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Ficus Racemosa: A Comprehensive Review of its Phytochemistry and Pharmacological Potential

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ABSTRACT

Ficus racemosa Linn. The cluster fig tree, also known as Gular, is a recognized medicinal plant in India and belongs to the Moraceae family. It has been utilized for a long time in traditional medicine to address various health concerns, including diabetes, liver conditions, diarrhea, inflammation, hemorrhoids, and diseases related to the respiratory and urinary systems. This herb is mentioned in all traditional texts of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, and Homeopathy. Various parts of plants, such as bark, roots, leaves, fruits, and latex, are used for their properties that can help tighten tissues, relieve gas, expel worms, and treat dysentery. It is a useful method for managing excessive hunger. Fruit extract is used for managing diabetes and leukoderma, as a cooling agent to relieve asthma, for liver protection, as an antioxidant, to prevent ulcers, and to help with heavy menstrual bleeding. It is applied locally to decrease inflammation in skin wounds, swollen lymph nodes, sprains, and fibrositis. This review intends to offer a detailed analysis of the pharmacognostical, phytochemical and pharmacological characteristics.

INTRODUCTION

Medicinal herbs have been used by various civilizations throughout history as an important means of healing. Ancient writings such as the Vedas and the Bible emphasize the use of herbal remedies in healthcare, demonstrating the natural healing qualities of traditional herbs and plants [1]. The use of medicinal plants as a main method for

promoting good health is important in many developing countries. Additionally, the dependence on pharmacies in developed countries has resulted in the creation of different medications and chemotherapeutic agents derived from these plants [2-4]. The World Health Organization reported that 80% of people worldwide use herbal medicine for their health care. Ficus is a group of 750 species of woody plants found in tropical and semi-tropical areas. It

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is notable for its pleasant flavour and health benefits, which are attributed to its active phytochemical compounds ^[5].

F. racemosa Linn. is an evergreen tree with distinct features that has medicinal importance in all its parts. Historically, the leaves, fruits, bark, latex and root sap have been utilized to address different health issues such as haemorrhoids, dysentery and asthma. Research has investigated their various medicinal properties, including protection for the liver, cancer prevention, blood sugar regulation, fever reduction, cough relief and urine production control [6]. These healing qualities are typically linked to the plant's antioxidant properties, which are recognized as helpful for different health issues. The plant has been identified to have phytochemical compounds such as sterols, tannins and flavonoids that protect against various pathogens. Compounds such as beta-sitosterol found in F. racemosa fruit extracts may have potential anti-diabetic effects. Flavonoids are strong antioxidants that interact with enzymes in the body, demonstrating their capacity to influence enzyme activity effectively [7]

Table 1: Plant Profile. [8]

Taxonomic Rank	Details
/ Information	
Kingdom	Plantae
Division	Magnoliophyta
Class	Magnoliopsida
Order	Rosales
Family	Moraceae
Genus	Ficus
Species	Ficus racemosa
Synonyms	Ficus glomerata, Ficus
	racemosa, Umbar, Cluster Fig



Figure 1:Ficus Racemosa Tree

1. PHYTOCHEMISTRY OF FICUS RACEMOSA

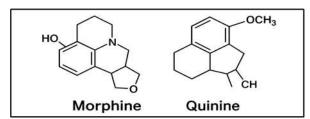
The genus Ficus is known for having a wide variety of structurally diverse and biologically active phytochemicals, including Ficus racemosa. Ficus glomerata, also known as the cluster fig or gular, has been widely researched for its notable secondary metabolites. Phytochemistry provides the basis for understanding the traditional medicinal uses of plants in Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani systems. In these practices, the plant is recognized for its properties that may help manage diabetes, protect the liver, heal wounds, reduce inflammation, lower fever and combat cancer. Various phytochemical studies have shown that nearly all parts of F. Racemosa, including its bark, stem, leaves, fruits, seeds and latex, contain a variety of primary and secondary metabolites. These include alkaloids, glycosides, flavonoids, tannins, triterpenoids, sterols, phenolic acids, coumarins and saponins [9].

1.1. Primary Phytoconstituents

Ficus racemosa includes important components like carbohydrates, proteins, amino acids, fatty acids and minerals, which contribute to its nutritional benefits. Ripe fruits are edible and contain sugars such as glucose, fructose and sucrose, along with vitamins and dietary fiber which makes them helpful for dietary management. Seeds generate oils that have significant amounts of linoleic acid, oleic acid and palmitic acid. These primary metabolites serve as essential components for the creation of different secondary metabolites [10].

