

A review on physiological function of phytochemicals identified in various parts of the plant *Albizia lebbek*

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ABSTRACT

Albizia lebbek L., scientifically referred to as Indian Siris or Koko, is an annual tree from the Fabaceae (formerly Leguminosae) family of legumes. Medicinal plants are an important and fundamental source for the herbal and pharmaceutical industries, and they contribute significantly to the global health protection of millions of people. Phytochemicals are substances extracted from plants that are produced by various plant parts, such as roots, stems, bark, rhizomes, leaves, flowers, fruits, and seeds, throughout different stages of cellular metabolism.

Previous studies have dealt with the phytochemicals of various plant parts, including nutrients, glycosides, alkaloids, anthraquinones, essential oils, flavonoids, terpenoids, steroids, saponins, phenolics, and tannins. All plant parts, including root, leaves, flowers, bark, and seed, are useful in Indian traditional medicine in the treatment of several health ailments, for example, allergies, asthma, bronchitis, arthritis, fractures, gingivitis, gum inflammation, toothache, hemorrhage, leprosy, leukoderma, malaria, night blindness, scorpion sting, snakebite, and syphilis.

Finally conclude that *A. lebbek* is still an excellent source of phytochemicals with a variety of biological activities that have exceptional therapeutic effects for people all over the world.

Key word: *Albizia lebbek*, Medicinal plants, phytochemicals, therapeutic effects.

"Medicinal plant" refers to a diverse group of plant species used to treat sickness or discomfort. Medicinal plants are an important and fundamental source for the herbal and pharmaceutical industries, and they contribute significantly to the global health protection of millions of people (Khan, 2016).

Phytochemicals are substances extracted from plants that are produced by various plant parts, such as roots, stems, bark, rhizomes, leaves, flowers, fruits, and seeds, throughout different stages of cellular metabolism. Several types of phytochemicals exist, including alkaloids, phenols, flavonoids, tannins, sterols, carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and their derivatives, as well as nucleic acids (Balkrishna et al., 2022). These phytochemicals have been used traditionally by tribal people from a long back in herbal medicines. These phytochemical studies are important so as to validate and commercialize the use of these phytochemicals in formation of new drugs and medicines (Sharma et al., 2022).

Plants: *Albizia lebbek*

Albizia lebbek L., scientifically referred to as Indian Siris or Koko, is an annual tree from the Fabaceae (formerly Leguminosae) family of legumes. It is a member of the class Magnoliopsida, comprising the genus *Albizia* and the subfamily Mimosoideae. Most members of this family are found in tropical and subtropical parts of Asia and Africa, where they grow quickly as trees and shrubs (Latif et al., 2019).

The flowers of the plant are self-compatible; however they require pollinators to come for the flowers to trip. Higher values for visiting frequency and rate indicate that floral visitors are considered effective pollinators of flowering plants (Zameer et al., 2017). Pollinators vary in their frequency of visits and levels of activity, which has an impact on the fruit and seeds setting in plants (Cane and Schiffhauer, 2003). Due to its fragrant flowers and attractive appearance, the

I. INTRODUCTION

According to the World Health Organisation, approximately 70–80% of the world's population, particularly in the poorest countries of Asia and Africa, depends on non-traditional medicine for some component of basic healthcare (Srivastava and Pandey, 2015). Ancient literature (Rabia, 2005) documents the use of medicinal plants in India in systems of medicine such as Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Siddha, and Unani (AYUSH system of medicine).

plant is grown as an ornamental tree. Its roots, which bind the soil, also help control soil erosion.

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According to Abdul-Hafeez et al. (2014), *A. lebbeck* bark extract exhibited the greatest phenolic concentration (148.00 mg/g gallic acid equivalents). Among the flavonoids that were separated from the bark are isookanin, luteolin, geraldone, and catechin. Similar to this, stem bark has yielded the isolation of many triterpenoid saponin chemicals (Bajpai et al., 2024; Viana et al., 2019). The acetone extract of *A. lebbeck* stem bark revealed the presence of many phytochemicals, such as phytosterol, tocopherols, eight phenolic acids, mostly cinnamic acid, and eight flavonoids, namely chrysoeriol, hesperidin, and quercetin (Ibrahim and Abdul-Hafeez, 2023).

