

Phytochemical and Ethnopharmacological Review of *Aegle marmelos* Linn. (Bael)

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Abstract

Aegle marmelos Linn. (Bael) is a fruit-bearing tree native to the Indian subcontinent. It holds a significant place in traditional medicine systems and cultural practices of the region. The aim of the study on *A. marmelos* phytochemical and pharmacological investigation of the bioactive compounds present in the plant and to elucidate their potential pharmacological activities. The goal of this research is to better understand ancient medicine and its possible uses in contemporary healthcare. A multidisciplinary approach combining botanical, phytochemical, and pharmacological approaches is required to understand *A. marmelos*. The results of a pharmacological and phytochemical study on *A. marmelos* would provide valuable insights into its potential health benefits and the bioactive compounds responsible for those effects. In summary, *A. marmelos* is a plant with significant potential for promoting health and well-being, based on both traditional wisdom and emerging scientific knowledge. Its wide range of bioactive compounds makes it an intriguing subject for further research and exploration into its therapeutic applications.

Keywords: *Aegle marmelos*, Phytoconstituents, Medicinal Property, Pharmacology

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Introduction

Aegle marmelos Linn. (Bael) is an important medicinal tree in India, commonly known as Bael fruits, Bel, Indian Bael, Bengal Quince, Belan in English and Shivadruma in Sanskrit, Bel or Bael in Hindi [1]. Fruits are green, hard, and smooth woody shells, that belong to the family Rutaceae. Geographically occurring as wild throughout Berma and cultivated at the Sub-Himalayan tract all over India, particularly Central as well as Southern India [2, 3]. This particular variety of trees, which is around 12 meters tall, sheds its leaves every autumn. The Hindu faith holds significant mythological value for the Leaf of the AM tree, often referred to as Tripatra, which is crucial for the Lord Shiva puja. The plant has tough, 8-9 meters in height,

aromatic leaves, and round-shaped fruit 5-10 cm in diameter and mucilaginous in taste. Fruits are collected in April–May [4, 5]. Each parts of this tree are used and can be utilized in various fields [6]. *A. marmelos* is a high source of different phytochemicals i.e. carotenoids, terpenoids, alkaloids, flavonoids, amino acids, tannins, organic acids fatty acids, etc [7]. The formulation of AM is very well-known in history and is used in dysentery and diarrhea. The root is one of the essential parts used in herbal formulations such as Dashmularisht. Leaves contain alkaloids which play a role in reducing blood sugar levels [8]. Seeds are a rich source of oil and possess antibacterial, antiprotozoal along antifungal properties. It works in dose dose-dependent manner it may cause

abortion as a result, it should not be used by pregnant women [9].

The taxonomical classification of *Aegle marmelos* is presented in **Figure 1**.

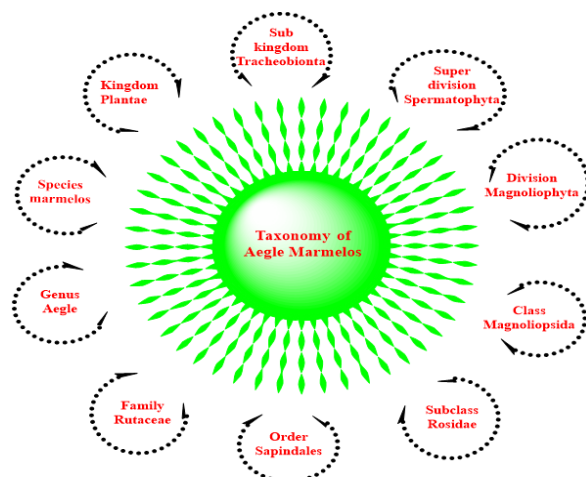


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Results and Discussion

Phytochemical's

A. marmelos, commonly referred to as bael or Bengal quince, Ayurveda, and Traditional Chinese Medicine both use medicinal plants as part of their long-standing

regimens [10]. *A. marmelos* is well renowned for having a variety of therapeutic benefits and these are attributed to the presence of numerous phytochemicals in its different parts, including leaves, fruits, and roots. Phytochemicals are naturally occurring bioactive compounds found in plants that often contribute to their potential health benefits [11-13]. The *A. marmelos* leaves, roots, and fruits have a variety of chemical constituents Hydro-alcohol is mostly used as a solvent for the extraction of active ingredients from this plant (**Figure 2**).