1.2. Alkaloids

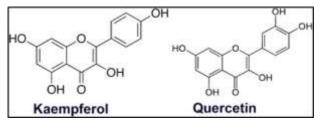
Alkaloids are a significant group of nitrogencontaining compounds that have strong effects in medicine. In *F.racemosa* Alkaloids including fucine and derivatives of bergapten have been found in racemosa. These compounds are associated with pain-relieving, muscle-relaxing and anti-inflammatory effects. The bark and latex contain a high concentration of alkaloids, which help with wound healing and have anti-parasitic properties ^[9].



Struct. 1: Morphine and Quinine

1.3. Flavonoids

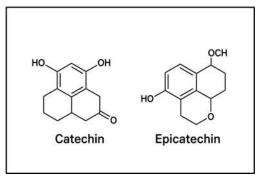
Flavonoids are one of the most thoroughly researched groups of phytochemicals in F. "Racemosa." They are compounds that belong to the polyphenol group and have antioxidant, liverprotective, heart-protective and cancer-fighting properties. Flavonoids, including kaempferol, quercetin, rutin and derivatives of luteolin, have been found in leaves, bark and fruits. These flavonoids act to neutralize free radicals, safeguard cell membranes from oxidative harm and regulate important signalling pathways related to inflammation and cancer [11].



Struct. 2: Kaempferol and Quercetin

1.4. Tannins and Polyphenols

Ficus racemosa contains a high concentration of tannins, especially its bark, is commonly utilized in traditional medicine to address diarrhoea, dysentery and wounds. Hydrolysable tannins, including racemic acid, ellagic acid, gallic acid, leucocyanidin and leucopelargonidin, have been extracted. The bark's astringent quality is due to its elevated levels of tannins. Compounds like catechin, epicatechin and chlorogenic acid are recognized for their significant antioxidant properties [12].

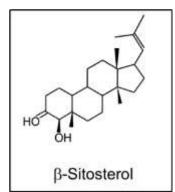


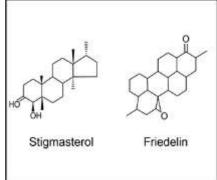
Struct. 3: Catechin and Epicatechin

1.5. Sterols and Triterpenoids

Sterols and triterpenoids are commonly found in F. Racemosa contributes to various pharmacological properties. The bark and roots have lupeol, β -sitosterol, stigmasterol and campesterol. Lupeol, a type of pentacyclic triterpenoid, has been noted for its anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial and anticancer properties. Additional triterpenoids, including friedelin, taraxerone and gluanol acetate, have been recognized. Sterols, especially β -sitosterol, are linked to reducing cholesterol levels and improving diabetes management [11].





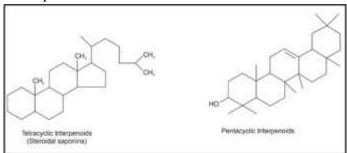


Struct. 4: β -Sitosterol, Stigmasterol and Friedelin

1.6. Glycosides and saponins

The plant has various glycosidic compounds, particularly in its bark and fruit. Cardiac glycosides have been reported, although they are found in lower concentrations. Saponins are glycosides derived from triterpenes that can be

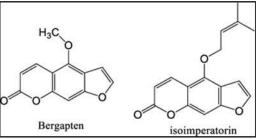
found in bark and leaves. They provide expectorant, antimicrobial and cytotoxic effects. The extracts that are high in saponins show properties that allow them to interact with surfaces and biological membranes, which account for their therapeutic functions [13].



Struct. 5: Tetracyclic Triterpenoids and Pentacyclic Triterpenoids

1.7. Coumarins

Bergapten and psoralen, which are types of coumarins, have been identified in *F. Racemosa* refers to a specific type of plant or species characterized by its arrangement of flowers or fruits in racemes, which are elongated clusters. These compounds have properties that prevent blood clotting, fight infections and inhibit cancer growth. They are also important in photodynamic therapy, which makes them relevant in pharmacology [10].



Struct. 6: Bergapten and Isoimperatorin

1.8. Lignans

The bark and roots of the plant known as F. Racemosa include lignans, which consist of furanocoumarins and neolignans. These substances exhibit antioxidant, antiviral and cytotoxic characteristics. They function as natural protective substances for the plant and may serve



as potential agents for cancer prevention in humans [14].

