



Exploring The Medicinal And Pharmacological Significance Of *Tinospora Cordifolia*

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Abstract: The rasayana herb, guduchi (*Tinospora cordifolia*), is well known for its restorative qualities and has been documented in Ayurvedic and other ancient texts. It is a pretty widespread plant that grows over tiny trees and hedges in arid deciduous woodlands. In Ayurveda and other medical systems, different plant parts are given as either monoherbal or polyherbal remedies. getting ready. In India, the plant's extracts are used to cure a wide range of illnesses and are a component of several polyherbal formulations that are used to treat conditions like hepatitis and diabetes. Guduchi is highly commercially exploitable because every portion of it has some medical value. Significant advancements in its biological activity and therapeutic uses have been made in the previous few decades. As a result, it can be used as a source to create industrial goods that treat a variety of illnesses. We have made an attempt to gather the material on this plant that is now available, focusing mostly on its medicinal uses from the very beginning. This article provides an overview of the primary biological activities, pharmacological effects, and therapeutic uses of guduchi extracts. It also discusses the biological activities of a few isolated guduchi compounds.

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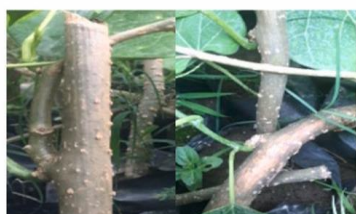
1. INTRODUCTION:

With succulent stems and papery bark, *Tinospora cordifolia* (TC) is a huge, widely dispersing, glabrous, perennial deciduous twiner with simple, alternating, cordate, whole, 7-9 leaves. nerved; drupe fruits that become red when ripe; blooms in bunches, with female flowers often solitary. The epidermis of the stems is longitudinally fissured, and the surface seems to be tightly studded with warty tubercles. The dark greenish mucilaginous stem is seen when the outer skin is removed. The plant is reproduced by cuttings and is occasionally grown for its aesthetic qualities. The leaves afford a good fodder for cattle. Guduchi is mentioned in Ayurvedic literature as a component of a number of chemical formulations used to treat fever, dyspepsia, urinary disorders, and general debility. It performs several actions. For example, the stem is a bitter stomachic, increases bile secretion, induces constipation, is a tonic, calms fever, thirst, and burning sensations, stops vomiting, is a diuretic, enriches blood, treats jaundice, helps with skin conditions, and its juice helps with diabetes, urethral and vaginal discharges, low fevers, and enlarged spleens (Ayurveda). As an antidote to scorpion stings and snake bites, the root and stem are recommended in conjunction with other medications. Ancient Hindu literature regarded an infusion of the powdered stem as an aphrodisiac, and it is used as a tonic and substitute^[1,2]. Giloy is a big climber with multiple long, twining branches that reaches the top of the forest's tallest tree. Like squarish, the roots provide an aerial menace and emerge from mature branches. The dried aerial roots have a creamy white or light grey-brown hue, no smell, and a bitter flavour. This plant has a somewhat succulent steam and a long, filiform, fleshy, ascending, naturally dry stem that is cylindrical and slightly twisted. The starch extracted from the stem, known as "Guduchi Sava," is extremely nutritious, digestible, and beneficial for a variety of illnesses. The plant's leaves are green and about 10 to 15 cm long, but as they grow, they turn yellowish green to yellow green. Many ayurvedic institutions promote

giloy sticks as a way to build immunity against COVID-19. One of the Indian organisations that operates in Patanjali, an Ayurvedic practitioner, created a medication package named "Coronil," which has tulsi, ashwagandha, and giloy as its main ingredients.

1.1 Context of History and Culture:

In South Asian traditions, *Tinospora cordifolia*—also referred to as Giloy or Guduchi—has great historical and cultural significance, especially in the context of Ayurveda, India's age-old medical system. It has been regarded as a Rasayana (rejuvenative herb) for more than 3,000 years in traditional writings such as the Sushruta Samhita and Charaka Samhita, where it is commended for fostering immunity, energy, and longevity. It is associated with immortality and heavenly protection and is culturally entwined with Hindu mythology. Legends say it formed from drips of amrita (divine nectar) during the cosmic churning of the ocean. Guduchi, which means "one that protects the body," and Amrita, which means "nectar of life," are names that represent the plant's spiritual position. Its vines, which represent endurance since they can withstand adversity, are ceremoniously utilised in festivities like Guduchi Parva in Odisha and hung in homes to fend off negative energies. In addition to Ayurveda, it is used in Siddha and Unani medicine to treat fevers and detoxify. It is frequently ingested during fasting and is associated with spiritual purification, according to folklore. The COVID-19 pandemic brought Giloy's use as an immune-boosting supplement back into the spotlight, fusing traditional knowledge with modern health. Its lasting influence highlights its status as a cultural icon that embodies the unity of spirituality, healing, and ecological balance.