Pharmacological properties

All plant parts, including root, leaves, flowers, bark, and seed, are useful in Indian traditional medicine in the treatment of several health ailments, for example, allergies, asthma, bronchitis, arthritis, fractures, gingivitis, gum inflammation, toothache, hemorrhage, leprosy, leukoderma, malaria, night blindness, scorpion sting, snakebite, and syphilis (Balkrishna et al., 2022). In light of their possible anti-hepatotoxicity, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antiviral, and antioxidant properties, herbal products have recently come to light as effective treatments for a variety of skin conditions, including eczema, herpes, leukoderma, cellulitis, ringworm, and scabies (Note et al., 2015).

In Indian traditional medicine, all parts of plant *A. lebbeck* (roots, leaves, flowers, bark, and seeds) are beneficial for treating a wide range of illnesses, including syphilis, allergies, asthma, bronchitis, arthritis, fractures, gingivitis, gum inflammation, toothaches, haemorrhages, leprosy, leukoderma, malaria, night blindness, scorpion stings, and snakebite (Meshram et al., 2015). Moreover, the flowers have an anti-pulmonary activity (Farag et al., 2013). The anti-carcinogenic properties of plant bark, namely that of *A. lebbeck* and *B. lanzan*, were investigated scientifically by Shrivastava et al. (2024).

Phoraksa et al. (2023) applied human microglial HMC-3 cells to study the impact and mechanism of *A. lebbeck* leaf extracts on

glutamate-induced neurotoxicity and apoptosis associated with ER stress. According to Saleem et al. (2019), *A. lebbeck* possesses antioxidant and neuroprotective qualities, which raise the possibility of evaluating its conventional medicinal potential in neurodegenerative illnesses. Islam et al. (2018) assessed the methanol extract of *A. lebbeck* leaves' neuropharmacological effects on Swiss albino mice.

According to a clinical investigation by Haramohan, (2017), sixty individuals with allergic conjunctivitis had a considerable reduction in their symptoms. *A. lebbeck* is used as an eye drop, administered two drops three times a day for thirty days. Nikhat and Fazil (2017) investigated the anti-inflammatory properties of several solvent extracts of *A. lebbeck* on both acute and chronic phases of inflammation, as well as the anti-inflammatory properties of the extracts in an animal model of adjuvant-induced arthritis.

In vitro studies have revealed the antibacterial properties of crude plant extracts rich in a range of phytochemicals, including tannins, flavonoids, phenols, and alkaloids. To determine the functional qualities or efficacy of each portion of the plant, such herbal extracts should be researched or require scientific validation (Ibrahim and Abdul-Hafeez, 2023).

In General, herbal medicines recognized as potent antimicrobial agents, WHO has approved traditional medicinal remedies safe for ailments of either microbial or non-microbial. There are versatile perceptive in drug discoveries using plant based natural products like antimicrobial screening (Ali et al., 2018). *A. lebbeck* extract was biologically active as an antibacterial agent against *B. subtilis* and *S. marcescens* and had moderate activity against *A. johnsonii* and *A. tumefaciens*, while *E. carotovora* and *E. coli* were the least affected (Ibrahim and Abdul-Hafeez, 2023).

The ethanolic extract of root exerted antibacterial activity against *E. coli*, *S. flexneri*, *P. aeruginosa*, *S. typhi*, *K. pneumoniae*, *S. boydii*, *S. aureus*, and *E. faecalis* with 9.05–15.77 mm inhibition range, where *S. typhi* showed maximum inhibition followed by *S. flexneri* (15.50 mm) at 200 mg/ml with MIC 0.20 and 0.39 mg/ml, respectively (Joshiet al., 2013). Similarly, petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, and methanol extracts from the stem bark and leaves exhibited antimicrobial activity against selective microbes among Gram-positive bacteria, that is, *B. polymyxa*, *B. subtilis*, *B. megaterium*, *S. lutea*, and *S. aureus*; Gram-negative bacteria such as *V. mimicus*, *V. cholera*, *S.*

typhi, S. boydii, S. flexneri type-1, S. dysenteriae, P. aeruginosa, K. pneumoniae, E. coli, and P. vulgaris (Bobby et al., 2012).

Finally, according to present study, A. lebbeck is still an excellent source of phytochemicals with a variety of biological activities that have exceptional therapeutic effects for people all over the world. Furthermore, the processes of these active phytochemicals must be the focus of future research in order to facilitate their possible enrolment for drug discovery, as the pharmacological physiological characteristics of the isolated compounds with known bioactivities are very limited.

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