Struct. 7: 7.3',8.4'-dioxyneolignan and 8,4'-oxyneolignan

1.9. Latex Phytochemistry

The white latex from F. Racemosa has a combination of proteolytic enzymes, resins, sterols, and alkaloids. Ficin is a proteolytic enzyme that is similar in structure and function to papain and bromelain. It is utilized in pharmaceutical products for aiding digestion and promoting wound healing. The latex has antibacterial and anti-parasitic properties, supporting its application in traditional medicine [12].

1.10. Fruits and Seeds

The fruits have sugars, amino acids, flavonoids, and phenolic acids. Unripe fruits contain a high level of tannins, whereas ripe fruits offer simple carbohydrates and flavonoid glycosides. Seeds produce oils that contain fatty acids, including palmitic, linoleic and oleic acids, along with sterols. These seed oils can lower lipid levels and act as antioxidants [10].

1.11. Identified Specific Compounds

Thorough examination of plant chemicals has resulted in the discovery of various compounds, including:

• Phenolics & tannins: gallic acid, ellagic acid, leucocyanidin, leucopelargonidin, chlorogenic acid.

- Flavonoids: quercetin, kaempferol, rutin, luteolin.
- **Triterpenoids & sterols**: lupeol, β-sitosterol, stigmasterol, campesterol, friedelin.
- Coumarins: bergapten, psoralen.
- Others: ficin (enzyme), racemosic acid, glycosides, saponins [15].

1.12. Synergistic Role of Phytochemicals

The biological functions of F.racemosa. The effects of racemosa are not due to one specific compound but rather the combined action of its various phytochemicals. The antioxidant and liverprotective effects are achieved through the interaction of flavonoids. tannins triterpenoids, while antimicrobial effects are associated with alkaloids, coumarins and saponins. This synergy explains its common inclusion in polyherbal products and traditional Ayurvedic recipes such Udumbaravaleha and Panchavalkala [13].

1.13. Analytical and Phytochemical Studies

Contemporary analytical methods, including high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), liquid chromatography—mass spectrometry (LC-MS), gas chromatography—mass spectrometry (GC-MS) and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, have been used to separate and identify the plant compounds in F. "Racemosa." Phytochemical fingerprinting is a method used to



maintain quality control in herbal drug formulations and aids in the identification of bioactive compounds, including lupeol, gallic acid, ellagic acid and β -sitosterol ^[12].



Figure 2: Fruits of Ficus racemosa Linn



Figure 3: Leaves of Ficus racemosa

Table 2: Traditional Uses of Various Parts of *Ficus* **racemosa** in Indigenous Medicine [16-27]

Plant Part	Traditional Uses		
Bark	Effective in treating threatened		
	abortion; used for urological		
	disorders, diabetes, hiccups, leprosy,		
	dysentery and hemorrhoids.		
Leaves	Used for cleaning wounds and ulcers;		
	beneficial for dysentery and diarrhea.		
	Bark and leaf infusion used as a		
	mouthwash for swollen gums and		
	taken internally for dysentery and		
	heavy menstrual bleeding. Also		
	effective for glandular swelling,		
	abscesses, chronic wounds, cervical		
	adenitis and hemoptysis (coughing		
	up blood).		
Fruits	Have astringent and digestive		
	properties; useful for dry cough, loss		
	of voice, kidney and spleen		
	disorders, bowel problems,		
	leucorrhoea, blood disorders, burning		
	sensations, fatigue, urinary issues,		

	leprosy, intestinal worms and		
	flatulence. Also used in miscarriage,		
	.		
	heavy menstrual bleeding,		
	involuntary ejaculation, cancer,		
	scabies, hemoptysis and internal		
	organ blockages.		
Roots	Used for dysentery, respiratory		
	disorders and diabetes; also for		
	mumps, inflammatory gland		
	enlargements and rabies.		
Latex	Acts as an aphrodisiac; used for		
	hemorrhoids, diarrhea, diabetes,		
	boils, traumatic swellings, toothache		
	and vaginal disorders.		
Root Sap	Utilized in the treatment of diabetes.		