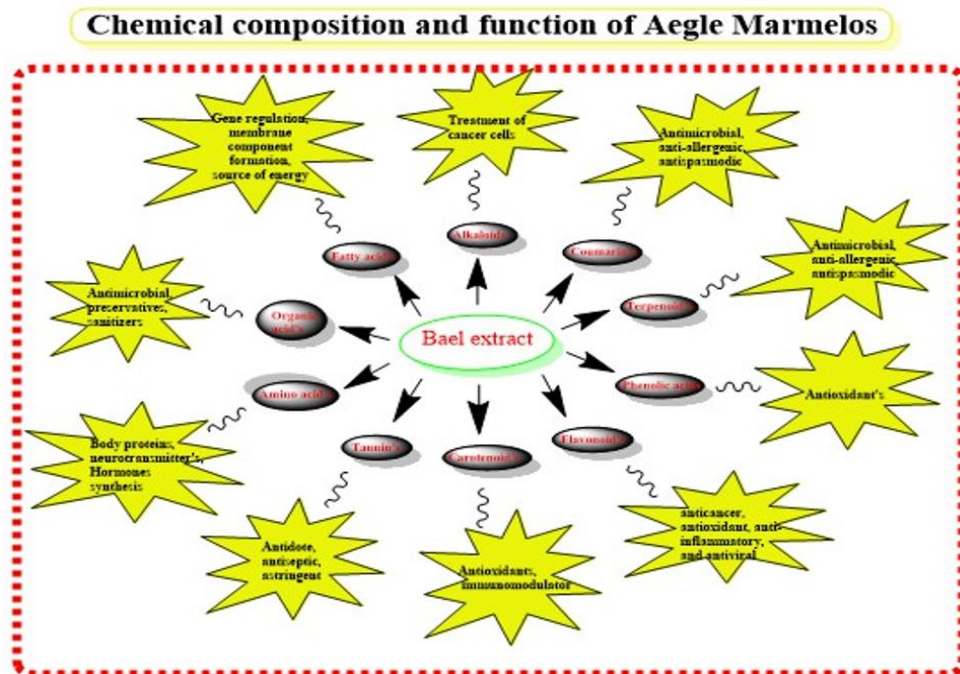


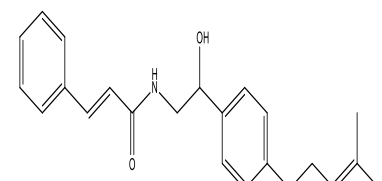
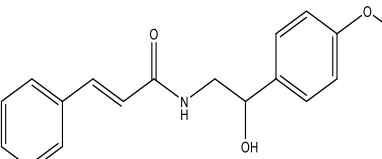
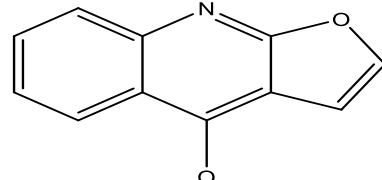
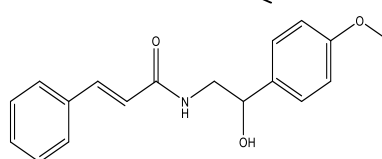
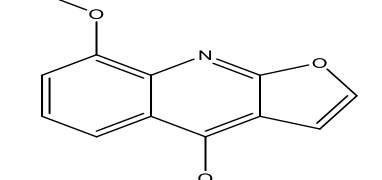

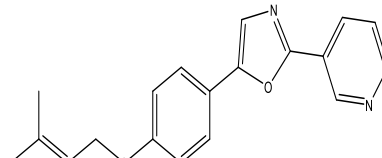
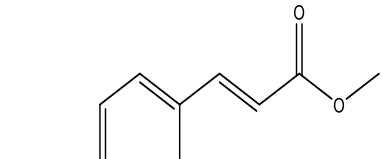
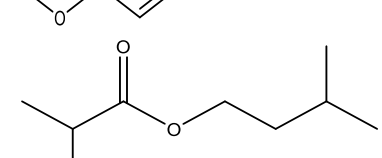
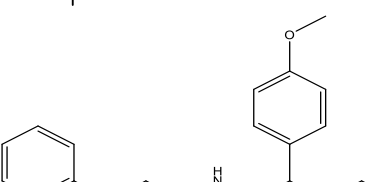
Figure 2. Phytoconstituents and uses of Bael Extract

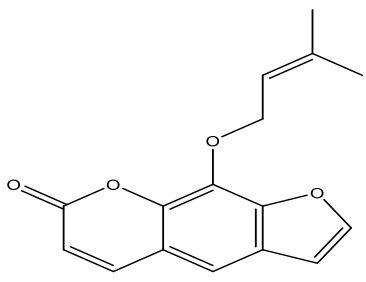
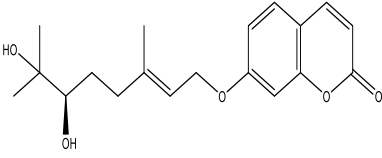
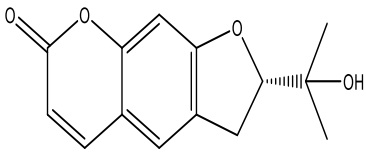
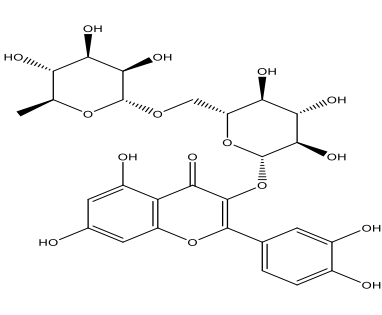
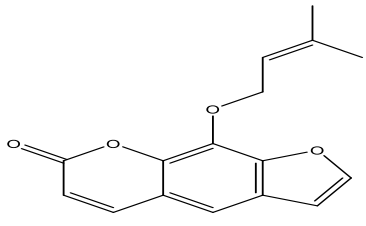
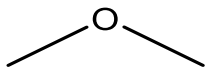
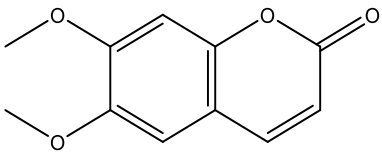
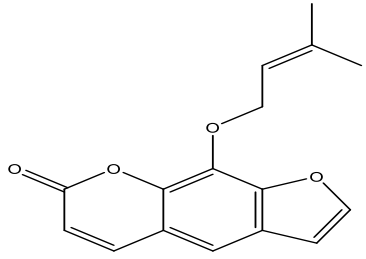
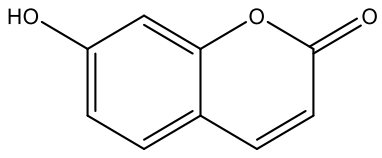
Literature surveys suggested that *A. marmelos* contains a variety of phytochemicals [14]. Alkaloids are used medicinally to treat heart conditions, reduce inflammation, and provide anesthesia. Leukaemia, renal cell carcinoma,

and prostate cancer were treated with coumarin, terpenoids, and flavonoids. Phenolic as well as amino acids play's role as antioxidants and improve digestive system function (**Table 1**) [15].