B) STEM

Stem is rather succulent with long, filiform, fleshy and climbing in nature. Aerial roots arise from the branches. The bark is creamy white to grey in colour and deeply spirally left



D) FLOWER

Unisexual, racemes, colour is greenish yellow, small and separate plants and appears when plant is leaf less. Male flowers are clustered and female flowers usually exist in solitary inflorescence. Sepals are 6, 3 each in 2 series. Inner ones are bigger than the outer sepals. Petals are 6 as well, smaller than sepals, obovate, free and membranous. During four months (March-June), flowering occurs



A) TINOSPORA CORDIFOLIA

Climbing shrub with a number of coiling branches



C) LEAVES

Simple, alternate, exstipulate, long petioles about 15 cm, round heart shaped, pulvinate, twisted partially and half way round



E) FRUITS

Orange-red in colour, fleshy, aggregate of 1-3 and ovoid, smooth, drupelets on thick stalk with sub terminal style scars. During the winter season fruit develops

Fig. 1. Parts of the *T. cordifolia* plant: a) The entire plant; b) The stem; c) The leaves; d) The flowers; and e) The fruits.

1.2 Plant Description:

Up to 1.2 km above sea level, the huge deciduous, glabrous perennial plant *Tinospora* is widely distributed throughout India, particularly in the tropical regions. China, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Burma are among the neighbouring nations where it can be found [3]. Warm climates are ideal for growing *Tinospora* plants. Red or medium-black soil is ideal for *Tinospora* cultivation. It can also be accomplished successfully. cultivated in a wide range of soil types, from clay loam to sandy soils. But for it to flourish, the soil needs to be rich in organic matter, well-drained, and moist enough. Common names for *T. cordifolia* include heart-leaved moonseed, Guduchi, Giloy, and Amrita [4]. It is regarded as a sacred drink and is thought to be the

ambrosia of God Indra. *Tinospora crispa*, a woody, high, and completely glabrous climber, is another species of *Tinospora*. It is a tiny herb known locally as Faridbel. This herb grows widely throughout India's temperate and tropical regions. The third species, *T. sinensis/malabarica*, commonly referred to as the Malabar gulbel, has long, luminous, light-colored stems and gigantic deciduous climbers. Aerial roots from branches, dioecious flowers, and orbicular-cordate leaves bigger than *T. cordifolia* [5].

1.3 Morphological features of *T. cordifolia*:

T. cordifolia, popularly known as the "queen of all herbs," is a climbing shrub with several coiling branches. The stem, leaves, flower, and fruits are the several sections into which the entire plant has been separated (Fig. 1). There are many other components, such as seeds, lamina, and arial roots. Aerial roots are characterised by tetra-to penta-arch formations. Apart from that, the root cortex features a robust outer wall and a parenchymatous zone inside. The base is deeply cordate, membranous, pubescent, and whitish tomentose, with a noticeable reticulum underneath. The lamina is oval, measuring 10–20 cm in length and up to 15 cm in width [5]. The form of seeds is bent. The embryo immediately transformed into a curve. On the other hand, the endocarp is highly decorated and provides essential taxonomic characteristics.

1.4 The significance of *T. cordifolia* in Ethnopharmacology:

Traditional medical systems, especially those in South Asia, have long valued *T. cordifolia* ethnopharmacologically. The stem of *T. cordifolia* is primarily used as a diuretic, thermogenic, astringent, bitter, stomachic, and allaying of thirst, vomiting, and burning sensations. It also nourishes the blood, stimulates bile secretion, avoids constipation and jaundice, and more. Additionally, its stem has been seen as abundant sources of medications with antipyretic, anti-diabetic, immunomodulatory, and anti-hepatotoxic properties. Skin conditions can be effectively treated using *T. cordifolia* stem extract. The plant's roots, another crucial component, have anti-ulcer and anti-stress properties. As an antidote to snakebite and scorpion sting, *T. cordifolia* stem and root are administered along with other medications. Anti-inflammatory, antiallergic, antipyretic, antispasmodic, and antileprotic qualities are found in *T. cordifolia*'s dry bark. According to a number of published research, *T. cordifolia* has a wide range of applications in Ayurvedic medicine. *T. cordifolia* is famous for its ability to modulate the immune system. It is frequently advised to strengthen the immune system and is utilised to strengthen the body's defences naturally [6,7]. It has long been used to treat bacterial and viral infections as well as other forms of fever [8,9]. It is thought to strengthen the body's defences against infections and lessen the symptoms of fever. The plant is well-known for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. It is used to combat oxidative stress in the body and to relieve inflammation-related ailments including arthritis [10]. *T. cordifolia* is used to boost general digestive health, decrease acidity, and enhance digestion. Additionally, it protects the liver from harm and promotes liver health [11,12]. Diabetes is also managed using *T. cordifolia*. It is thought to enhance insulin sensitivity and aid in blood sugar regulation.

Table 1 : Phytochemical constituents and active compounds isolated from *T. cordifolia*.