Figure 4: Various Part of Ficus racemosa Tree

2. Pharmacological Profile

2.1. Anti-cancer activity:

Oral administration of Ficus racemosa extract at doses of 200 and 400 mg per kg resulted in a significant reduction in lipid peroxidation, xanthine oxidase, γ-glutamyl transpeptidase and hydrogen peroxide (H2O2) levels. This was observed alongside a decrease in renal glutathione levels and antioxidant enzymes induced by potassium bromate (KBrO3), a substance known to be toxic to the kidneys and capable of causing kidney cancer in rats. Additionally, there was a notable improvement in renal glutathione content

and antioxidant enzyme levels. The findings suggest that Ficus racemosa extract is an effective agent for preventing cancer and reducing kidney toxicity caused by KBrO3 in rats ^[28].

2.2. Hypolipidemic:

When rats were given a diet containing fruits, the high dietary fiber content resulted in a significant reduction in cholesterol levels. This was achieved by increasing the amount of cholesterol and bile acids excreted in their feces. The hypolipidemic effects of an ethanolic extract from bark were examined in alloxan-induced diabetic rats at doses ranging from 100 to 500 mg/kg body weight. The investigation revealed that the extract demonstrated strong anti-diabetic and lipidlowering effects when compared to the standard reference drug, glibenclamide [29].

2.3. Anti-ulcer/Gastro-protective:

The gastro-protective properties of a 50% ethanolic extract from Ficus Racemosa Linn, commonly referred to as F.racemosa. The effects of glomerata fruit (FGE) were examined in various gastric ulcer models using rats. FGE protects the gastric mucosa from oxidative damage by lipid peroxidation, inhibiting significantly reducing the levels of superoxide dismutase and H+K+ATPase and increasing catalase activity. The H+K+ATPase is a dimeric enzyme that facilitates the secretion of hydrogen ions by gastric parietal cells. Ranitidine, an acid blocker used to gastric ulcers, specifically inhibits H+K+ATPase [30,31].

2.4. Anti-oxidant activity:

Ethanol extract and water extract were tested for their ability to scavenge free radicals using both steady-state and time-resolved methods. The ethanol extract showed notably greater steadystate antioxidant activity. It also showed a concentration-dependent ability to scavenge DPPH, ABTS, hydroxyl radicals and superoxide radicals, as well as to inhibit lipid peroxidation when tested alongside standard compounds [32-34].

2.5. Antidiuretic:

The boiled extract of the bark of F. Racemosa is reported to have antidiuretic properties and its effectiveness is tested in rats at three different doses: 250,500,1000 mg per kilogram. It began quickly, reaching its highest level at 3 hours and continuing for the entire duration of the study, which lasted 5 hours. It led to a decrease in urinary sodium levels and the sodium-to-potassium ratio, along with an increase in urinary osmolarity, suggesting various mechanisms of action [35].

2.6. Hepato-protective activity:

The methanol extract of the stem bark of Ficus racemosa was examined for its effects on liver toxicity caused by carbon tetrachloride (CCl4) in rats. Treatment with methanol extract. The findings show that F. Racemosa has strong protective effects on the liver against damage caused by CCl4 in rats [36].

2.7. Hypoglycemic:

Ficus racemosa Linn. contains various types of hypoglycemic compounds, including both organic and inorganic forms. Fruits that cause a notable decrease in blood glucose levels in both normal and alloxan-induced diabetic rabbits do so by affecting the B-cells, which leads to an increased secretion of insulin from the pancreatic beta cells [37]. Ficus racemosa Linn. is a species of flowering plant in the genus Ficus. Fruit pulp may eventually be found to be a more effective anti-diabetic agent after further research, due to its insulin-releasing and insulin-like properties. The methanol extract

of powdered fruits at doses of 1, 2, 3 and 4 grams per kilogram lowered blood glucose levels in both normal rabbits and those with diabetes induced by alloxan. The effectiveness of the methanol extract from the stem bark in lowering glucose levels was assessed in both normal rats and alloxan-induced diabetic rats, using doses of 200 and 400 mg per kg administered orally. The activity was similar to the effect of a standard antidiabetic medication, glibenclamide (10 mg per kg), supporting its traditional use as an antidiabetic agent. The ethanol extract (250 mg per kg per day, administered orally) reduced blood glucose levels in alloxan-induced diabetic albino rats within two weeks, confirming its ability to lower blood sugar. β-sitosterol extracted from the stem bark demonstrated strong blood sugar-lowering effects in comparison to other isolated compounds. The ethanolic extract of leaves reduced blood glucose levels by 18.4% at 5 hours and by 17.0% at 24 hours in a rat model of diabetes induced by streptozotocin, following a sucrose challenge, when administered at a dose of 100 mg per kg of body weight [38,39].