Table 1. *Eagle marmelos* chemical composition, separation technique, and medicinal uses

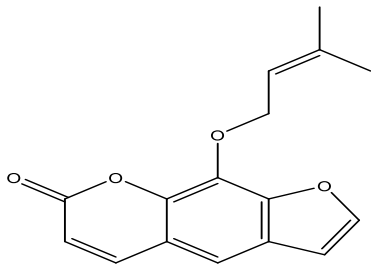
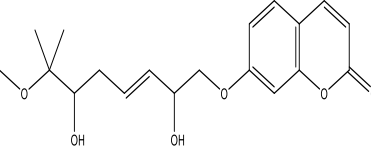
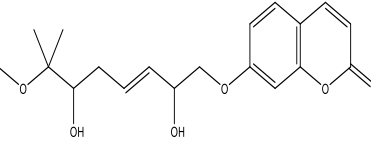
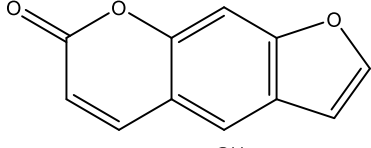
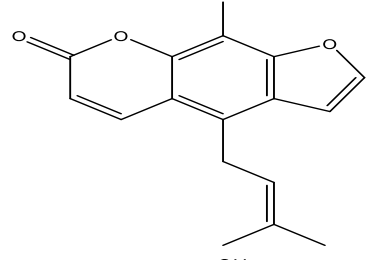
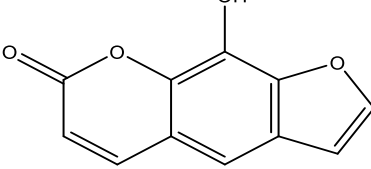
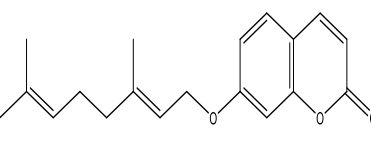
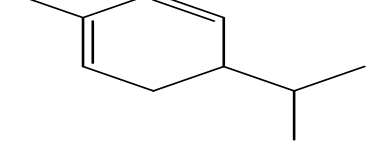
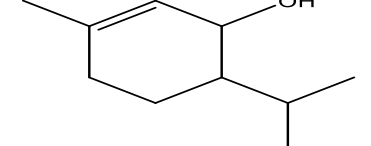
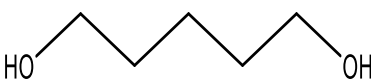
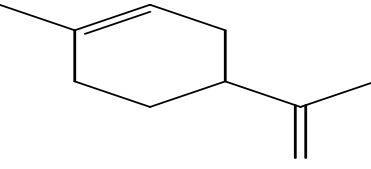
S. No.	Metabolites	Phytochemicals	IUPAC Name	Molecular structure	Extraction/ Separation Technique	Pharmacology	Reference
1.	Alkaloid's	Marmeline	(Z)-N-(2-hydroxy-2-(4-((3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)phenyl)ethyl)-3-phenylacrylamide		Chromatography Techniques	Cardioprotective, Anaesthetic, anti-inflammatory, Anticancer	[16, 17]
		Halfordino	4-(2-(pyridine-3-yl)oxazole-5-yl)phenol				[18-20]
		Ethyl cinnamate	N-ethylcinnamamide				[21-24]
		Aegelinosides a	N-((S)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(((2R,3R,4S,5S,6R)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)ethyl)cinnamamide				[25]
		Aegelinosides b	(Z)-N-[(2S)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(((2R,3R,4S,5S,6R)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)oxan-2-yl]oxyethyl)]-3-phenylprop-2-enamide				[26, 27]
		Ethyl cinnamate	ethyl (E)-3-phenyl prop-2-enoate				[13, 28, 29]
		Ethyl-cinnamon	N-ethylcinnamamide				[30, 31]
		Ethanediamine	N-(2-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)cinnamamide				[30]

Ethyl Cinnamide	N-(2-hydroxy-2-(4-((3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)phenyl)ethyl)cinnamide		[31, 32]
Aegelin	N-(2-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)cinnamide		[33-35]
Dictamine	4-methoxyfuro[2,3-b]quinoline		[36]
Aegelin	N-(2-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)cinnamide		[37, 38]
Fragrine	4,8-dimethoxyfuro[2,3-b]quinoline		[25, 39]
Eicosapentaenoic acid	(5E,8E,11E,14E,17E)-icosa-5,8,11,14,17-pentaenoic acid		[40, 41]
Omethylhalfordinine	5-(4-((3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2-(pyridin-3-yl)oxazole		[42, 43]
N-4-methoxystyryl cinnamide	methyl (E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate		[26, 44, 45]
Oisopentyl halfordinol	isopentyl isobutyrate		[46, 47]
N-2-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl cinnamide	N-(2-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)cinnamide		[45, 48]