Chemicals	Active phytoconstituents	Plant source
Alkaloids	Berberine, Palmatine	Stem
	Tembetarine, Magnoflorine, Choline, Tinosporin, Isocolumbin, Palmatine, Tetrahydropalmatine, Magnoflorine	Root
Glycosides	Tinocordifolioside, Tinocordiside, Cordifolioside A, B, C, D & E, Cordioside, Cordifolioside A & B, Syringin, Syringin- apiosylglycoside, Palmatosides C & F	Stem
Diterpenoid lactones	Furanolactone, Tinosporides, Tinosporon, Jateorine, Columbin, Clerodane derivatives and [(5R,10R)-4R-8R-dihydroxy-2S- 3R:15,16-diepoxy-cleroda-13 (16), 14-dieno-17,12S: 18,15-dilactone]	Whole plant
Steroids	β -sitosterol, δ -sitosterol, 20 β - Hydroxy ecdysone	Aerial part Stem
	Ecdysterone, Makisterone A, Giloinsterol	
Sesquiterpenoid	Tinocordifolin	Stem
Aliphatic Compound	Octacosanol, Heptacosanol	Whole plant
Miscellaneous	Tinosporidine, Tinosporic acid, Cordifol, Cordifelone	Whole plant
	Giloin, Giloinin, Jatrorrhizine	Root

The plant can help treat a variety of skin diseases, psoriasis, and eczema because of its anti-inflammatory and anti-microbial qualities. Additionally, it relieves coughs, bronchitis, and asthma, among other respiratory issues. It is believed to have anti-asthmatic and bronchodilator properties ^[13,14]. *T. cordifolia* is categorised as an adaptogen, or Rasayana, in Ayurveda, meaning it is said to increase energy, lessen stress, and encourage general health. Its anticancer qualities are gaining attention ^[15,16]. It may have cytotoxic effects on cancer cells, according to research, and may be investigated further for cancer treatment. *T. cordifolia* has been used traditionally for its neuroprotective properties and cognitive health ^[17]. It can be utilised to protect the nervous system and improve memory ^[18]. In traditional medicine, *T. cordifolia* is frequently used as a general health tonic. It is thought to increase vigour, longevity, and general health.

2. MEDICINAL PROPERTIES OF *T. CORDIFOLIA*:

T. cordifolia has been the focus of in-depth scientific research with pharmaceutical significance worldwide throughout the past 20 years. Numerous studies have documented the anti-diabetic, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, immunomodulatory, anticancer, antimicrobial, antiallergic, and many other properties of the *Tinospora* plant (Fig. 2). Because of the phytochemical compounds found in Alkaloids, phenolics, diterpenoid, glycosides, aliphatic chemicals, and steroids are among the pharmacological compounds of the *T. cordifolia* plant that may be used to treat a variety of illnesses. The majority of pharmacological research relies on physiologically active chemicals and crude extracts from plants. We have highlighted *T. cordifolia*'s varied pharmacological effects in this section. Key bioactive chemicals that have been linked to these therapeutic advantages include cordifolioside, tinosporin, and berberine, according to recent study. Whether utilised in current herbal supplements or traditional Ayurvedic formulations, *T. cordifolia* remains an important and adaptable medicinal plant that connects traditional knowledge with modern medical procedures.

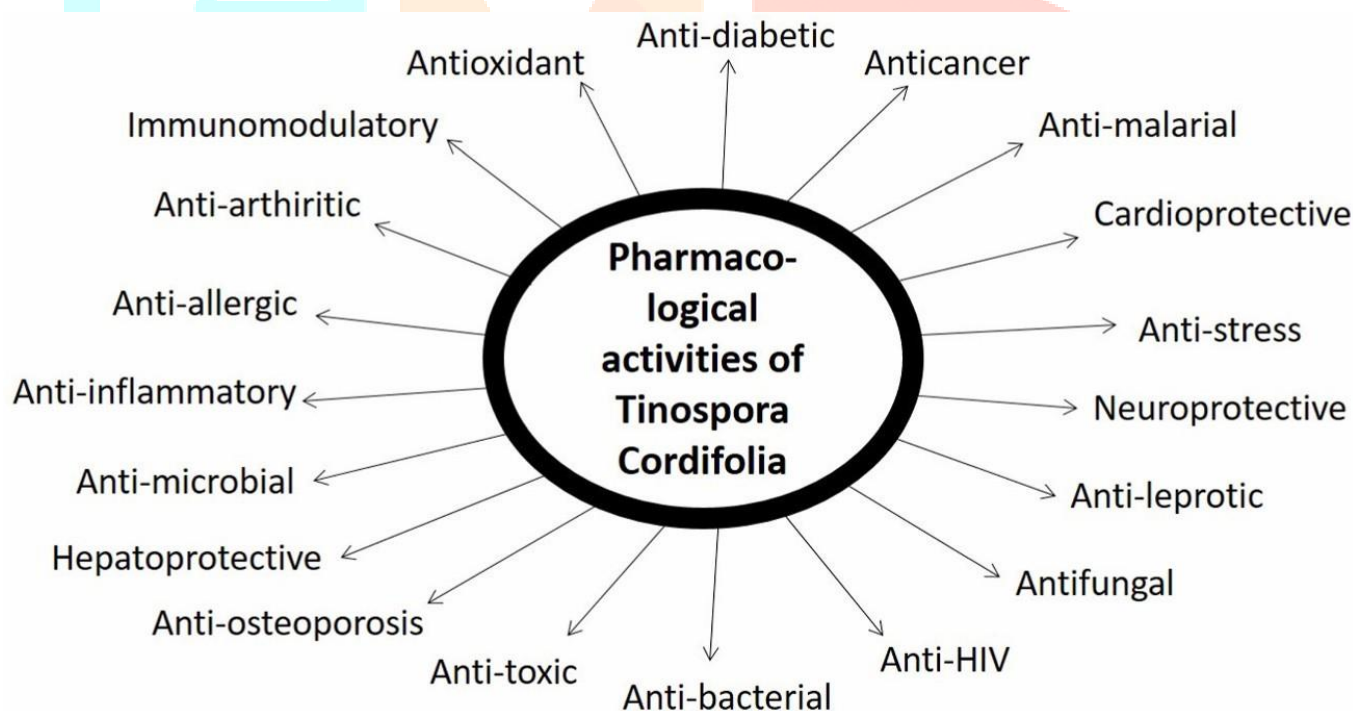


Fig. 2. *T. cordifolia*'s pharmacotherapeutic potential. Diabetes, metabolic disorders, heart, liver, nephrotic, and neurological disorders, cancer, immune disorders, arthritis, stress, microbial, bacterial, and fungal infections, allergic reactions, and toxicity are just a few of the human health conditions that *T. cordifolia* can help with with its many medicinal qualities and therapeutic approaches.