2.8. Anthelmintic:

The raw extracts of bark were tested for their ability to kill worms using adult earthworms. The results showed that the extracts caused a dose-dependent reduction in spontaneous movement (paralysis) and responses to pin-prick, similar to the effects of 3% piperazine citrate. However, there was no complete recovery observed in the worms treated with the aqueous extract, indicating that it has wormicidal properties [40].

2.9. Anti-bacterial activity:

Various leaf extracts were evaluated for their antibacterial activity against Escherichia coli, Bacillus pumilis, Bacillus subtilis and Pseudomonas aeruginosa. Among all the extracts tested, the petroleum ether extract was the most effective against the microorganisms examined [36]

2.10. Anti-diarrhoeal:

The ethanol extract of the stem bark has demonstrated a notable ability to reduce diarrhea caused by castor oil and to decrease enter pooling induced by PEG2 in rats. It also significantly lowered gastrointestinal movement in the charcoal meal test in rats, indicating its effectiveness as an anti-diarrheal agent [41].

2.11. Anti-inflammatory:

The ability of F.racemosa to reduce inflammation. The extract of racemosa was tested using rat hind paw edema models induced by carrageenin, serotonin, histamine and dextran. The extract at a dose of 400 mg per kg showed the highest anti-inflammatory effects of 30.4%, 32.2%, 33.9% and 32.0% in rat paw swelling induced by carrageenin, serotonin, histamine, and dextran, respectively. In a long-term study, the extract at a dosage of 400 mg per kg resulted in a 41.5% decrease in granuloma weight, which was similar to the effect of phenylbutazone [36,42,43].

2.12. Antifungal:

The extract from the leaves of Ficus racemosa Linn. contains a flash column fraction with 50% methylene chloride in hexane. Demonstrated antifungal properties. The extract prevented the growth of various plant pathogens, including Curvularia sp, Colletotrichum gloeosporioides, Alternaria sp, Corynespora cassiicola and Fusarium sp. Psoralen has been recognized as the active ingredient and has been demonstrated to be biodegradable. According to a study by Satish A. Bhalerao and others published in the Journal of Applicable Chemistry in 2014, there is potential

for development as a fungicide to combat pathogens that cause diseases in economically important crops [44].

2.13. Anti-filarial:

The extract from the leaves of the Ficus racemosa plant. Includes a flash column fraction consisting of 50% methylene chloride in hexane. Was found to have antifungal properties. The extract decreased the growth of several plant pathogens, such as Curvularia Colletotrichum sp, gloeosporioides, Alternaria sp, Corynespora cassiicola, and Fusarium sp. Psoralen was identified as the active component and showed the capacity to decompose naturally. The article discusses the potential for developing a fungicide aimed at pathogens that affect economically significant crops. Both alcoholic and aqueous extracts inhibited the natural movement of whole worms and nerve-muscle preparations of Setaria cervi, which was indicated by an increase in the strength and tone of contractions. Both extracts resulted in the death of microfilaria in a laboratory setting [45].

2.14. Larvicidal:

The toxicity of crude extracts from the leaves and bark, including hexane, ethyl acetate, petroleum ether, acetone and methanol, was tested for their effectiveness in killing early fourth-instar larvae of Culex quinquefasciatus (Diptera: Culicidae). Larval death was noted after a 24-hour exposure. All extracts demonstrated moderate effects on larvae, but the acetone extract from the bark resulted in the highest rate of larval mortality. The process of bioassay-guided fractionation of the acetone extract resulted in the separation and identification of a derivative of tetracyclic triterpenes. Gluanol acetate was extracted and recognized as a new compound effective against mosquito larvae [46].

2.15. Renal anticarcinogenic:

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2.16. Wound healing:

The ethanol extract from the stem bark demonstrated healing effects on both excised and incised wounds in rats [48].

2.17. Anticholinesterase:

This study assessed the anticholinesterase activity of cold and hot water extracts from the stem bark of Ficus racemosa on rat brain acetylcholinesterase in a laboratory setting. The cold aqueous extract (FRC) and the hot aqueous extract (FRH) both showed a dose-dependent reduction in acetylcholinesterase activity in rat brains. The proportion of anticholinesterase activity was determined. Both extracts (FRC and FRH) showed a dose-dependent reduction in the activity of acetylcholinesterase in rat brains [49].

