14 days	The treatment had significantly increased efficacy in terms of reducing the SCORAD index, pruritus, and intensity scores in comparison with hydrocortisone (1.0%; $P < 0.05$ ) and the placebo failed to ameliorate the symptoms	<a href="#">Abbasi et al. (2017)</a>
A randomized controlled parallel group clinical trial	56 patients with rheumatoid arthritis/over 18 years	Herbal supplement (combination of olive oil, olive fruit and <i>F. carica</i> fruit/2:5:1 w/w)/supplement given with meals and were asked not to change the usual dietary intake	15 g (equal to 1 tablespoonful)	10 days	The supplement treatment did not show any adverse effects on the concentration of plasma lipids and fasting blood sugar. No other significant adverse effects contributed to the herbal supplement was seen in the study groups except one case with severe unclassified hiccup in the intervention group that lead to his withdrawal from the study	<a href="#">Bahadori et al. (2016)</a>
A randomized, open, single-blinded, placebo-controlled, observer-blinded study	31 female subjects with facial wrinkle, especially the crow's feet region of eyes/45–65 years	2% Combined fruit extracts ( <i>Punica granatum</i> , <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> , <i>Ficus carica</i> , and <i>Morus alba</i> ) were mixed with a formulation containing water, carbomer, glycerine, disodium EDTA, methyl paraben, triethanolamine, tocopheryl acetate, polysorbate 60, stearyl alcohol, PEG-100 stearate, sorbitan stearate, caprylic/capric triglyceride, dimethicone, mineral oil, propylparaben, butylene glycol, beeswax, and fragrance/ formulated fruit extract topically applied on one side of the face (crow's feet) twice a day	2% topical formulated fruit cream	56 days	Treatment significantly reduced the percentage of wrinkle depth, length, and area by 11.5%, 10.07%, and 29.55%, respectively, when compared to the placebo. The dermatological scores of the treated sides decreased significantly ( $P = 0.05$ ) with 1.5-fold lower than that of the placebo	<a href="#">Ghimeray et al. (2015)</a>

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Study	Age (years)	Treatment	Dose	Recommended time	Useful outcomes	References
Single blinded and comparison study	11 Asian healthy males with skin irritation/ between 20 and 35 years	Cream containing <i>F. carica</i> fruits/ formulation were applied to the cheeks of human volunteers	Cream (4% concentrated extract of fruits)	56 days	Cream reduced the skin melanin, trans-epidermal water loss and skin sebum significantly but enhanced the skin hydration significantly	Khan et al. (2014)
Open right/left comparative trial	25 patients with common warts/5 to 20 years	Patients were asked the self-application of fig tree latex to warts on one side of the body	Latex	180 days	Fig tree latex therapy of warts offers several beneficial effects including short-duration therapy, no reports of any side-effects, ease-of-use, patient compliance, and a low recurrence rate	Bohlooli et al. (2007)
A randomized, placebo-controlled study	10 Patients (6 men and 4 women) with insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus/ 22–38 years	Patients were given a decoction as a non-sweet commercial tea	Aqueous decoction of fig leaves	30 days	Post-prandial glycemia was significantly lowered during treatment ( $156.6 \pm 75.9$ mg/dl versus control $293.7 \pm 45.0$ mg/dl; $P < 0.001$ ). Medium average capillary profiles were also lowered in the treated patients ( $166.7 \pm 23.6$ mg/dl, versus control $245.8 \pm 14.2$ mg/dl; $P < 0.05$ )	Serraclara et al. (1998)
<i>F. fistulosa</i> –	10 healthy volunteers with oily skin/20 to 25 years old	Aqueous extract tested for safety and <i>in-vivo</i> sebum controlled efficacy	Hydrogel containing extract	28 days	After 28 days of application, the sebum levels of volunteers were significantly decreased ( $P < 0.05$ )/ mean percentage of sebum content was also reduced in hydrogel treated patients ( $54.36\% \pm 13.7\%$ ) on day 28	Ditthawutthikul et al. (2021)
<i>F. hispida</i> –	30 Patients of vitiligo/20 to 30 years	Fine powder of the fruits given orally twice a day with equal quantity of jaggery/bark powder was also applied to the lesion of vitiligo in the form of an ointment with <i>Til Tail</i>	24 g/day	42 days	More than 50% of patients attained rapid pigmentation. Lesions of the neck, leg, hand, chest responded rapidly while the lesion of the lips and hips were slow to respond	Morale (2021)
<i>F. lacor</i> –	A male patient having non healing ulcer on right leg medially above the ankle joint, associated pain and foul-smelling discharge from the wound/55 years old	Ointment (malahar) was applied locally for thirty days followed by alternate day for next fifteen days. Supportive treatment of Vitamin B and C along with zinc was also given orally	Aqueous extract of stem bark was used for the preparation of ointment/ ointment prepared as per the formulation described in 'Ras tarangini', an ancient compendium	45 days	After 45 days, the wound was healed with healthy granulation tissue, purulent discharge and foul smell was totally absent. Bark extract rich in caffeic acid, have regulatory mechanism on glucose metabolism in diabetes	Changade et al. (2021)
<i>F. pumila</i> –	3814 Japanese patients with upper borderline high BP and dyslipidaemia/20 to 50 years	Ishimaki tea, prepared from dried stems and leaves, followed by extraction of the major components with water. Patients were asked to	200–300 mL	90	Ishimaki tea significantly reduced mean body mass index/systolic BP/diastolic BP/total cholesterol/low density lipoproteins/ $\gamma$ -glutamyl trans	Suzuki et al. (2021)