2.1 Anti-diabetic activity:

T. cordifolia's antidiabetic activity has been amply demonstrated by a number of pharmacological investigations. According to reports, the main phytoconstituents with an anti-diabetic effect are alkaloids, tannins, cardiac glycosides, flavonoids, saponins, and steroids^[19]. *T. cordifolia* has been used extensively as a treatment for type 2 diabetes (T2D) in Asia and Africa^[20]. The proportion high in alkaloids from stem; both in vitro and in vivo, palmatine, jatrorrhizine, and magnoflorine have been shown to have insulin-mimicking and insulin-releasing properties^[21]. Inducing hypoglycemic action, isolated alkaloids from the *T. cordifolia* plant exhibited an insulin-associated response^[22]. *T. cordifolia* extract shown anti-hyperglycemic efficacy by lowering high glucose in a study using a diabetic mouse^[23]. *T. cordifolia* extracts have been shown to operate on a variety of locations, including the muscles, pancreatic β cells, intestinal mucosa-L cells, liver, and fat^[24,25].

2.2 Anti-oxidant activity:

Mehra et al. created the formulation and used the DPPH (1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl) free radical scavenging method to assess its antioxidant efficacy. They calculated the total phenolic and flavonoid content. When compared to the conventional medication ascorbic acid, the formulation's results demonstrated strong antioxidant activity and an inhibitory concentration (IC₅₀) of 5 μ g/ml^[26]. The antioxidant activity of *T. cordifolia*'s methanolic, ethanolic, and water extracts was reported by George et al. In rats with alloxan-induced diabetes, the stemic ethanol extract raised the activity of catalase and erythrocyte membrane lipid peroxide while decreasing glutathione peroxidase and superoxide dismutase. After being separated in water with ethyl acetate and butanol at a concentration of 250 mg/ml, the methanol leaf extract demonstrated its antioxidant activity. The extracts of methanol phosphomolybdenum and metal chelating activity were the highest, followed by those of ethyl acetate, butanol, and water^[27]. Additionally, it increased the antioxidant enzyme and decreased the amount of free radical species in diabetic rats^[28, 29, 30]. Methanol extract's scavenging activity for free radicals was higher than that of phenol extract^[31]. By controlling the lipid peroxidation process and glutathione level, this plant alters the various enzymatic systems that govern the generation of these reactive species and sustain the oxidative load^[32, 33]. Using chloroform, methanol, ethanol hexane, and water, Premnath et al. pulverised and extracted the dried leaves of *T. cordifolia*. Assay for antioxidants by various in vitro models, superoxide radical scavenging activity, DPPH radical scavenging activity, and lipid peroxidation inhibitory action. The antioxidant activity of ethanol extract was high, while that of other solvent extracts was poor. According to the findings, ethanol extract has superior antioxidant compounds, and the amount of extracted polyphenols and their anti-oxidant activity are directly correlated^[34].

2.3 Anti-microbial activity:

T. cordifolia had good antifungal and antibacterial efficacy when tested against various microorganisms using varying solvents^[35]. According to Jeyachandran et al., the antibacterial properties of stem extracts demonstrated good therapeutic effectiveness against the infectious illness and were tested against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria in vitro. A methanolic extract of *T. cordifolia* has been used to combat both bacterial groups^[36]. *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus vulgaris*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Salmonella paratyphi*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Enterobacter aerogene*, *Shigella flexneri*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Serratia marcescens* (Gram-positive bacteria) are among the Gram-positive bacteria that Narayanan et al. have reported that plant extracts have antibacterial activity^[37]. *T. cordifolia*'s aqueous, ethanolic, and acetone extracts reduced the activity of clinical isolates of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, two urinary pathogens. Silver nanoparticles from the stem of *T. cordifolia* have been found by Singh et al. to have antibacterial activity against various bacterial strains^[38]. *T. cordifolia*'s antifungal activity was assessed using the agar well plate diffusion method, as reported by Allemailem et al. In the study, *T. cordifolia*'s aqueous extract shown strong antifungal activity against *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus flavus*, and *A. fumigatus*^[39]. The in-vitro extract of *T. cordifolia* that Agarwal et al. examined was made by macerating 100% ethanol. In brain-heart infusion agar medium, they investigated seven distinct doses of etholic extract against *S. mutans*. Using a Vernier calliper, plates were incubated aerobically at 37 C for 48 hours, and the zone of inhibition was determined. Dimethylformamide and 0.2% chlorhexidine served as the negative and positive controls, respectively. The results of this experiment were examined by analytical and descriptive tests. It demonstrated *T. cordifolia*'s maximal antibacterial activity at a concentration of 2% in a volume of 40 μ l with a 19 mm zone of inhibition. Dimethylformamide displayed no zone of inhibition, but a 30 μ l volume of 0.2% chlorhexidine displayed a 28 mm zone of inhibition^[40]. According to Khan et al., isolates of various *Aspergillus* species were examined