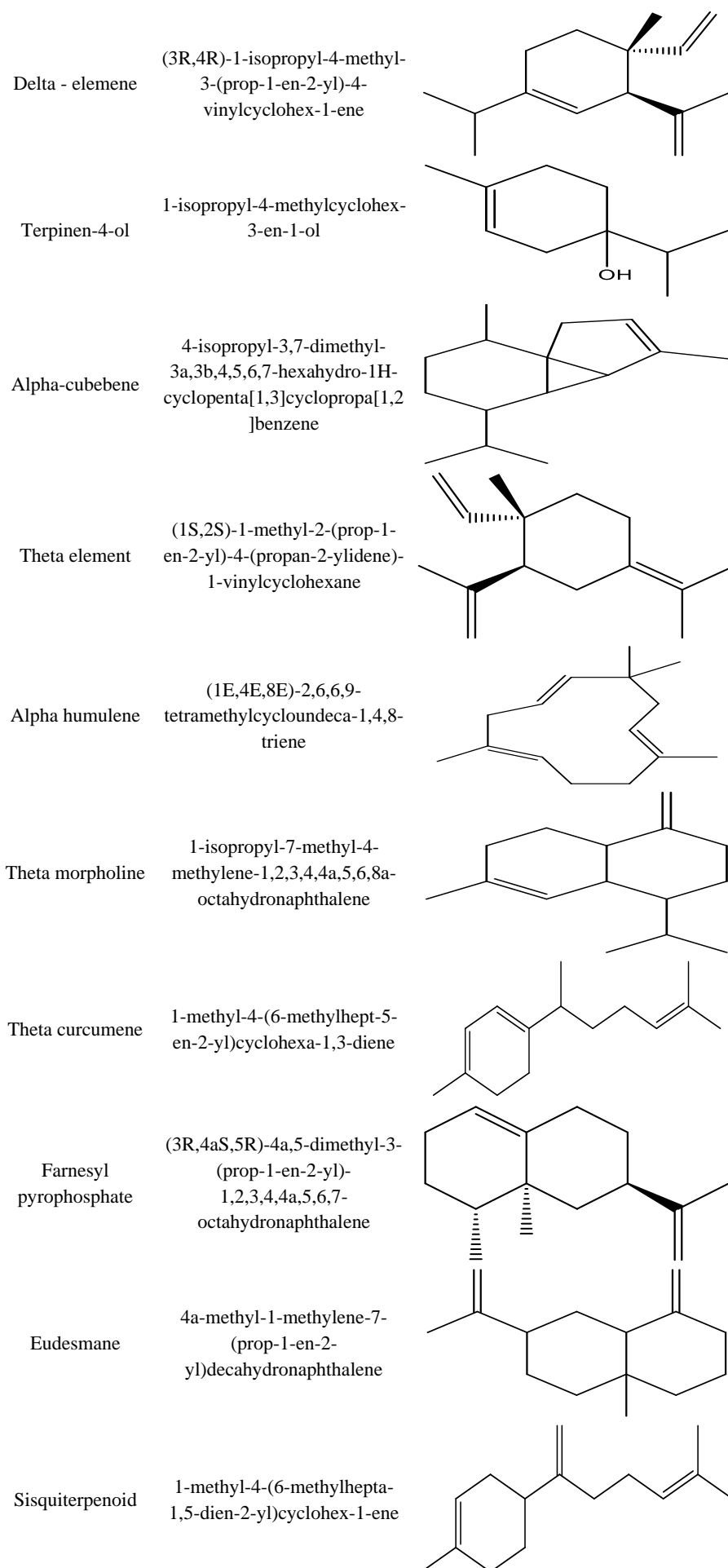
2. Coumarin's	Marmelosin	9-((3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)-7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one		[33, 49-52]
	Marmin	(R, E)-7-((6,7-dihydroxy-3,7-dimethyloct-2-en-1-yl)oxy)-2H-chromen-2-one		[53-55]
	3marmesin	(S)-2-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one		[56-58]
	Rutacine	2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-3-(((2S,3R,4S,5S,6R)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(((2R,3R,4R,5R,6S)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)methyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)-4H-chromen-4-one		[59, 60]
	Marmelosin	9-((3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)-7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one		[49, 61, 62]
	Methyl ether	methoxymethane		[63-65]
	Scoparome	6,7-dimethoxy-2H-chromen-2-one		[66]
	Imperatorin	9-((3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)-7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one		[67, 68]
Umbelliferone	7-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one		[69-71]	

Chromatographic separation

Prostate cancer, renal cell carcinoma, and leukemia

	Marmelide	9-((3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)-7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one		[72, 73]
	Mermenol	(E)-7-((2,6-dihydroxy-7-methoxy-7-methyloct-3-en-1-yl)oxy)-2H-chromen-2-one		[74]
	Scopoletin	(E)-7-((2,6-dihydroxy-7-methoxy-7-methyloct-3-en-1-yl)oxy)-2H-chromen-2-one		[75]
	Psoralen	7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one		[76]
	Alloimperaterin	9-hydroxy-4-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)-7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one		[77]
	Zanthoxol	9-hydroxy-7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one		[78]
	Epoxyauraptan	(E)-7-((3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-yl)oxy)-2H-chromen-2-one		[79]
3. Terpenoid	Alpha phellandrene	5-isopropyl-2-methylcyclohexa-1,3-diene		[80]
	3-Carvomenthenol	6-isopropyl-3-methylcyclohex-2-en-1-ol		
	Pentamethylene glycol	pentane-1,5-diol		
	Dipentene	1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-ene		
			Hydrodistillation, steam distillation, and solvent extraction	
			Immune modulator, antifungal, antiviral, antiparasitic, antispasmodic, antihyperglycemic	[31, 81-83]

