

**BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS OF *HOLARRHENA ANTIDYSENTERICA*: AN
UPDATED REVIEW**

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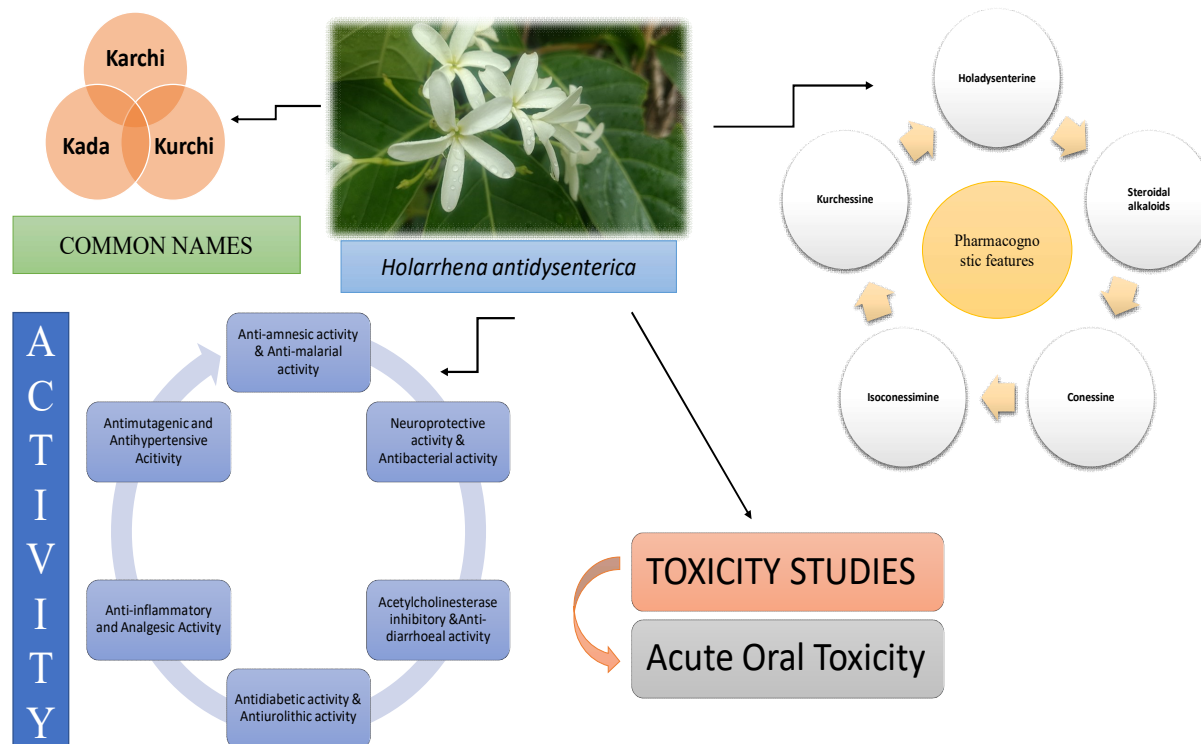
ABSTRACT

Background: Holarrhena antidysenterica is an herbal plant which found to be effective against several diseased conditions like anti-diabetic, anti-diarrhea, analgesic activity, anti-microbial, antihypertensive activity, anti-inflammatory, and anti-malarial, the whole plant of Holarrhena antidysenterica contains medicinal value like seeds, callus, stem, leaf and bark. It originates from the family Apocynaceae. It is used from ancient time and their traditional name was kada, kurchi or kutaj. Objectives: The goal of this study is to precise all pharmacological activities with therapeutic uses. Material and Methods: A bibliographic investigation from recognized scientific databases PubMed, ScienceDirect, Google scholar, etc. Clinical databases were also included in previous research papers from 1980 - 2022. Result: In this review, paper explores the knowledge about novtheel use of Holarrhena antidysenterica which relates to their new pharmacological action and, harmacognostic studies (about stem, bark, leave, flower & root) including their toxicity studies. Conclusion: Holarrhena Antidysenterica is one the important plant for the treatment of various diseases like malaria, constipation, pile, diabetes, dysentery and other disease. This medicinal plant found very effect against worms from ancient time.



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Graphical Abstract



INTRODUCTION

A little evergreen tree having white blooms, *Holarrhena antidysenterica* is indeed a member of the Family Apiaceae and is sometimes referred to as Kurchi in Hindi or Tellicherry bark also in English. This species is widespread throughout the tropical & subtropical zones of the world, and also in India, it is found in forests and at elevations of upwards of 4000 feet. ^[1,2] *H. antidysenterica* seems to be a common treatment for dysentery, diarrhea, and intestinal worms in Indian traditional medicine. ^[1] The bark is a plant component that is used to cure analgesics, anti-inflammatory, and antibacterial conditions. Amoebiasis, chronic bronchitis, boils locally, and ulcers ^[5] A bark infusion is applied on piles & bleeding heavily. ^[6] Cases involving profuse bleeding accompanying mucus and abdominal discomfort with feces, roots, and bark have been shown to be an exemplary performance for chronic and acute diarrhea. ^[7] Ayurveda utilizes seeds extensively to cure parasites, piles, hepatitis, & flatulence. ^[5] Hydro-alcoholic seed extracts have been shown to exhibit anti-urolithic activity in both in-vitro as well as in approaches, and they also stop the formation of calcium oxalate crystals. ^[8] The natives of Andhra Pradesh used stem bark to treat skin conditions. ^[9] It was discovered that a methanolic preparation of stem bark was useful in treating inflammatory bowel illness. ^[6] This plant's leaves were believed to treat scabies. ^[10] The plant also often reportedly has anti-diarrheal, anti-helminthic, appetizing, bronchitis, astringent, eczema, seizure disorders, pyrexia, jaundice, leprosy, piles, and steatorrhea properties. ^[11, 12] It has an immune-modulating agent, larval growth inhibitor property, & acts against malaria and vaginitis. ^[7] It includes gut-stimulating & inhibiting constituents. ^[9]