for the antifungal activity of *Tinospora cordifolia* aqueous extract (TCAE) in vitro. Different dosages of TCAE (10, 25, and 50 mg/kg) were given orally to mice infected with *A. fumigatus* for seven days in order to assess in vivo activity. Aqueous extract's impact on the treated mice's basic survival rate and measurement of the fungus burden in their kidneys ^[41]. The antibacterial and antioxidant qualities of the phenolic extract of the stem and root of *T. cordifolia* were investigated by Prasad et al. Several in-vitro tests were used to measure the total reducing power, hydrogen peroxide scavenging activity assay, and hydroxyl radical scavenging activity. The ethanolic extract had the highest levels of free radical scavenging activity in the H₂O₂ and hydroxyl free radical scavenging assays, at 87.2% and 91.0%, respectively ^[42].

2.4 Anti-stress activity:

When compared to the usual medication diazepam (dosage of 2.5 mg/kg), Sarma et al. discovered that an ethanolic extract of *T. cordifolia* at a dose of 100 mg/kg exhibits significant anti-stress effect in all parameters ^[43]. The moderate level of behaviour disorders and mental deficit response are provided by plant extract. Clinical investigation revealed that patients' I. Q. levels have improved. It boosts mental abilities including memory and recall, making it a Medhya Rasayana or brain tonic in Ayurveda ^[44].

2.5 Hypolipidemic effect:

Using rats weighing 2.5 and 5.0 g/kg body weight in the sixth week, Stanely et al. investigated the hypolipidemic effect of an aqueous extract of the root, which led to a decrease in tissue cholesterol, a fall in blood, phospholipids and free fatty acids in rats with diabetes treated with alloxan. The greatest hypolipidemic impact was observed at a dose of 5.0 g/kg body weight of root extract. Reduced serum lipid levels reduced the risk of vascular illness, while elevated serum lipid levels in diabetes were indicative of coronary heart disease. Up until that point, no research had been done on *T. cordifolia* root extract's capacity to lower serum or tissue lipid levels in diabetic rats ^[45].

2.6 Anticancer activity:

Ali et al. used response surface methodology (RSM) to investigate the anticancer properties of *T. cordifolia* palmatine extract in animal models. In a mouse model of skin cancer produced by 7,12 dimethylbenz(a)anthracene (DMBA), the extract shows anticancer activity ^[46]. A dose-dependent extract of 200, 400, and 600 mg/kg dry weight was developed by Rahul et al. The tumour size decreased life duration when C57 BI mice were given a 50% methanolic extract of cordifolia for 30 days at a concentration of 750 mg/kg body weight ^[47]. By employing C6 glioma cells, Mishra et al. demonstrated the anti-brain cancer potential of 50% ethanolic extract of *T. cordifolia* (TCE), which markedly increased differentiation in C6 glioma cells and decreased cell proliferation ^[48].

2.7 Wound healing:

The purpose of this study was to assess the wound-healing characteristics of *T. cordifolia* alcoholic extract and its impact on dexamethasone-suppressed healing. The plant's ability to heal wounds was examined using incision, excision, and dead space in the wound models. The higher tensile strength of *T. cordifolia* extract may be related to the stimulation of collagen synthesis. Dexamethasone-suppressed wound healing was not reversed by *T. cordifolia* extract ^[49].

3. PHYTOCHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS OF T. CORDIFOLIA:

During initial screening, a variety of essential chemical compounds were identified in *T. cordifolia*, including alkaloids, glycosides, steroids, flavonoids, phenols, tannins, terpenoids, polysaccharides, essential oils, and a mixture of fatty acids. Active phytochemical substances such b-sitosterol, clerodane furano diterpene, columbin, tinosporine, tinosporide, tinosporaside, cordifolide, cordifol, heptacosanol, and furano diterpene are derived from these essential fundamental phytoconstituents of *T. cordifolia* ^[50]. A few key chemical components are listed in Table 1, even though the structures of the main active phytochemical compounds are shown in a number of articles ^[50,51]. Each of these phytoconstituents has been linked to various illness disorders and has distinct biological activities and significance ^[52-54]. A variety of forms, including aqueous ^[55], methanol ^[56], ethanol ^[57], hydro-alcoholic ^[58], n-hexane ^[59], chloroform ^[60, 61], and ethyl acetate ^[62], are used to thoroughly extract *T. cordifolia* plant material. Different *T. cordifolia* plant extracts are subjected to a variety of analytical procedures in order to determine the main phytoconstituents present in the sample. The plant's immunostimulant and anti-cancer properties are further enhanced by the presence of sesquiterpenoids, steroids, and polysaccharides. There are lignans that provide neuroprotective and anti-stress properties, such syringin and syringin-apiosylglycoside. Moreover, *T. cordifolia* contains vital

minerals, carbohydrates, and amino acids that enhance its restorative and nutritional qualities. *T. cordifolia* is a useful tool in both conventional and alternative medicine because of these phytochemicals, which combine to produce the plant's therapeutic benefits. Its importance as a versatile medicinal herb is highlighted by the wide range of bioactive chemicals it contains.