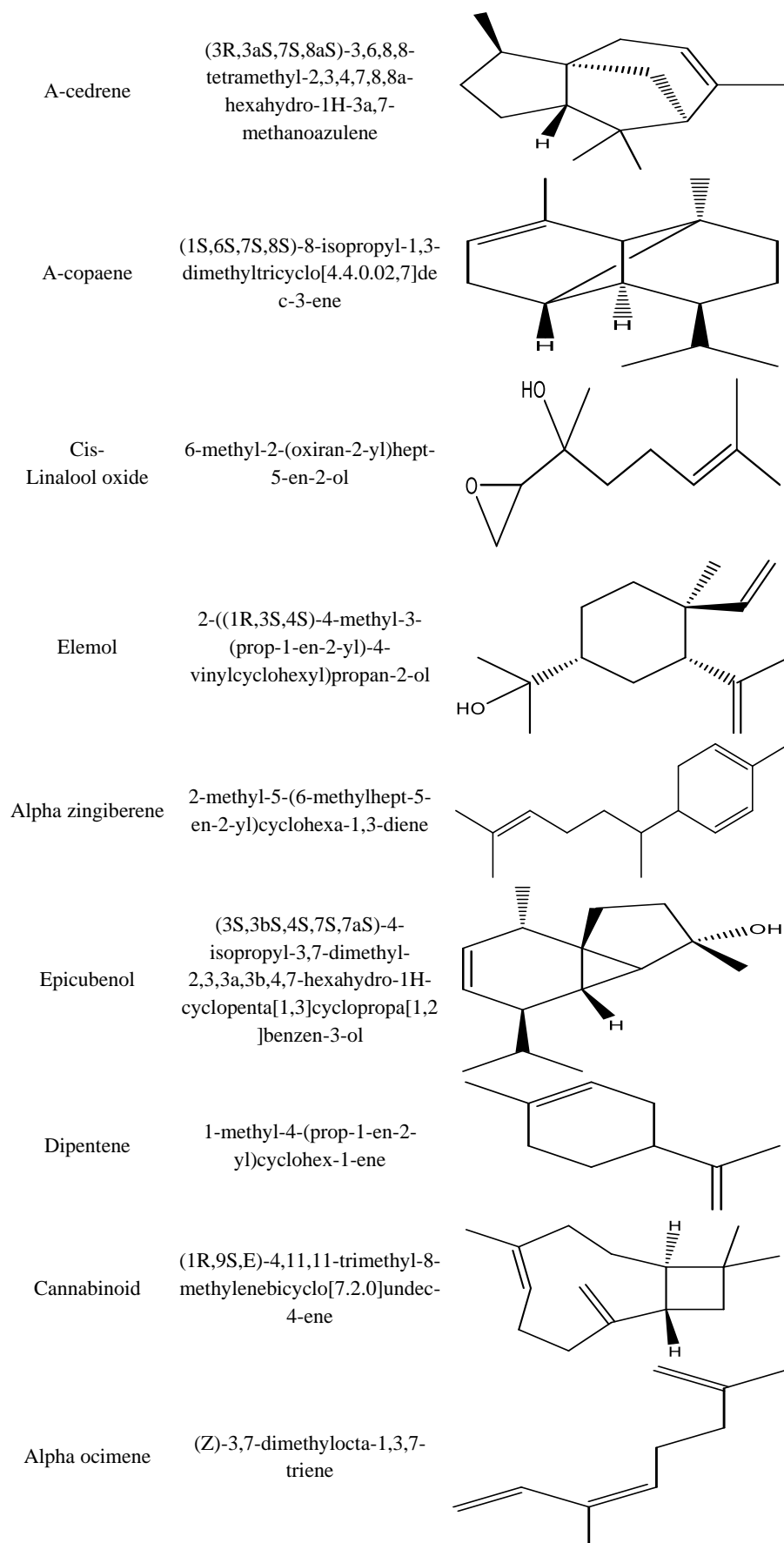
Ocimene	7-methyl-3-methylocta-1,6-diene		
Australene	2,6,6-trimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2-ene		[32]
Delta-3-Carene	3,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[4.1.0]hept-3-ene		[30]
B-ocimene	(E)-3,7-dimethylocta-1,3,6-triene		[84]
Boisvelon	1-(2,3,8,8-tetramethyl-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octahydronaphthalen-2-yl)ethan-1-one		[39]
Licareol	3,7-dimethylocta-1,6-dien-3-ol		[85]
Isoterpinene	1-methyl-4-(propan-2-ylidene)cyclohex-1-ene		
Moslene	1-isopropyl-4-methylcyclohexa-1,4-diene		
Butanoic acid	5-isopropyl-2-methylbicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-1-ol		[32]
Thujen-3en-10-ol	(5-isopropylbicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-en-2-yl)methanol		



Levomenol	(S)-4-methyl-1-((S)-6-methylhept-5-en-2-yl)cyclohex-3-en-1-ol	
Theta cardinene	1-isopropyl-7-methyl-4-methylene-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,8a-octahydronaphthalene	
Alpha terphenyl isobutyrate	2-(4-methylcyclohex-3-en-1-yl)propane-2-yl isobutyrate	
Cis, Trans Farnesol	(2E,6E)-3,7,11-trimethyldodeca-2,6,10-trien-1-ol	
2-cis, 6-trans-Farnesol	(2Z,6E)-3,7,11-trimethyldodeca-2,6,10-trien-1-ol	
3z-hexenol	(Z)-hex-1-en-1-ol	
Ethyl hexoic acid	ethyl hexanoate	
Methyl Perillate	methyl (2E,4E)-5-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)penta-2,4-dienoate	
Alpha-Cardinol	(1R,4S,4aR,8aR)-4-isopropyl-1,6-dimethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,7,8,8a-octahydronaphthalen-1-ol	
Eucalyptol	1,3,3-trimethyl-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane	
Limonene oxide	(1S,4R)-1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane	

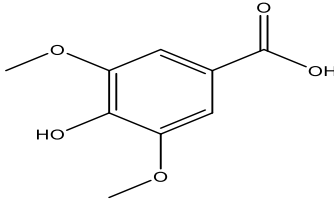
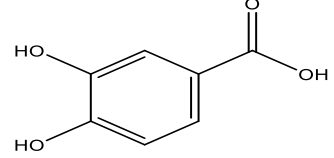
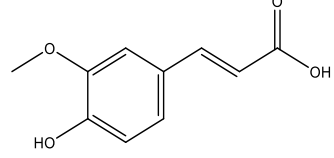
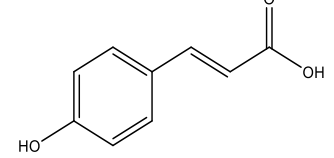
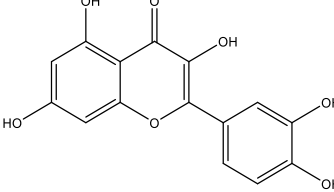
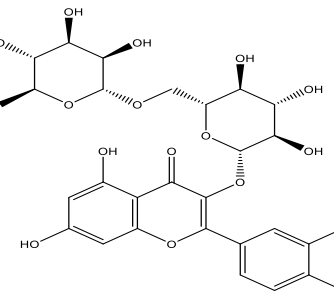
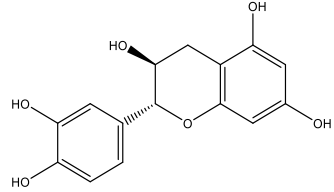
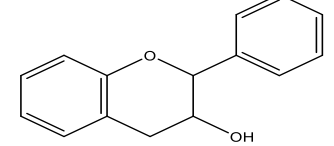
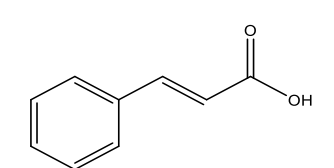
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	Alpha humulene	(1E,4E,8E)-2,6,6,9-tetramethylcycloundeca-1,4,8-triene			
	Beta myrcene	7-methyl-3-methylenoocta-1,6-diene			
	Alpha copaene	(1S,6S,7S,8S)-8-isopropyl-1,3-dimethyltricyclo[4.4.0.0.2,7]dec-3-ene			
	Chlorogenic acid	(1S,3R,4R,5R)-3-(((E)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)acryloyl)oxy)-1,4,5-trihydroxycyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid			
	Rutaretin	(S)-9-hydroxy-2-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one			
	Gallic acid	3,4,5-trihydroxybenzoic acid			
	Vanillic acid	4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzoic acid			
4. Phenolic acid's	Caffeic acid	(E)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)acrylic acid		Column Chromatography	Antioxidant's
	Gentisic acid	2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid			