Taxonomical Classification of *Holarrhena Antidysenterica* ^[13]

| | |
|------------|------------------------|
| Kingdom | Plantae |
| Subkingdom | Tracheobionta |
| Division | Magnoliophyta |
| Class | Magnoliopsida |
| Subclass | Asteridae |
| Order | Gentianales |
| Family | Apocynaceae |
| Subfamily | Apocynoideae |
| Genus | <i>Holarrhena</i> |
| Species | <i>Antidysenterica</i> |

Botanical name and Varieties ^[13]

| S. No. | Varieties |
|--------|---|
| 1 | <i>Holarrhena antidysenterica</i> (Linn.) Wall.exA.DC. |
| 2 | <i>Wrightia antidysenterica</i> (Linn.) R.Br., |
| 3 | <i>H. pubescens</i> (Buch.-Ham.) Wall.ex DC <i>Wrightia tinctoria</i> R.Br. |
| 4 | <i>Wrightia tomentosa</i> Roem. & Scult. |

Regional names ^[14]

| Languages | Names |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Hindi | Kuraiya, Kadau |
| Marathi | Kuda, Kudaiyya |
| Guajarati | Kudo |
| Punjabi | Kewar, Kura |
| Tamil | Veppalei |
| Telugu | Kodaga |
| Kannad | Korchi |
| Malayalam | Kodagapal |
| English | Conessi, Kurchi |
| Bengali | Kurchi |
| Oriya | Kueri, Keruan |
| Urdu | Kherva |
| Sanskrit | Kalinga, Indravriksha |



Figure 1: Traditional use of *Holarrhena Antidysenterica*

PHARMACOGNOSTIC STUDIES

HA is classified as being evergreen, multi-branched shrub or small tree which can grow up to 13 meters tall, 1.1 meters in diameter, and a transparent bole from 3 - 7 meters. Their leaflets were rectangular, membranous, robust, and arching; they measure 15–30 cm long by 4–12 cm wide; their bases are frequently rounded or acute; their nerves are all in 10–14 pairs; opposed, septate, elliptical, or oval; and their cotyledons can reach 1.5 cm in length. Corymbose is terminals and septate, with tiny, ciliate sepals and thin pedicels. Flowers are in an end corymbose cyme and are odorless and white in color The 2.5–3 mm long, oblong-lanceolate, acute, and bracts calyx lobe. Floral lobes are approximately equivalent to the tube length, rectangular, curved at the apex, and mostly pubescent. Tube 8-13 mm long, somewhat swollen located at the base above the pollen, mouth not sealed with a circle of hairs; throat hair within. Follicle divaricated, cylindrical, parallel, terete, rapacious, and obscurely lone lose, typically with dotted white patches, measuring 15–45 cm long & 5–10 mm in diameter. 900–1000 seeds weigh one ounce (Oz), are linear-oblong, at least 8 mm long, spreading terminal coma of brown hair, 2-2.5 cm long, and have 25–30 seeds per follicle. The coma is brownish and spans 2.5–10 cm. Bark from the *Wrightia tinctorial* plant is added to HA adulterants. This herbal medicine can be recognized using the pharmacognostic properties of both. ^[14] Both have different physical and chemical qualities in addition to having different therapeutic benefits. HA seeds have a bitterness value of 11,000 [Figure 1]. ^[15-17]

Leaf microscopy

Fresh leaf transverse sections through the midrib and lamina were placed in glycerin and examined with a compound microscope. Epithelial cells, stomata (type and dispersion), and epidermis hairs (type of rhizomes and distribution) were all observed to be present or absent (Anonymous 1986).^[18] May saw the local collection of fresh plant material at Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka (Southern India), including stem bark, leaves, and inflorescence. The sample was collected, dried in the shade, placed in a bag, and kept at room temperature until needed.^[20,21,22] Petroleum ether, chloroform, and ethanol extracts underwent preliminary phytochemical examination using the techniques detailed in Harborne (1984)^[23], Trease and Evans (1989)^[24], Kokate et al. (1998)^[25], and Khandelwal (1988) (2005).^[26]