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Study	Age (years)	Treatment	Dose	Recommended time	Useful outcomes	References
		drink Ishimaki tea a day			peptidase /uric acid/ triglyceride/ and total glycerides/ high-density lipoprotein cholesterol-C, whereas high-density lipoprotein cholesterol was significantly increased	
–	28 Human T-cell leukemia virus type 1/19 were female (58 to 97 years old) and 9 were male (82 to 94 years old)	Ishimaki tea administered to the patients	2.441 mg/200–300 g leaves/day of rutin and approximately 1.411 mg/200–300 g leaves/day of apigenin	–	Those who were administered extracts had no human T-cell leukemia virus type 1-related symptoms, while those who were not administered extracts had human T-cell leukemia virus type 1-related diseases	Gonda et al. (2021)
<i>F. racemosa</i>						
–	Volunteers were healthy, non-smokers, had not taken any medications, including aspirin	Two concentrations (50 and 100 µg/mL) dissolved in 25 µL phosphate buffered saline to 450 µL aliquots of platelet-rich plasma were given to volunteers	Hot and cold aqueous bark extracts (100 µg/mL)	14 days	Both the extracts induced aggregation of platelets to an extent of 3–51% compared to control. However, the extent of aggregation induced by both extracts were significantly lower ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) than those induced by collagen (2 µg/mL), adenosine diphosphate (10 µM) and epinephrine (10 µM), respectively	Ahmed et al. (2012b)
A double-blinded, randomized, placebo-controlled trial	30 (18 men and 12 women) patients with type 2 diabetes/ 35 to 50 years	Aqueous extract of stem bark given two times before each meal	1.2 g/day (400 mg × 3 hard gelatin capsules)	360 days	A significant increase ( $P < 0.05$ ) in insulin levels was observed in the extract-supplemented group, but no significant ( $P > 0.05$ ) changes were observed in the control group	Ahmed et al. (2011a)
A single/double blinded, randomized placebo-controlled trial	50 Patients with type 2 diabetes/35 to 50 years	Aqueous extract (1 gelatin capsule) of leaves taken thrice a day before each meal	1 capsule (400 mg)	56 days	A significant reduction in fasting and postprandial blood glucose levels were achieved in the patients. Moreover, a significant increase in the serum insulin level was recorded in treated patients. Regenerated pancreatic β-cells resulting in increased synthesis and secretion of insulin into the blood stream	Urooj and Ahmed (2013)
<i>F. religiosa</i>						
A randomized clinical trial	30 Patients with type II diabetes mellitus/30 to 70 years	Aqueous extract of stem bark taken twice a day before meals with water	500 mg	30 days	Extract showed beneficial effects on fasting & post meal blood sugar levels. The drug was well tolerated by all patients throughout the treatment period. There was no evidence of adverse side-effects reported in the patients	Vaishali et al. (2014)