5.	Flavonoid's	Syringic acid	4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid	
		Procatechuic acid	3,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid	
		Ferulic acid	(E)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acrylic acid	
		P- coumaric Acid	(E)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acrylic acid	
		Quercetin	2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-3,5,7-trihydroxy-4H-chromen-4-one	
		Rutin	2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-3-(((2S,3R,4S,5S,6R)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(((2R,3R,4R,5R,6S)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)methyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)-4H-chromen-4-one	
		Catechin	(2R,3S)-2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)chromane-3,5,7-triol	
6.	Carotenoid's	Flavan-3-ol	2-phenylchroman-3-ol	
		Skimminianine	2-phenylchroman-3-ol	

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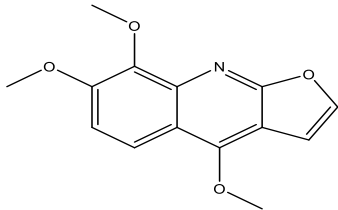
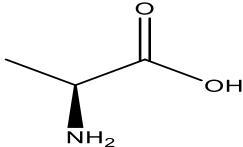
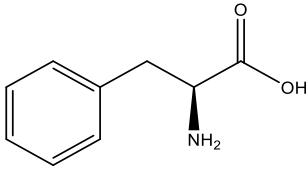
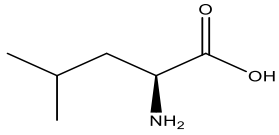
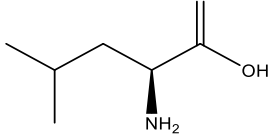
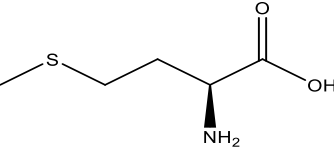
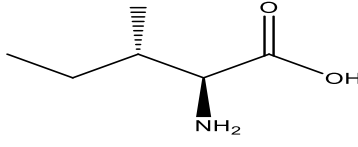
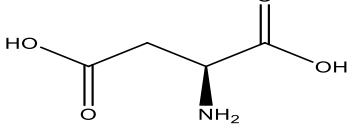
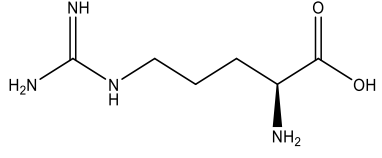
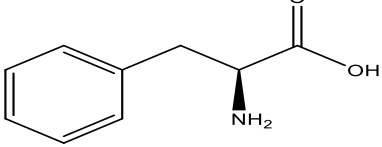
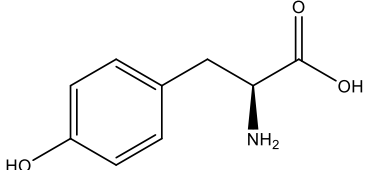
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anticancer, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antiviral properties

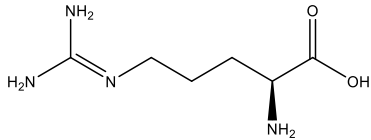
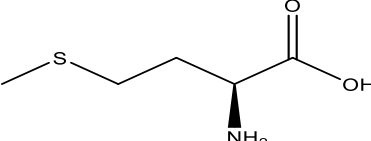
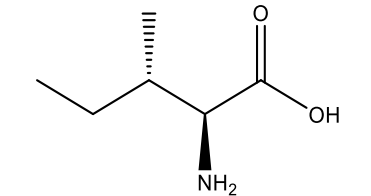
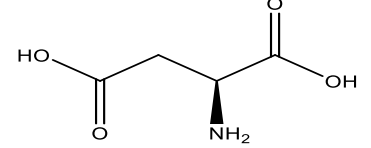
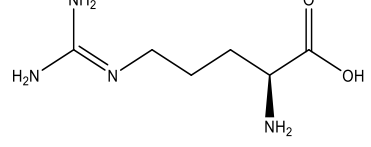
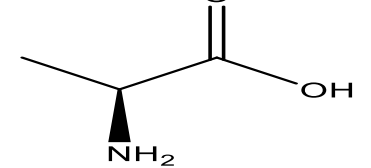
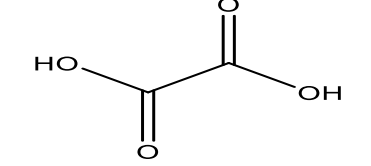
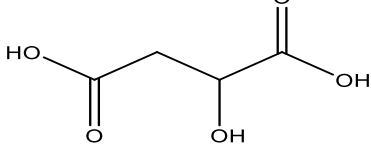
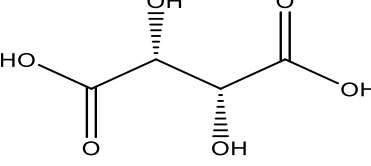