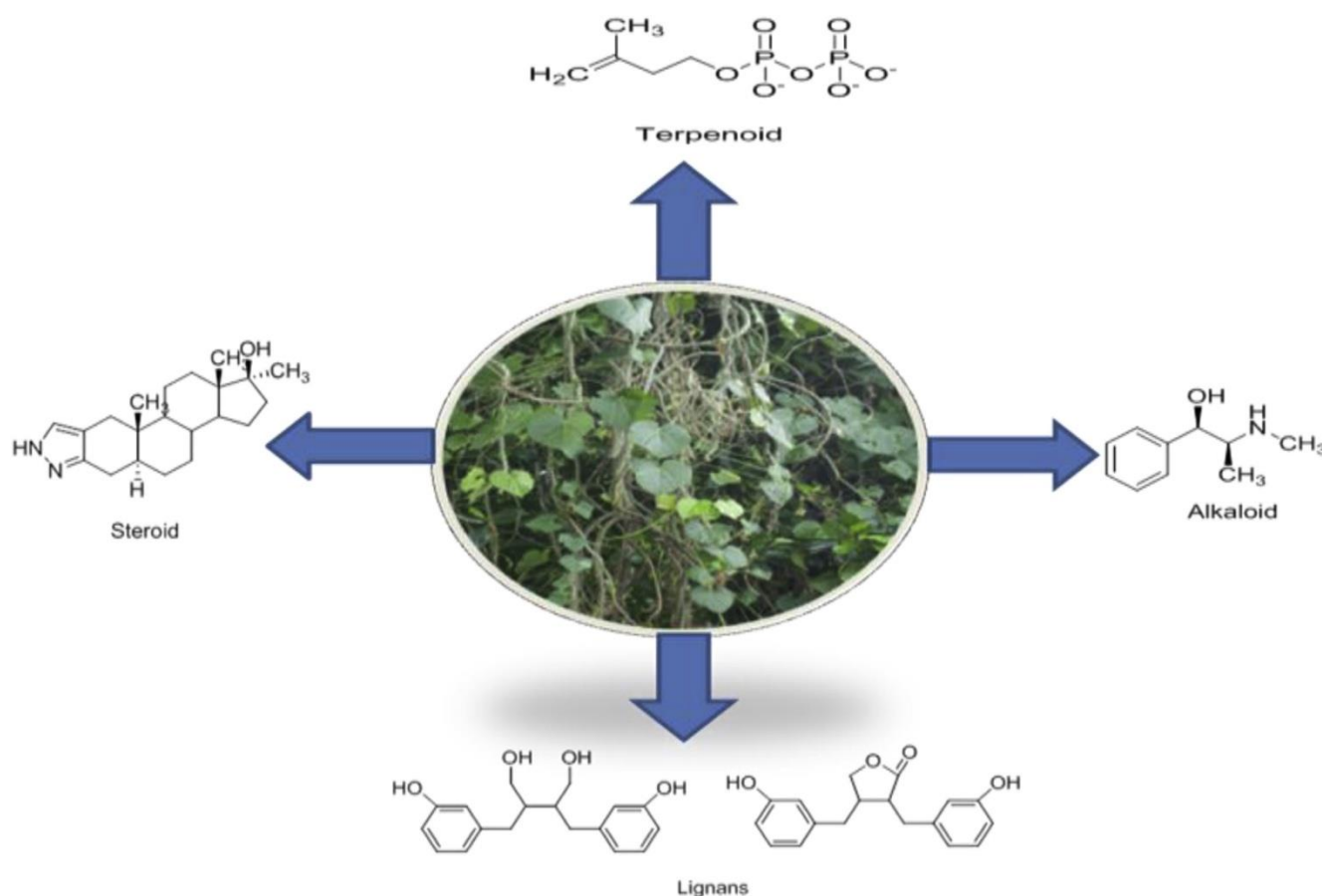


Fig.3 *Tinospora cordifolia*'s main constituents: lignans, steroids, alkaloids, and terpenoid.

3.1 Lignans:

Tinospora cordifolia contains lignans, a family of polyphenolic chemicals that support the plant's therapeutic qualities. Syringin (eleutheroside B) and syringin-apiosylglycoside are important lignans. These substances are well known for their adaptogenic, neuroprotective, and anti-stress properties. Particularly, syringin has been researched for its capacity to enhance cognitive performance, lessen oxidative stress in neural tissues, and alter the body's reaction to stress. Additionally, lignans have immunomodulatory and anti-inflammatory qualities, which makes them useful for improving immune function and treating chronic inflammatory diseases.

3.2 Steroids:

Tinospora cordifolia contains steroids, including as ecdysteroids and β -sitosterol. The anti-inflammatory and cholesterol-lowering properties of these phytosterols are well-known. For example, by preventing the intestinal absorption of cholesterol, β -sitosterol promotes cardiovascular health and reduces inflammation. Conversely, ecdysteroids are well-known for their adaptogenic and anabolic qualities, which increase physical stamina and encourage muscular growth. *T. cordifolia* contains steroids, which are essential for joint and liver health because they also have hepatoprotective and anti-arthritis properties.