2.18. Anti-pyretic:

The methanol extract from the stem bark was tested on normal body temperature and yeast-induced fever in albino rats, using doses of 100, 200 and 300 mg per kg of body weight administered orally. It demonstrated a notable reduction in normal body temperature and yeast-induced elevated temperature that lasted for up to 5 hours after the drug was given, depending on the

dosage. The fever-reducing effect was similar to that of paracetamol ^[48].

2.19. Memory Enhancing:

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a progressive condition that leads to dementia. One key treatment strategy for AD involves increasing acetylcholine (ACh) levels in the brain by using acetylcholinesterase inhibitors. An aqueous extract of the bark of Ficus racemosa Linn which has anti-inflammatory, (Moraceae), antioxidant and anticholinesterase properties, was tested for its potential to increase acetylcholine levels and to determine its effects on dementia in rats. This task was completed in 1428. These effects include neuroprotection, which is linked to

its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties and it may also increase levels of acetylcholine, similar to findings reported with Ficus hispida extract. The chosen plant extracts increased acetylcholine levels and enhanced memory in rats. The combined effects of the drugs associated with F. Racemosa extract may be helpful as a supportive treatment for Alzheimer's disease [50].

2.20. Analgesic:

The ethanol extract of the bark and leaves was tested for pain-relieving effects using an analgesiometer at doses of 100, 300 and 500 mg/kg and it demonstrated analgesic activity that depended on the dose [51-54].

Table 2: Pharmacological Profile of Ficus racemosa Linn. [28-51]

No.	No. Activity Part / Extract Used Main Findings				
	Activity		Main Findings		
1	Anti-cancer	Ethanolic extract	Reduced oxidative stress and kidney cancer in		
			rats		
2	Hypolipidemic	Fruit & bark extract	Lowered cholesterol and blood glucose levels		
3	Anti-ulcer	Fruit ethanolic extract	Protected gastric mucosa; comparable to		
			ranitidine		
4	Antioxidant	Ethanolic & aqueous extracts	Strong free radical scavenging activity		
5	Antidiuretic	Bark decoction	Decreased Na ⁺ excretion, increased osmolarity		
6	Hepatoprotective	Methanol stem bark extract	Protected liver from CCl ₄ -induced damage		
7	Hypoglycemic	Fruit, bark & leaf extracts	Lowered blood sugar; β-sitosterol active		
			compound		
8	Anthelmintic	Bark extract	Caused paralysis and death of worms		
9	Antibacterial	Leaf petroleum ether extract	Active against E. coli, B. subtilis, P.		
			aeruginosa		
10	Anti-diarrhoeal	Stem bark ethanolic extract	Reduced diarrhea and intestinal motility		
11	Anti-inflammatory	Leaf ethanolic extract	Inhibited COX-1, 5-LOX; reduced edema		
12	Antifungal	Leaf extract	Psoralen is active; it inhibited several plant		
	_		fungi		
13	Anti-filarial	Leaf aqueous & alcoholic	Killed <i>Setaria cervi</i> worms; LC ₅₀ = 21–27		
		extracts	ng/ml		
14	Larvicidal	Leaf & bark acetone extract	Gluanol acetate is effective against mosquito		
			larvae		
15	Renal	Plant extract	Reduced oxidative and renal carcinogenic		
	anticarcinogenic		markers		
16	Wound healing	Stem bark ethanol extract	Enhanced wound contraction and healing		
17	Anticholinesterase	Stem bark water extracts	Inhibited AChE; neuroprotective potential		
18	Antipyretic	Stem bark methanol extract	Reduced yeast-induced fever, like paracetamol		
19	Memory enhancing	Bark aqueous extract	Increased acetylcholine; improved memory		
20	Analgesic	Bark & leaf ethanolic extract	Showed dose-dependent pain relief		

CONCLUSION

Ficus racemosa Linn., which is part of the Moraceae family, is an important medicinal plant that is widely used in traditional medicine practices like Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy. An in-depth examination of its phytochemistry and pharmacological properties shows that it includes a diverse range of bioactive compounds, including alkaloids, flavonoids, triterpenoids, sterols. glycosides. tannins, saponins, coumarins, lignans and phenolic acids. These components work together to enhance the plant's medicinal properties. Research demonstrated various biological effects, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-ulcer, liverprotective, antidiabetic, cholesterol-lowering and anticancer activities. Additionally, the plant shows antimicrobial, antifungal, anti-parasitic, larvicidal, fever-reducing, pain-relieving and memoryboosting qualities. It also has protective effects on the kidneys and nervous system, indicating potential uses in managing chronic conditions like diabetes, cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

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