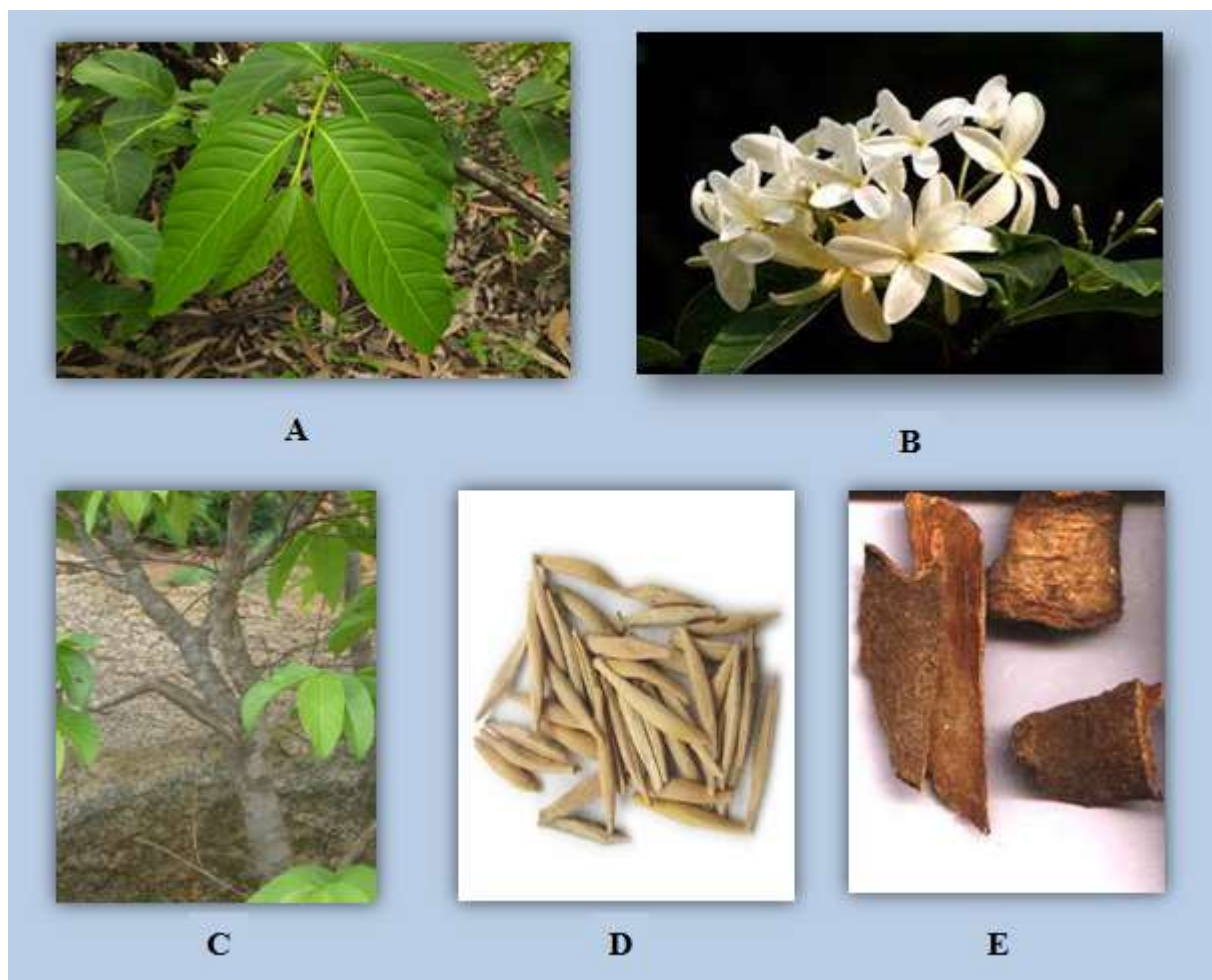


Figure 2: Plant part of *Holarrhena Antidysenterica* A) Leaves, B) Flower, C) Stem, D) Seeds, E) Bark Morphology^[14]- Trees have yearly leaves and are 9 to 12 meters tall. The base of the bark is dry, smoky, and yellowish. Leaf: 4 to 8 cm by 9 to 18 cm. White flower with a strong scent that develops as an inflorescence. Fruit: 20 to 40 x 0.5 to 1 cm, white-spotted pods. Seed: Indrayava, named because it resembles lava, is a smoky, grain-like seed that is 1

cm long and contains 20 to 30 seeds in a cotton-covered pod. blooming from May to June, and bearing fruit in the winter.

Macroscopic Description ^[27]

The inner surface of the dried stem bark is brownish, rough, and scaly, with a short, granular fracture. The outer surface is beige to brownish horizontally wrinkled & bearing horizontal lenticels. Acrid and bitter to the palate.

Microscopic Description ^[27]

A transverse section of dried stem bark reveals that the cork is made up of 4–12 rows of tangentially elongated cells, while the cork cambium is made up of a row of thin-walled tangentially elongated cells. The secondary cortex is typically wide, parenchymatous, and interspersed with strands of stone cells. The stone cells are rectangular to oval and have numerous pits that are frequently filled with prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate, non-lignified pericyclic fibers up to 52 mm thick, present in bark, secondary phloem wide consisting of sieve-tubes, companion cells, phloem parenchyma, and stone cells. Stone cells are arranged in tangential rows in a concentric manner and are connected to a crystal sheath that contains calcium oxalate prisms. Medullary rays are typically bi- or triseriate but a few are uniseriate and become wider toward the outer part. These ray cells are made up of thin-walled, radially elongated parenchymatous cells, and they become sclerosed when they are close to the stone.

Chemical constituents

The stem, bark, leaves, and a few of the seeds of *H. antidysenterica* have been determined to contain the majority of the plant's chemical components. Steroid alkaloids, flavonoids, triterpenoids, phenolic acids, tannins, resin, coumarins, saponins, and ergosterol are the main components. ^[17,28,29]

68 alkaloids present in various parts of *H. antidysenterica* are listed below:

| S. No. | Part of plant | |
|--------|---------------|---|
| 1 | stem bark | Holarrifine (C ₂₄ H ₃₈ N ₂ O ₂), Kurchamide, Kurcholessine, 7 Trimethylconkurchine (C ₂₄ H ₃₈ N ₂), (3),-N-Methylholarrhimine (C ₂₂ H ₃₈ N ₂ O), (20),-N-Methylholarrhimine (C ₂₂ H ₃₈ N ₂ O), NNN'N0-Tetramethylholarrhimine (C ₂₅ H ₄₄ N ₂ O), Conessidine (C ₂₁ H ₃₂ N ₂), Holarrhidine (C ₂₁ H ₃₆ N ₂ O), Kurchenine (C ₂₁ H ₃₂ N ₂ O ₂), Holarrhessimine (C ₂₂ H ₃₆ N ₂ O), Holarrhine (C ₂₀ H ₃₈ N ₂ O ₃), Conkurchi nine (C ₂₅ H ₃₆ N ₂), Kurchamine (C ₂₂ H ₃₆ N ₂), 7a-Hydroxyconessine (C ₂₄ H ₄₀ N ₂ O), Kurchilidine (C ₂₂ H ₃₁ NO), Neoconessine (isomer of conessine) (C ₂₄ H ₄₀ N ₂), Holadysenterine (C ₂₃ H ₃₈ N ₂ O ₃), Kurchessine (C ₂₅ H ₄₄ N ₂), ^[30] Lettocine (C ₁₇ H ₂₅ NO ₂), Kurchimine (C ₂₂ H ₃₆ N ₂), Holarrhenine |