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Study	Age (years)	Treatment	Dose	Recommended time	Useful outcomes	References	
A multicentric double blind homoeopathic pathogenetic trial	24 healthy volunteers (19 males and 5 females)/18 to 50 years/ elicit the pharmacodynamic response	4–6 globules given four times a day, dry on tongue/ two stages of two different potencies viz. 30C and 200C	56 doses		14 days	Heaviness with coryza and pain in throat (2, 30C)/headache with malaise and pain in left hip and left foot (1, 30C)/constipation with headache (1, 200C)/bursting pain in eyeballs, walking (1, 200C)/pain in joints of lower extremities, sensation as if broken down (1, 30C) observed in volunteers	<a href="#">Dey et al. (2008)</a>
	44 patients with diabetes mellitus and erectile dysfunction/21 to 60 years	Ashvattha powder made from its root and stem barks, fruit and tender leaf buds/powder dissolved in 1 glass of milk and taken twice a day (morning – before meal and evening – after dinner)	10 g		45 days	In both the diabetic and the nondiabetic subjects, Ashvattha provided encouraging results on erectile dysfunction as well as on seminal parameters in comparison to the placebo	<a href="#">Virani et al. (2010)</a>
–	18 normal healthy subjects/post prandial glycemic response and glycemic index/24 to 32 years	The food products: dal samose (10% leaf powder) and bati (5% bark powder) were given for two days	The dal samose and bati were supplemented with 5 and 10% powder of leaves and stem bark		2	The dal samose (10% leaves) and Bati (5% bark) were insignificant at $P \leq 0.05$ level which was comparable with standard. Glycemic index and glycemic load values were found to be lowest for 10% leaves incorporated dal samose (35 and 13) when compared to 5% bark incorporated Bati (53 and 20)	<a href="#">Chaturvedi et al. (2014)</a>

**Table 5** Toxicological effects of Indian Ficus species.

Plant species	Plant parts	Extract/compound	Dose	Type of toxicity	Model/symptoms	References
<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Root	Ethanol and aqueous	3000 mg/kg b.w. of each extract	Behavioral, neurological, autonomic profiles and lethality were observed for 28 days during antiarthritic study	Extracts were found safe/no behavioral changes and mortality recorded up to 28 days in male Wistar rats	Bhardwaj et al. (2016)
<i>F. carica</i>	Leaf	Aqueous	Rats fasted for 12 h/first phase animals received 2000, 3000, 4000 and 5000 mg/kg b.w. for 24 h/in second phase animals received 5500, 5750 and 6000 mg/kg b.w. of extract	Hematological and some biochemical parameters	There was no mortality recorded when all the doses of the extract were administered orally to the rats. The rats showed negative behavioral changes at 5000, 5500, 57,250 and 6000 mg/kg dosages. The LD <sub>50</sub> obtained was higher than 6000 mg/kg by implication	Odo et al. (2016)
<i>F. deltoidea</i>	Leaf	Ethanol	2000 mg/kg b.w. given for 14 days in case of acute toxicity while 1000 mg/kg b.w. given for 28 days in case of sub-chronic toxicity	Acute and subchronic toxicities were studied in mice	Acute toxicity - no signs of symptoms of toxicity or behavioral changes and mortality reported within 72 h-14 days. Extract at this dose did not affect the body weight of mice. Sub-chronic toxicity - extract did not produce any symptoms of toxicity, changes in behavior, and mortality in mice	Nugroho et al. (2020)
			2000 mg/kg b.w./p.o./monitored for 14 days in case of acute and 1000 mg/kg/p.o. monitored for 28 days in case of subchronic toxicity	Symptoms of physical and behavioral changes, mortality rate were determined (LD50)	Acute toxicity - Extract did not show any symptoms of toxicity and mortality, LD50 was above 2000 mg/kg b.w. Subchronic toxicity - Extract did not produce any symptoms of toxicity, changes in behavior, and mortality in animals	Nugroho et al. (2020)
	Methanol	5000 mg/kg given for 14 days in case of genotoxicity and acute and subchronic toxicities recorded at 2500 mg/kg dose (monitored for 28 days)	Mortality, clinical signs, body weight changes, hematological and biochemical parameters, gross findings, organ weights, and histological parameters were studied	Acute toxicity - there were no significant changes in behavior, such as apathy, hyperactivity, or morbidity reported in any of the animals. Subchronic toxicity - did not show any mortality, body weight gains, behavioral changes or food and water consumption between the animals of the treated and control group	Farsi et al. (2013)	
<i>F. exasperata</i>	Leaf	Aqueous	2.5, 5, 10 and 20 g/kg administered daily for 14 days	Hematological parameters, body weight and body temperature in mice/ acute toxicity over 24 h and 14-day periods	Extract caused neither mortality nor changes in behavior, body weight and body temperatures. No significant differences in hematological parameters (WBC count, platelet, and hemoglobin estimation) in control or treated animals were recorded. However, the daily dose up to 14 days showed significant increase in body temperature ( $P < 0.05$ ) but, a significant decrease in the red blood cells count, hemoglobin count and hematocrit values ( $P < 0.05$ ) were recorded	Bafor and Igbinuwem (2009)
		Methanol	1500, 3000, and 5000 mg/kg/p.o./ acute toxicity observed for 14 days	Changes in behavior, and body weight parameters were measured	Symptoms of toxicity recorded were as unease, sluggishness, and dizziness three	Shemishere et al. (2020)