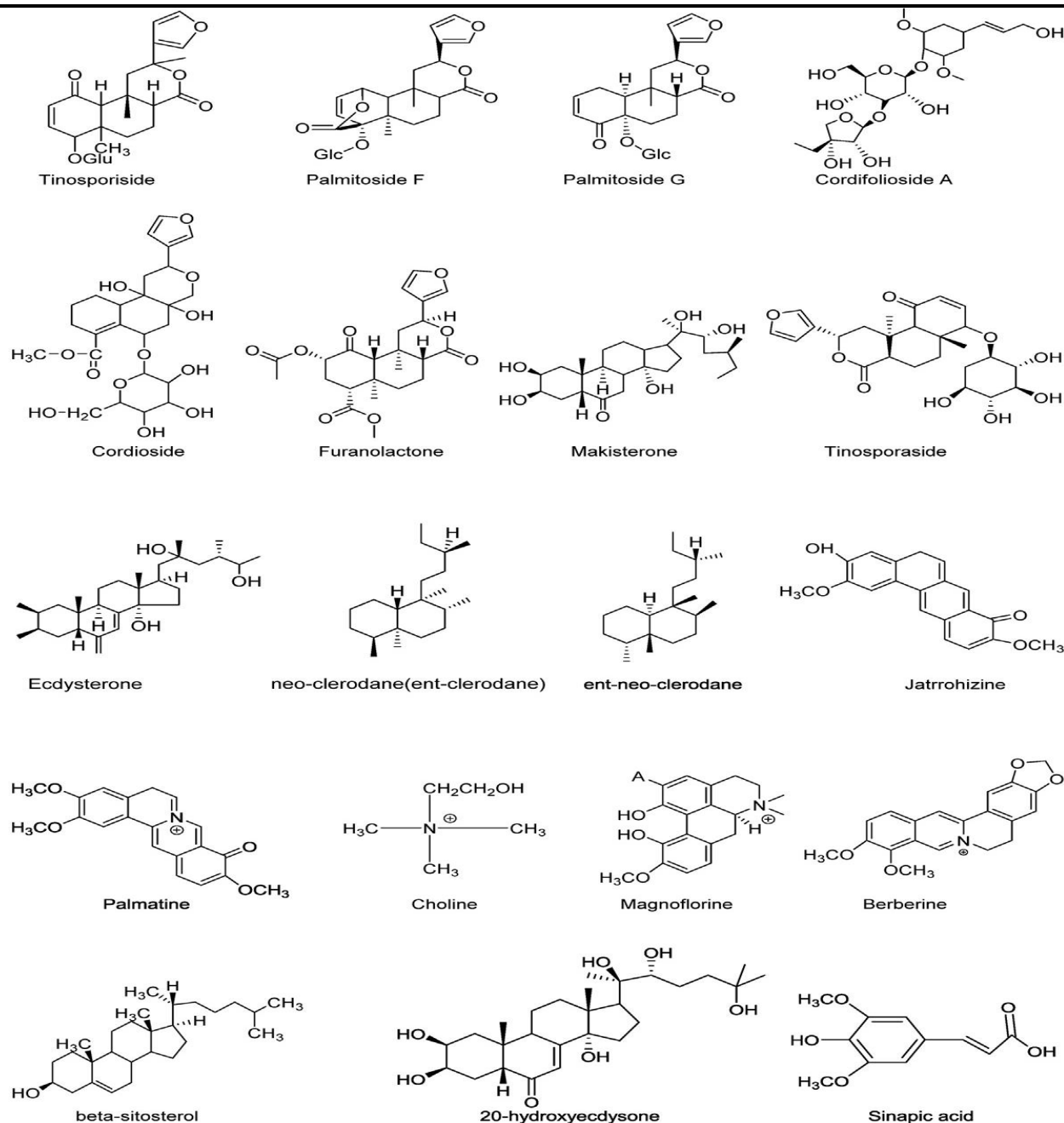


Fig. 3. Structure of the chemical constituent of *T. cordifolia*.

3.3 Alkaloids:

The most important bioactive components of *Tinospora cordifolia* are alkaloids, among which berberine, palmatine, and tinosporin are the most abundant. Because of its antibacterial, antidiabetic, and anti-inflammatory qualities, berberine is being researched extensively. By increasing insulin sensitivity and lowering hepatic glucose synthesis, it aids in blood sugar regulation. Palmatine can be used to treat viral infections and fevers because of its antiviral and antipyretic properties. Another important alkaloid that supports the plant's immunomodulatory and anticancer effects is tinosporin. Together, these alkaloids strengthen the plant's defences against pathogens, lower inflammation, and promote metabolic health.

3.4 Terpenoids:

Another significant class of bioactive substances found in *Tinospora cordifolia* are terpenoids, which include diterpenes and sesquiterpenes. Furanoid diterpenes, cordioside, and tinosporaside are important terpenoids. These substances are well-known for their hepatoprotective, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant qualities. For instance, tinosporaside and cordioside aid in shielding liver cells from oxidative stress and toxin-induced harm. Terpenoids are useful in the prevention and treatment of chronic illnesses since they

also have immunomodulatory and anticancer properties. They also enhance the plant's medicinal potential by contributing to its antipyretic and antimalarial qualities.