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| | | (C ₂₄ H ₄₀ N ₂ O), Holarrhimine/Kurchicine (C ₂₁ H ₃₆ N ₂ O), Holacine (C ₂₆ H ₄₄ N ₂ O ₂), Holafrine (C ₂₉ H ₄₆ N ₂ O ₂), Holadysone (C ₂₁ H ₂₈ O ₄), Holacetine (C ₂₁ H ₃₂ N ₂ O ₃), 3a-Aminoconan-5-ene (C ₂₂ H ₃₆ N ₂), Dihydroisoconessimine (C ₂₃ H ₄₀ N ₂), Conamine (C ₂₂ H ₃₆ N ₂), Konkurchine (C ₂₀ H ₃₂ N ₂), ^[31] Pubadysone (C ₂₁ H ₂₆ O ₃), Puboestrene (C ₂₀ H ₂₄ O ₃), Pubamide (C ₂₁ H ₂₇ N ₂ O ₃), ^[32] Holadiene (C ₂₂ H ₃₁ NO), Kurchinidine (C ₂₁ H ₂₉ NO ₂), Kurchinine (C ₁₉ H ₂₄ O ₃), ^[32] Pubescine (C ₂₂ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₄), Norholadiene (C ₂₁ H ₂₉ NO), Pubescimine (C ₂₄ H ₄₀ N ₂ O), ^[32] Holonamine, Regholarrhenine A (C ₂₂ H ₃₁ NO ₂), Regholarrhenine B (C ₂₁ H ₂₉ NO ₂), Regholarrhenine C (C ₂₂ H ₃₄ N ₂), ⁴ Regholarrhenine D (C ₂₃ H ₃₈ N ₂ O), Regholarrhenine E, Regholarrhenine F . ^[31,33] |
| 2 | Leaves | Holantosine-A (C ₂₈ H ₄₇ NO ₆), Holantosine-B (C ₂₈ H ₄₅ NO ₅), Holantosine-C (C ₂₈ H ₄₇ NO ₆), Holantosine-D (C ₂₈ H ₄₅ NO ₅), Holantosine-E (C ₂₈ H ₄₇ NO ₆), Holantosine-F (C ₂₈ H ₄₅ NO ₅), Holarosine A (C ₃₀ H ₄₇ NO ₆), Holarosine B (C ₃₀ H ₄₇ NO ₆), Holarricine (C ₂₁ H ₃₂ N ₂ O ₃), ³ Kurchiphyllamine, Kurchaline, ¹¹ Kurchiphylline (C ₂₃ H ₄₇ NO ₂). ^[34] |
| 3 | Seeds | Conimine (C ₂₂ H ₃₆ N ₂), ^[31] Antidysentericine (C ₂₃ H ₃₆ N ₂ O). |
| 4 | From both stem bark and seeds | 20-Aminoconanines, 3-Aminoconanines, 3,20-Diaminopregnanes, 3-Aminopregnans, Conanines, Conarrhimine [C ₂₁ H ₃₄ N ₂], Conessimine/Isoconessimine [C ₂₃ H ₃₈ N ₂], Conessine [C ₂₄ H ₄₀ N ₂], Isoconessine [C ₂₄ H ₄₀ N ₂] and their derivatives. A new steroidal alkaloid was also extracted, characterized and named as holadysenterine corresponded to the molecular formula [C ₂₃ H ₃₈ N ₂ O ₃]. ^[34,35] |