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Plant species	Plant parts	Extract/compound	Dose	Type of toxicity	Model/symptoms	References
<i>F. hispida</i>	Leaf	Methanol	4000 mg/kg b.w./p.o./acute toxicity observed for 14 days	Rate of mortality, behavioral pattern changes such as weakness, aggressiveness, food or water refusal, diarrhea, salivation, discharge from eyes and ears, noisy breathing, changes in locomotor activity, convulsion, coma, injury, pain, or any sign of toxicity in each group of animals were recorded	hours after administration of extract in male Wistar rats No mortality and behavioral changes or symptoms of toxicity observed in treated animals during this period of study	Mushiur Rahman et al. (2018)
<i>F. racemosa</i>	Stem bark	Aqueous	2000 mg/kg b.w./p.o./acute toxicity observed for 7 days	Acute toxicity/the observation in tremors, convulsion, salivation, diarrhea, lethargy, or unusual behaviors such as self-mutilation, walking backward, and difference in body weights were studied	No lethal effect or mortality was observed in animals throughout the test period following single oral administration. Animals did not show any tremors, convulsion, salivation, diarrhea, lethargy, or unusual behaviors such as self-mutilation, walking backward, and difference in body weights before and after the study period	Solanki and Bhavsar (2014)
<i>F. religiosa</i>	Stem bark	Ethanol	2000 mg/kg b.w./p.o./acute toxicity monitored for 14 days	Acute toxicity/changes in body weight, food intake, water intake, relative organ weight, hematological parameters and histoarchitecture of vital organs were studied	There were no remarkable alterations in the general behavior, toxicity signs and mortality recorded in rats treated with extracts (p.o.). In extract treated rats, a significant decrease in the levels of water intake recorded when compared to the control	Elavarasi et al. (2018)
		Acetone	2000 mg/kg b.w.	Acute toxicity studied in Wistar albino rats (p.o.)/ animals were observed for general behavioral, neurological, autonomic profiles, any toxicity and mortality during antiulcer study	Extract did not show any mortality, changes related to behavior, autonomic, neurologic, and physical disorder within the first 24 h and during the 14 days follow-up. The plant extracts were found to be safe at the tested dose.	Panchawat and Pradhan (2020)



The leaves, stem, aerial roots, and stem bark of *Ficus* plants have been used in alleviating fever and relieving pain and to treat flu, malaria, acute enteritis, tonsillitis, bronchitis, and rheumatism. *Ficus* plants contain various classes of compounds including monoterpenes, diterpenes, sesquiterpene, triterpenes, alkaloids, and flavonoids. The isolated compounds from Indian *Ficus* species possess antioxidant, antimicrobial, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, radioprotective, neuroprotective, and wound healing properties. The clinical study of *F. carica* capsules reveals its applications in the treatment of constipation. Panchavalkal formulation (ethanol extract of *F. benghalensis*) improves the healing of Dushta Vrana (infected wound) in the patients. Many studies on ethnomedicinal properties, characterization of phytoconstituents, pharmacological activities of 31 *Ficus* species have been conducted but there is still a need to perform further experimental studies on the exploration of chemical characterizations and pharmacological evaluations of 66 Indian *Ficus* species. Very few clinical studies (only 8 *Ficus* species) have been performed on the Indian *Ficus* species whereas no clinical studies have attempted on 23 Indian *Ficus* species. Therefore, intensive research is to be conducted by the researchers on the examination of therapeutic and toxicological effects of Indian *Ficus* species that will help in the development of new pharmaceutical drugs in the future.

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