Antioxidants, immunomodulator

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7.	Tannin's	4, 7, 8-trimethoxyfuro-quinoline	4,7,8-trimethoxyfuro[2,3-b]quinoline		Extraction technique	Antidote, antiseptic and astringent
		Alanine	(2S)-2-aminopropanoic acid			
		Phenyl alanine	(2S)-2-amino-3-phenylpropanoic acid			
		Tyrosine	L-tyrosine			
		Leucine	(2S)-2-amino-4-methylpentanoic acid			
		Methionine	(2S)-2-amino-4-methylsulfanylbutanoic acid			
		Isoleucine	(2S,3S)-2-amino-3-methylpentanoic acid			
8.	Amino acid's	Aspartic acid	(2S)-2-aminobutanedioic acid		Ion exchange, metal affinity, and gel filtration chromatography	Body proteins, neurotransmitter's, and Hormones synthesis
		Arginine	(S) - 2-Amino - 5-guanidinopentanoic acid			
		Phenyl alanine	(2S) - 2 - amino - 3-phenylpropanoic acid			
		Tyrosine	(2S)-2-amino-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoic acid			

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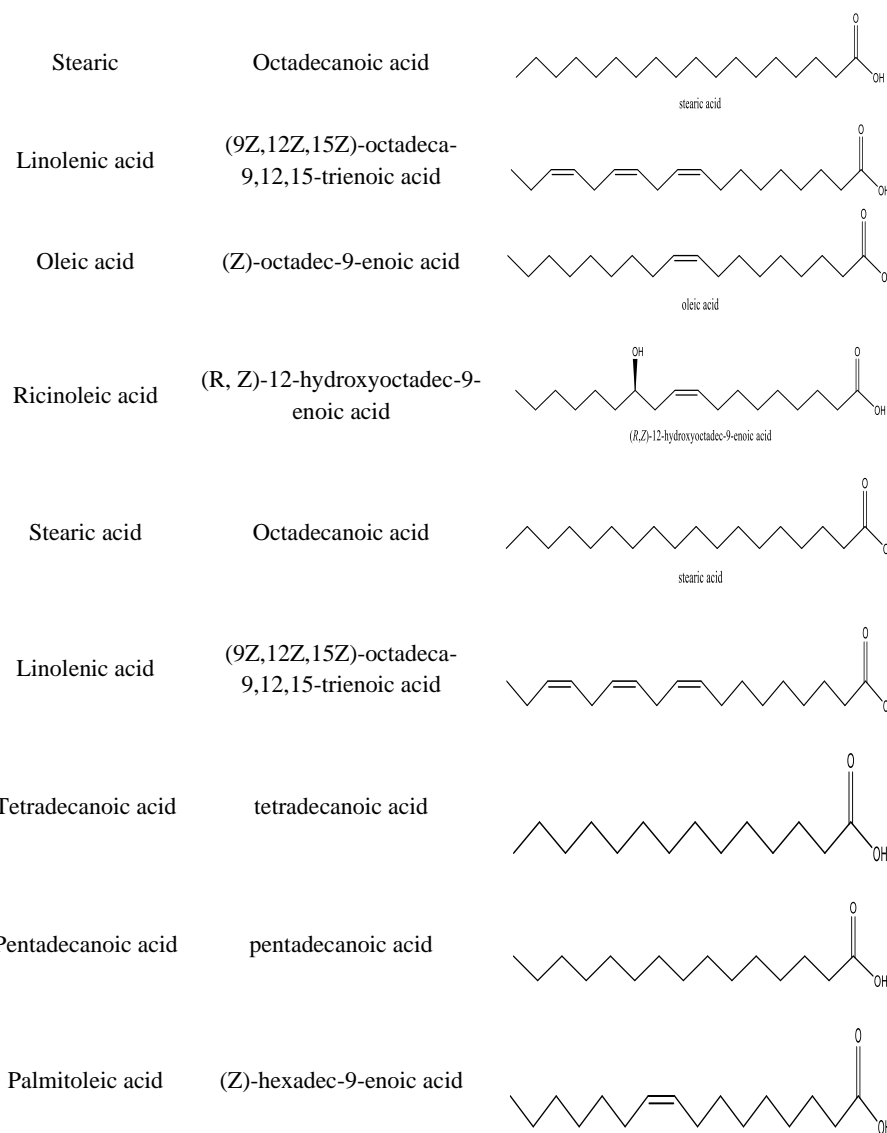
9.	Organic acid's	Leucine	(S)-2-amino-5- ((diaminomethylene)amino)pe ntanoic acid		[25]
		Methionine	(2S)-2-amino-4- methylsulfanylbutanoic acid		
		Isoleucine	(2S,3S)-2-amino-3- methylpentanoic acid		
		Aspartic acid	(2S)-2-aminobutanedioic acid		
		Arginine	(S)-2-amino-5- ((diaminomethylene)amino)pe ntanoic acid		
		Alanine	(2S)-2-aminopropanoic acid		
		Oxalic acid	Oxalic acid		
		Malic acid	2-hydroxysuccinic acid		
		Tartaric acid	(2R,3R)-2,3-dihydroxysuccinic acid		
10.	Fatty acid's	Linoleic	(9Z,12Z)-octadeca-9,12- dienoic acid		[25]
		Palmitic	Hexadecanoic acid		

anion exchange, ion exclusion, and reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography

Antimicrobials, preservatives, and sanitizers

Low-temperature crystallization, distillation, and precipitation techniques

Gene regulation, membrane component formation, and source of energy



Medicinal and pharmacological properties

Anticancer activity

Studies suggested that certain compounds found in bael, including alkaloids and essential oils, may exhibit cytotoxic effects on cancer cells [19]. *A. marmelos* extract shows significant inhibition on MCF 7 and MDAMB 231 breast cancer cell lines [6]. These compounds could interfere with the growth and division of cancer cells, leading to their destruction (**Figure 3**) [19].