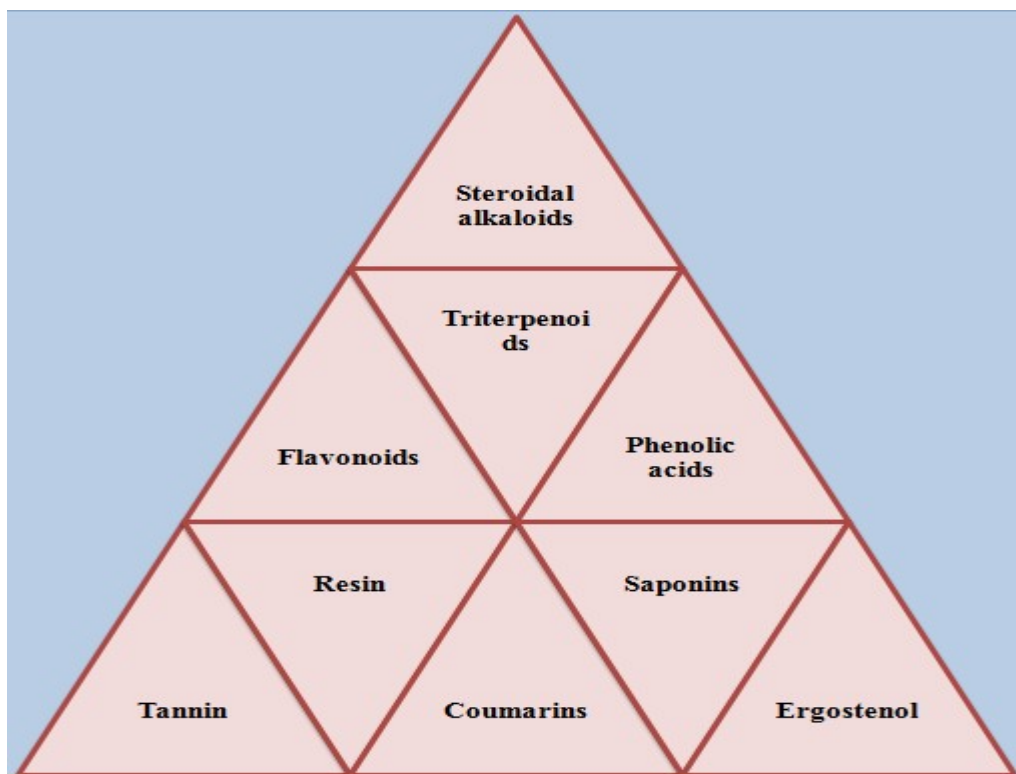


Figure 3: Major phytochemical present in *Holarrhena Antidysenterica*

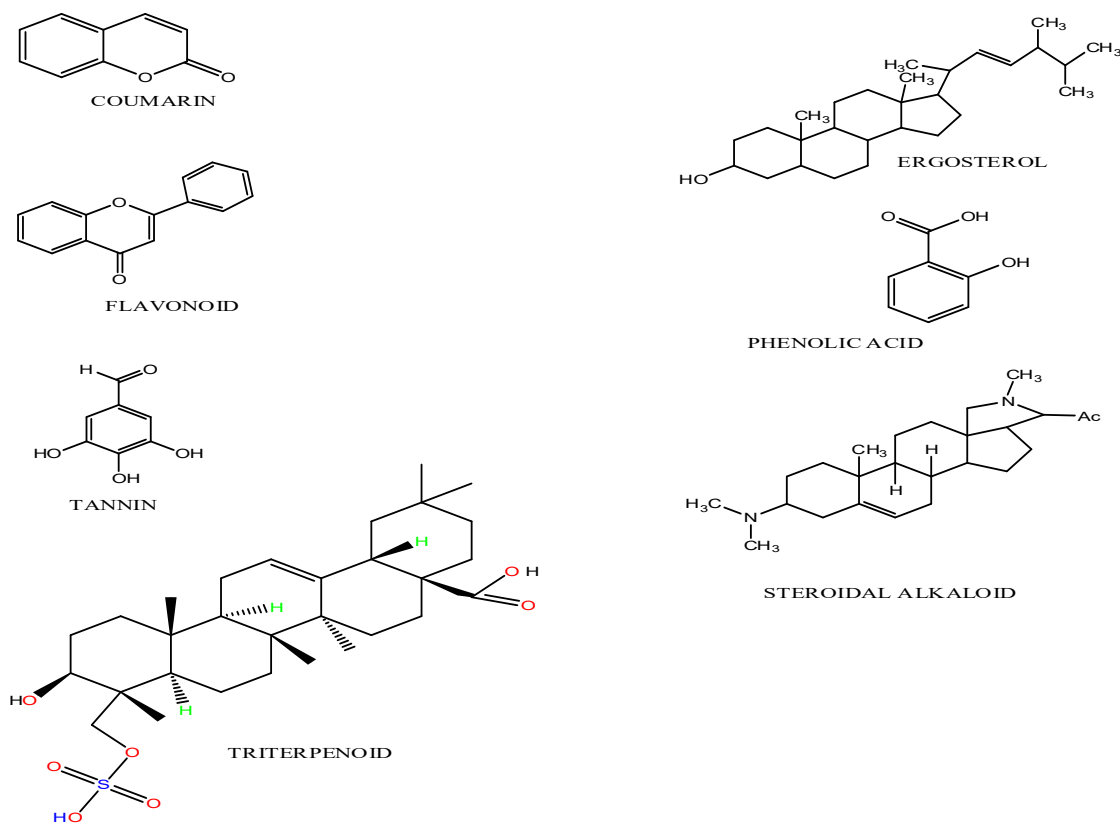


Figure 4: Structure of major phytochemical constituents

PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

Anti-amnesic activity

As contrasted to the sick group, the independent STZ groups that received seed ethanol extract after 28 days saw a moderate decline in AChE levels. They also saw dose-dependent inhibition of elevated MDA levels and GSH depletion. Acetylcholinesterase activity corrected cholinergic dysfunction. The anti-amnesic property of *Holarrhena antidysenterica* was demonstrated by decreased levels of AChE, prevented the level of MDA, and increased glutathione. [36]

Neuroprotective activity

When compared to the diabetic control group, treatment with Methanolic Extract of *Holarrhena antidysenterica* (MEHA) moderately averted bodyweight loss, a rise in blood glucose, and a moderate depletion in plasma cholesterol. In the current investigation, treatment with MEHA reduced the elevated HbA1c level, which was investigated as a major indication of AGEs. When compared to the non-treated group, the MEHA-treated rats showed improvements in locomotion, indicating the prevention of diabetic neuropathy. [37]

Acetylcholinesterase inhibitory

Acetylcholine esterase was shown to be 91% inhibited by the alkaline extract of seed. [38, 39] Except for huperzine A, which exhibits inhibition at a dosage of 0.015 g/mL, the total alkaloid extraction from seed effectively inhibits acetylcholinesterase at a concentration of 6.1 g/mL. [40] It is preferable to inhibit acetylcholinesterase while treating neurological conditions like Alzheimer's disease. In a study, certain alkaloids from *H. antidysenterica* were examined for comparable activity because alkaloids from certain plants have been shown to block AChE. With an IC₅₀ value of 4 mM, the separated alkaloids confessimine, isoconessimine, conessimine, conarrhimine, and coniine showed the most significant effects. According to the study's findings, these alkaloids may one day be used in medications for the treatment of neurological illnesses. [41]

Anti-diabetic activity

Plant extracts may have anti-diabetic properties. [42, 43] After 30 minutes of dosing to rats with normal blood sugar levels, a plant's ethanolic extract somewhat reduced plasma glucose levels. Both the ethanolic and the methanolic extract of the plant reduced the levels of blood glucose, total cholesterol, triglycerides, AST, ALT, urea, and serum creatinine. [4, 44] Those parameters indicate that plants possess improved metabolic regulation and effective anti-diabetic action. A critical enzyme for maintaining glucose homeostasis, hepatic glucose-6-phosphatase is negatively controlled by insulin. [45, 46] Following administration of the plant's aqueous extract, these biosensors recovered significantly due to inulin recovery. [47] When it comes to the management of postprandial hyperglycemia, phenolic chemicals and flavonoids found in plant extracts are what causes the resistance of -glucosidase action and subsequently, restrict glucose absorption. [48, 49] In a different investigation, the liver and kidneys' glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase (GOT) and

glutamate pyruvate transaminase (GPT) activities revealed no metabolic toxicity of the hydro-methanolic seed extract. [50]