4. OTHER ACTIONS:

Tinospora Cordifolia strong in vitro acetylcholinesterase inhibitory activity supports its value as a cognitive enhancer. After methanolic and consecutive water extracts were studied, it was discovered that the methanolic extract was more active than the water extract ^[63]. For the treatment of hyperreactive malarious splenomegaly, the adjuvant immunomodulatory activity of the TC's aqueous extract in conjunction with chloroquine was investigated. The spleen regressed by 37–50% after six weeks and 45–69% after six months of treatment when extract was added to chloroquine. Similarly, a rise in Hb and a fall in IgM were noted, along with improvements in wellbeing ^[64]. For hepatic amoebiasis, a crude extract formulation including TC has a 73% cure rate when taken at a dose of 800 mg/kg/day. *Entamoeba histolytica* is inhibited by the ethanolic extract both by itself and in combination as a polyherbal crude extract. The crude polyherbal formulation's outcome is just as noteworthy as metronidazole's ^[65, 66]. At a dosage of 100 mg/kg, it exhibits the phagocytic and microbicidal effects of a monocyte-macrophage cell line against *Candida* species organisms in vitro ^[67]. Hydrochlorothiazide and the diuretic action described by Nayampalli et al. ^[68] were similar. In rabbits receiving subcutaneous yeast injections, the hexane and chloroform soluble parts of the TC stem exhibited no antipyretic action ^[69]. It is possible to design a modern drug following thorough research into its pharmacodynamics, kinetics, appropriate standardisation, and clinical trials. A considerable sum Numerous studies on the chemistry of various components have already been conducted throughout the last few decades. It is possible to market some more medicinally beneficial compounds, which sufficiently motivates scientists to learn more about this plant. To improve their economic and therapeutic use, a comprehensive study of the guduchi plant and its products should be conducted, including standardisation of the different guduchi parts and subparts and a drug development program utilising guduchi chemicals.

5. FUTURE PROSPECTS:

Plant-based medicine and plant-collection practices have been passed down through the generations. There are significant differences in the medicinal benefits of plants gathered from various sources. India's domestic pharmaceutical business has grown significantly in recent years. As a result, there is a much greater need for medicinal plants. The most recent estimate places the number of Indian Systems of Medicine licensed pharmacies in the nation at approximately 8,000, all of which manufacture medications to satisfy the needs of people ^[70]. It was projected that these pharmacies would need to use tonnes of raw materials annually. Currently, unlawful cuttings or the removal of trees from their natural habitat, along with the uprooting of their trees, buds, and leaves, are used to meet the growing demand. Although this plant species has enormous therapeutic potential, human activity has overused it. Therefore, it must be conserved immediately. For the preservation of this plant and the improvement of secondary products, plant tissue culture techniques offer an alternative to rapid growth. Living inside plant tissues, fungal endophytes are incredibly prevalent and diverse microorganisms that typically don't cause any symptoms. In a range of interactions, from symbiotic to mildly harmful, these organisms live in the living tissues of their host plant ^[71, 72]. Because of their great nutritional diversity as symbionts and heterotrophs, they inhabit a wide variety of habitats. Along with other groups of organisms, the use of endophytes to produce a variety of primary and secondary metabolites is currently at the forefront of biotechnology. *T. cordifolia* has been linked to endophytic fungi ^[73]. These species' metabolic and biochemical variety are the main elements linked to their biological success in the natural world. This has made it possible for other organisms to adapt to and take advantage of special surroundings. Numerous compounds with potential applications in contemporary industry, agriculture, and medicine may be produced by endophytic fungus ^[74]. Scientists have recently begun using phytodiversity to create nanoparticles. Using plant extract, green synthesis method has been developed to create noble metallic nanoparticles. This approach to nanoparticle synthesis is inexpensive, simple, and environmentally benign ^[75-79]. These nanoparticles are essential for tissue engineering, medication delivery, diagnostics, imaging, sensing, gene transfer, artificial implants, and, more recently, medicinal fabrics due to their antibacterial properties. We will have the chance to benefit from the plants in this way. Therefore, more research is needed in the areas of tissue culture to increase the success rate, molecular analysis of any genetic alterations that may result from indirect regeneration, investigation of a range of fungal endophytes to pinpoint the precise route of natural product synthesis in plant cells, and nanobiotechnology to address the new issues of numerous incurable diseases by using nanoparticles as drug delivery systems.

CONCLUSION:

In Ayurveda, guduchi, often referred to as amruth, is a special source of a wide range of chemicals with different structures. Outstanding studies have been conducted on the biological activity, potential uses, and further research are required to fully use these compounds' medicinal potential in the fight against a variety of illnesses. To create a contemporary medication using chemicals extracted from guduchi, a methodical investigation should be conducted. However, there have long been therapeutic uses for a variety of crude extracts from different regions of guduchi. After thorough research into a drug's pharmacodynamics, kinetics, appropriate standardisation, and clinical trials, a contemporary medication can be created. Over the previous few decades, a sizable amount of study has already been conducted to examine the chemistry of various sections. It is possible to sell some additional medicinally beneficial formulations, which inspires scientists enough. In looking up further details on this plant. To improve their economic and therapeutic use, a comprehensive study of the guduchi plant and its products should be conducted, including standardisation of the different guduchi parts and subparts and a drug development program utilising guduchi chemicals.

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