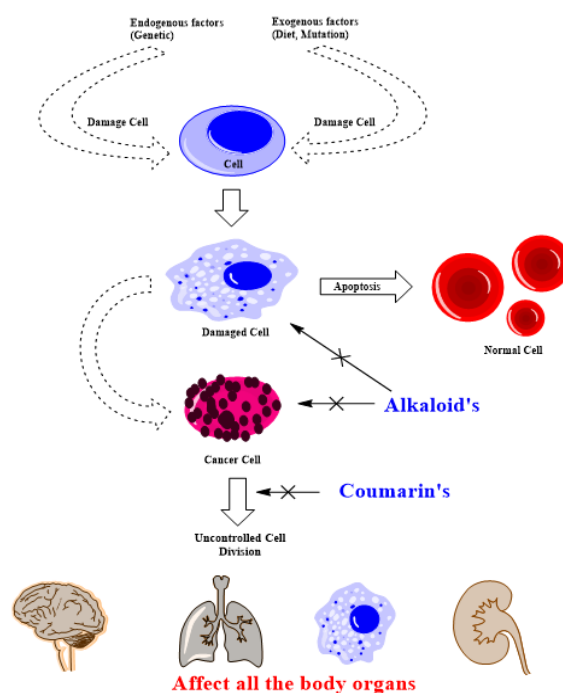


Figure 3. Anticancer effect of AM

Antidiabetic activity

Diabetes mellitus is a common metabolic disorder [72, 86]. *A. marmelos* hydro-alcoholic extract helps to reduce the blood sugar level as well as significantly increase the blood insulin and liver glycogen in diabetic rats [10, 42].

Anti-ulcer activity

Currently, due to lifestyle gastric disorders are common, Researchers reported that the methanolic extract of bael is highly effective for reducing gastrointestinal ulcers [35, 47].

Antimicrobial activity

The antibacterial activity of the different *A. marmelos* extracts were tested quinine compound was identified as possessing good antibacterial activity [66]. Researchers found that extract is highly effective as compared to other allopathic preparations against gram-positive and negative bacteria (Figure 4) [18, 55].

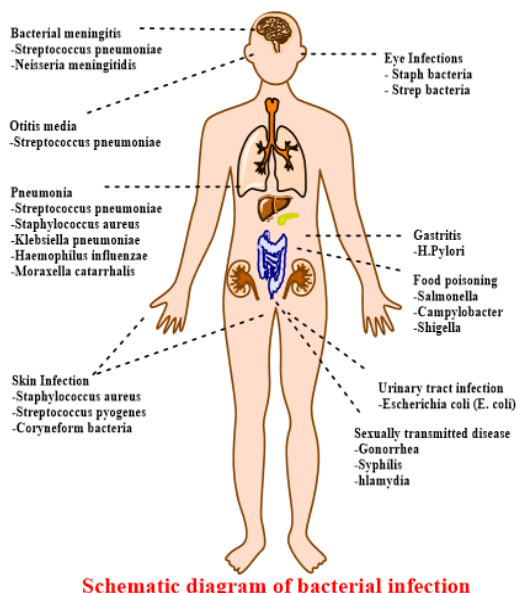


Figure 4. Antibacterial effect of AM

Antioxidant activity

Oxidative stress is induced due to physical, chemical, environmental as well as biological factors which cause the generation of free radicals [51]. *A. marmelos* phytoconstituents play a crucial role in free radical scavenging, these alteration returns the free radical to normal levels which reveals the antioxidant activity of bael extract [67, 83].

Anti-hyperlipidemic activity

Literature surveys reveal that bael extract induces the utilization of elevated fatty acids and their types [74]. As a result, lower levels of fatty acids were formed which is an important channel for consumption of higher glucose molecules [58].

Radioprotective action

In recent times radiotherapy has been one of the important causes of cancer because of its free radical formation-inducing property. *A. marmelos* extract was reported for the free radical scavenging of radiation-induced free radicals [73]. The radioprotective activity was studied in Swiss albino rats that were given a lot of intraperitoneal single doses of the extract [74].

Antiviral activity

The ability of different varieties of fungi to grow is tested by the separated volatile oil from *A. marmelos* [72]. The essential oil fully stopped all fungi from generating spores at a dosage of 0.05%. Around 75% and 90% of the fungus are significantly suppressed at 0.03% - 0.04%, respectively (Figure 5) [66].

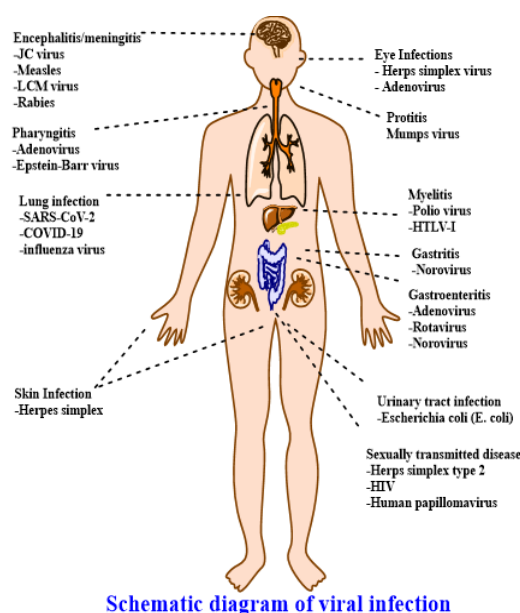


Figure 5. Antiviral of *A. marmelos*

Conclusion

The present study suggested that the therapeutic potential of AM and the phytoconstituents may be utilized to develop unique formulations for the management, mitigation as well as prevention of cancer, diabetes mellitus, and other microbial diseases [47]. Numerous ethnobotanical uses of AM have been documented in the past. Unfortunately, the majority of substances still need to be carefully examined to look into new lead molecules or pharmacophores. A few bioactive compounds' processes have also so far been identified. To determine the pathophysiology as well as the pharmacology of various phytochemicals with the efficacy of AM pharmacological properties, extensive research is required [1].

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