Anti-urolithic activity

In vitro, calcium oxalate monohydrates (COM) increase cell toxicity and lactate dehydrogenase synthesis, however, hydro-methanolic extracts of seeds only slightly lessen the strength of calcium oxalate crystals and transform them into calcium oxalate dehydrate. In male Wistar rats, extract treatment results in a significant decrease in polyuria, water consumption, calcium ions excretion, and crystal formation. [7]

Anti-bacterial activity and anti-haemorrhoidal action

The plant's extracts from the bark, seeds, and calluses have potential antibacterial action against Staphylococcus, Salmonella, and E. coli. [6] Additionally, the plant prevented enteropathogenic E. coli from sticking to the host epithelial cells. [51, 52] An ayurvedic preparation of stem bark extract known as "Kutaja Tvak Churna" showed therapeutic properties in the case of bleeding piles. [53]

Analgesic Activity and Anti-inflammatory

The methanolic leaf extract of the plant prevented the swelling of the rat paws caused by carrageenan. *H. glabra* bark extract in methanol in colitis caused by 2,4-Dinitrobenzene sulfonic acid in male albino Wistar rats, *antidysenterica* showed decreased levels of nitric oxide and malondialdehyde and higher levels of superoxide dismutase and glutathione. Additionally, the rats were resistant to mucosal layer inflammation, goblet cell rupture, and inflammatory cellular infiltration. [54] In addition, it improved tail-flick latency and reduced the writhing response brought on by acetic acid in a dose-dependent manner, both of which showed the effectiveness of the analgesic. [55, 56] In albino mice, ethanol plant extract reduced the writhing reflex, demonstrating its analgesic properties. [57, 58] Treatment with *H. antidysenterica* also reduced inflammation in the mucosal layer, inflammatory cellular infiltration, and goblet cell rupture. [5] Ayurveda mentions the analgesic properties of *H. antidysenterica*. Swiss albino mice and Wistar rats both showed analgesic effects from a methanol bark extract. [59]

Anti-malarial property

When given at a dose of 10 mg/kg, conessine, which was isolated from the plant's stem bark, displayed an effective anti-plasmodial property, with a repeatable inhibitory concentration of 1.3 g/ml in vitro trials and an 88.95% suppression of parasitemia in vivo experiments. Bark extract showed noteworthy results in a laboratory trial and showed anti-malarial property resistance in albino mice that were infected with *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium berghei*. Alkaline phosphatase (ALP) and bilirubin levels were elevated as a result of malarial infection, which is a sign of hepatocytic damage. [60, 61]

Anti-diarrheal activity

When given with an ethanolic extract of the seed, rats with castor oil and *E. coli*-induced diarrhea showed an increase in the density of their dry stools and a decrease in defecation drops. [55] The resistance of bark extracts to enteroinvasive *E. coli* (EIEC), *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Shigella boydii*, and *Shigella flexneri* is widely established. [62] Castor oil, a commercially available preparation of *H. antidyserterica*, was used to produce diarrhea in rats. Kutaja parpati Vati exhibited a substantial reduction in watery diarrhea and small intestine motility. Additionally, it demonstrated a considerable 67.55% protection from enter polling brought on by castor oil. [63]

Anti-mutagenic and Anti-hypertensive Activity

Salmonella typhimurium strains subjected to mutagenicity were discovered to have anti-mutagenic efficacy in methanolic extracts of plant bark. [64] After administering ethanolic extracts of plant seeds, adequate 24% angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibition was discovered. [65] Endophytes, which showed 60% angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibition, were made from the fungal extract of *H. antidyserterica* and diluted in 20% methanol for antihypertensive action. [66]

Antioxidant/free radical scavenging property

Free radical scavenging substances repair and shield tissues from oxidative injury. An anti-oxidant feature that scavenges superoxide ions and OH ions with a reduced ability to convert ferric ions to ferrous ions was recently discovered in methanolic leaf extracts of plants. Furthermore, it was shown that these effects matched the extract's concentration. [67] An aqueous methanolic extract of the seed was found to prevent the oxidation of lipids, the deterioration of H₂O₂, the degradation of deoxyribose by OH ions, the degradation of H₂O₂, and the generation of nitrite when exposed to oxygen. [4]

Diuretic activity

Wistar rats exposed to aqueous seed extracts of the plant at doses ranging from 30 to 100 mg/kg developed excessive urine production. It was found that the amount of sodium and potassium ions discharged through urine had significantly increased. [68, 69]

Anti-amoebic activity

For two weeks, routine ingestion of the bark powder completely kept amoebic patients alive. One of the ingredients of "Amoebian cap," a treatment for amoebiasis, was investigated for its therapeutic impact against amoebiasis. [70, 71]

Anthelmintic and anti-microbial activity

Anti-microbial and anthelmintic action, on earthworms, aqueous extract and ethanolic extracts of plant bark showed a significant amount of in-vitro activity. Depending on the extract concentration, ethanolic extracts of seeds displayed resistance to EPEC bacteria. The ethanolic extract is being looked into as a powerful antibacterial agent because EPEC showed resistance to a variety of medicines. [53, 72] In a further experiment, it was discovered that pets. ether bark extract

inhibited *E. coli* at a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of 50 mg/ml while methanol and chloroform extracts were inhibited at greater doses. But when compared to other plants, *Holarrhena antidysenterica* showed a high amount of action. [73]

Anti-MRSA activity

Plant bark extract was discovered to have anti-methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (Anti-MRSA) properties when the minimum inhibitory concentration was between 0.3 and 3.25 mg/mL and the inhibition zone size ranged from 11 to 44 mm. [74]

Hepatoprotective effect and Anti-convulsant activity

A study revealed that treatment of plants is likely to reduce the severity of liver damage, and the formation of fibrous septa and also restricts liver weight loss induced by PCM. Therefore, the plant is considered a prevailing hepatoprotective agent. [75] Ethanol extract of the plant exhibited anticonvulsant activity in mice and hence possesses promising anticonvulsant activity against MES and PTZ-induced seizures. [76]

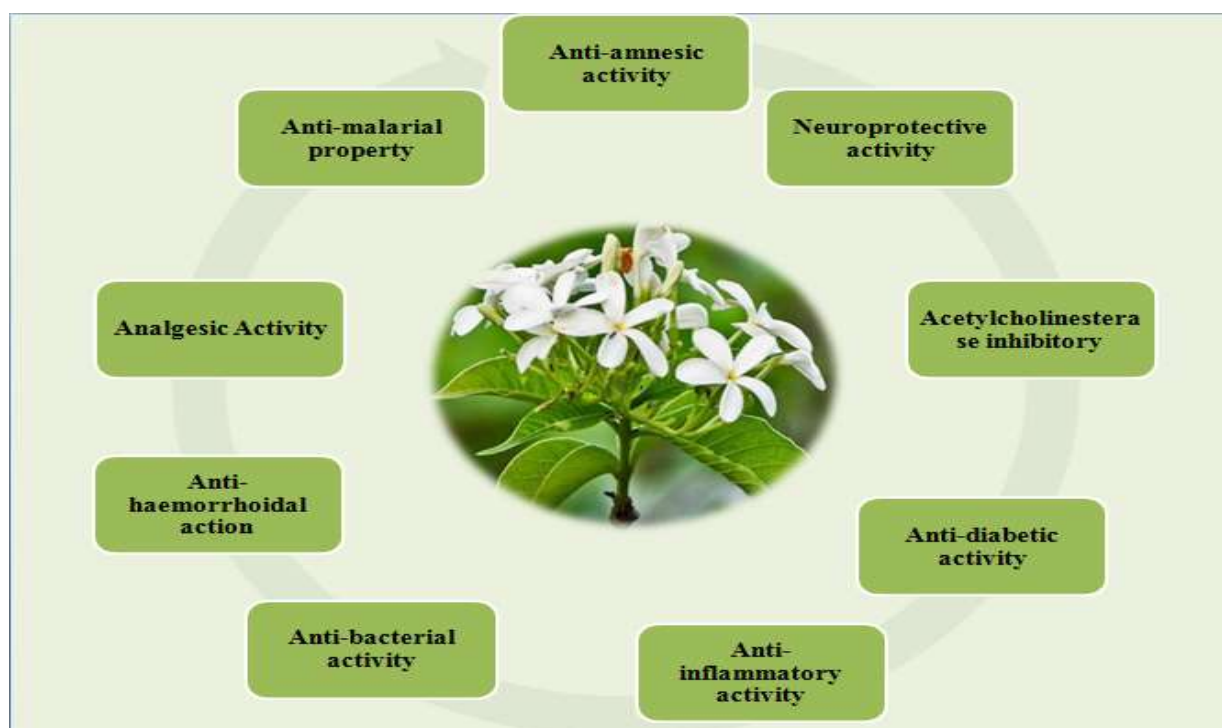


Figure 5: Shows pharmacological activities of *Holarrhena Antidysenterica*

THERAPEUTIC USES

Diarrhea/ Dysentery

Kutaj seed, also known as Indrajao, is well recognized in Ayurveda for treating severe diarrhea, amoebic dysentery, bacillary dysentery, giardiasis, parasite infection, and many other digestive

ailments by drying up the bowels and eliminating undesirable bacteria. [77, 78] It is used to control bowel movements and restore damaged cells in the intestinal wall, which helps to prevent inflammatory bowel diseases like Crohn's disease, colitis, and irritable bowel syndrome (IBD). Bleeding dysentery is treated using khat (decoction) made from *H. antidysenterica* and honey. Kutaj aids in the treatment of anorexia and agnideepan (activation of the digestive fire). [79]

Psoriasis – It is the most common skin condition worldwide. Kutaj contains a variety of photo materials, including lipids, saponins, tannins, alkaloids, phenols, steroids, flavonoids, and phenolic acids, which can be used to treat a variety of skin problems effectively. Excellent antipsoriatic properties of kutaj extracts encourage the skin's natural creation of collagen, which lessens the symptoms of psoriasis. [80] Kutaj powder is applied to psoriasis along with butter or coconut oil. [81]

Diabetes

The herb kutaj is beneficial for Madhumeha. It controls the body's insulin output and lowers elevated sugar levels. [82]

Hemorrhoids

Due to their astringent qualities, Kutaja Tvak Churna has the ability to stop bleeding, which allows it to treat Shonitarsha or bleeding piles. In Ayurveda, piles are referred to as Arsh and are caused by a faulty weight loss strategy and a sedentary lifestyle. An essential plant therapy for the treatment of bleeding piles is *H. antidysenterica*. [83]

Renal diseases

H. Antiuro lithic properties exist in *antidysenterica*. It prevents the kidneys' calcium oxalate crystals from accumulating. Additionally, it possesses antioxidant properties that may help avoid kidney stones as well as effects that protect renal epithelial cells. It is also helpful for urinary issues that are accompanied by painful and burning urine. [84]

Inflammation

By reducing pain and inflammation, kutaj's antipyretic and anti-inflammatory properties aid to manage arthritis. Relieving cramping and stomach pain is also quite beneficial. [85]

Dementia

Dementia refers to memory, cognitive, and behavioral impairment that makes it difficult to carry out daily responsibilities. The results of studies suggest that the possible neuroprotective and antioxidant activities of the extract of *Holarrhena antidysentrica* may be helpful in the treatment of dementia. [82]

Malaria

Kutaj bark chloroform extracts showed significantly in vitro or in vivo anti-malarial efficacy. The roots of *Holarrhena antidysentrica* are particularly effective against *P. falciparum* which is resistant to artemisinin and chloroquine (K1, Dd2). [86]

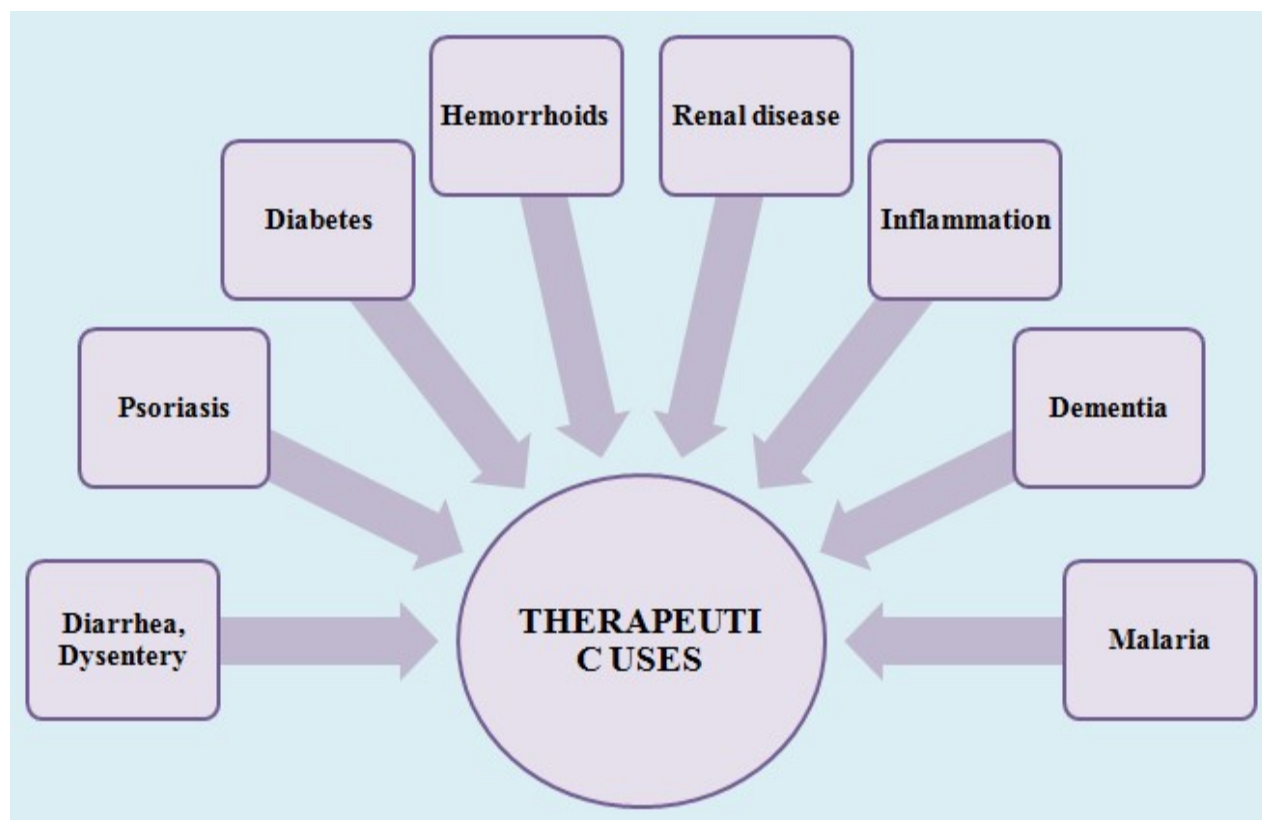


Figure 6: Shows therapeutic uses of *Holarrhena Antidysenterica*

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY STUDIES

Singh (1985)^[87] reported the clinical efficacy of HA stem bark extract in forty patients with clinical amebiasis and giardiasis. The extract was found to improve 70% of clinical symptoms (symptoms such as loose motions, constipation, flatulence, abdominal cramping, diminished appetite, and mucus in stools related to these infections) when given at 4 g/day per adult in three divided doses for 15 consecutive days. Chaturvedi^[88] and Singh reported various side effects observed in four clinical individuals given 4 g powder of HA bark in three divided doses for 15 consecutive days. The symptoms were the sensation of heat in the abdomen and head, nausea, flatulence, constipation, agitation, nervousness and insomnia, vertigo, syncope, weakness and emptiness, xerostomia, and a lightness of the body. One patient reported a decrease in body temperature. Pal^[89] *et al.* also observed that the HA stem bark powder administered to patients with bleeding piles at a dose of 4 g twice a day for 2 weeks each showed significant efficacy. Panda^[36] *et al.* reported a reduction in glycosylated hemoglobin after administration of ethanolic extract of HA seeds to a 65-year-old woman for 48 consecutive days, suggesting that HA seeds have a promising action against mild-to-moderate type II diabetes mellitus.

TOXICITY STUDIES

The two types of toxicity studies that were conducted on mice and rats include sub-acute toxicity studies on rats and acute toxicity studies on mice. The findings of the study showed that higher

drug intake during acute toxicity by histopathological testing on animals resulted in lower mortality rates in cases of acute toxicity. Investigations on sub-acute toxicity reveal normal results and no appreciable changes in the animal's blood hematology or other organ studies.

CONCLUSION

There are enormous ways of natural treatment that are used for decades. *Holarrhena antidysenterica* (HA) is one of the promising herbal plant with a wide range of pharmacological actions it is used as therapeutically in modern formulations due to its effective value and safety. *Holarrhena antidysenterica* has been basically used to treat affliction like constipation, looseness of the bowels, colic, anti-oxidant activity, and against malarial activity. This plant contains obscure chemical constituents that are precious for the researcher to synthesize and formulates the novel medications from this plant against different infections.

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