

Herbal Plants with Hepatoprotective Effects: A ReviewSunil Kumar Malviya¹, Deepak K Birla², Manmeet S Saluja²¹Research Scholars, SunRise University, Alwar, Rajasthan, India²Research Supervisor, SunRise University, Alwar, Rajasthan, India**Article Info:** Received: 11-03-2024 / Revised: 22-04-2024 / Accepted: 28-05-2025**Correspondence:** Sunil Kumar Malviya**Conflict of interest statement:** No conflict of interest**Abstract**

The rise of liver diseases has recently surfaced as a major issue in global health. Multiple hazardous substances, including chemotherapeutic medications, thioacetamide, carbon tetrachloride, certain antibiotics, excessive alcohol use, and pathogenic microbes, may induce these disorders. Consequently, keeping the liver healthy is crucial to overall wellness. The downsides of synthetic drugs have outweighed their advantages, notwithstanding progress in pharmacology. Modern medical treatments for liver illness are expensive, associated with dangerous side effects, and ineffective, making them unaffordable for developing countries. Consequently, there seems to have been a worldwide spike in curiosity about studying medicinal plants as possible substitutes for conventional medical treatments. These plants are cheap, easily available, and do not need labor-intensive pharmaceutical production processes. Traditional herbs have been the main emphasis thus far because of their efficacy, low toxicity, and low cost. A literature search using several databases, such as Google Scholar, ISI Web of Knowledge, and PubMed, was conducted and the findings are presented in this study. We combed through every piece of literature on medicinal plants from throughout the world that may provide liver protection. Furthermore, we discussed phytochemical compounds with hepatoprotective effects and wrapped off by showcasing forthcoming studies on the subject.

Keywords: Bioactive compounds, hepatotoxicity, liver diseases, medicinal plant, pharmacology**Introduction**

The liver is the most crucial organ because of all the work it does for the body. It is involved in the metabolism of lipids, proteins, and carbohydrates, and it also excretes waste metabolites. Being the first organ in the body to acquire toxins from the intestines, the liver plays a role in their breakdown and elimination, including medications and other foreign chemical substances. Following is a list of the specific functions performed by the liver. Glycogen, minerals, vitamins, and iron are just a few of the many compounds that might be stored in it. When the body's energy demands exceed its blood sugar levels, the liver releases glucose from glycogen reserves. This process eliminates a wide variety of substances from the circulation, including pathogenic organisms,

alcohol, chemicals, heavy metals, drugs, and toxic by-products. The liver breaks down a wide variety of substances that end up in the blood, including chemicals, drugs, viruses, bacteria, parasites, fungi, herbicides, alcohol, lipids, food additives, and dead cells. The liver is also known as the biochemical unit of the body since it carries out all of its functions via the skin, lungs, and mouth, among other organs. In the bloodstream, it breaks down substances before distributing them to other parts of the body. The liver's digestive function includes the synthesis of bile, which is necessary for the digestion and emulsification of lipids, oils, and other compounds, including vitamins A, D, E, and K [4]. The proteins it might create include those found in blood, as well as hormones, enzymes,

immunological components, and clotting factors. And lastly, when blood sugar levels are low, the liver may make cholesterol, which is a carrier for the energy-supplying lipids needed to make adenosine triphosphate.

Hepatotoxins and Liver Disorders

One of the most critical global health issues is the prevalence of liver diseases in poor countries. Hepatosis without inflammation, hepatitis with inflammation (acute or chronic), and cirrhosis or fibrosis caused by degeneration are all forms of liver disease. They are often brought on by exposure to heavy metals, toxins, malnutrition, or the use of over-the-counter medications that do not have a valid prescription. The aforementioned causes destroy and damage hepatocytes, leading to alcoholic liver disease, hepatitis, jaundice, and fibrosis of the liver. A rise in blood cholesterol levels might be an indication of liver injury or sickness. Having high amounts of triacylglycerols (TAGs) and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) increases the risk of cardiovascular problems. [5] Hepatic cell overconsumption, toxic substances like thioacetamide (TAA), drug abuse (e.g., paracetamol), chemotherapeutic agents (e.g., carbon tetrachloride, CCl_4), aflatoxin, microbes, and viral infections (e.g., hepatitis A, B, C, and D) are additional factors that have been demonstrated to cause damage to hepatic cells in previous research. The endoplasmic reticulum and mitochondrial cytochrome P-450 metabolize CCl_4 from 6 to 8, which generates reactive oxygen species (ROS, CCl_3O^-) and may induce lipid peroxidation. Analgesic and antipyretic properties of PCM make it a common medicine for treating pain and fever. If this medicine is used in excess, it might damage the liver cells, leading to liver disease or injury. [9] Furthermore, when PCM is supplied in excess, it may cause a significant amount of harm to the liver cells, leading to a condition called necrosis. This kind of cell death is characterized by nuclear pyknosis and eosinophilic cytoplasm. The metabolism of PCM in the liver results in the formation of N-acetyl-P-benzoquinoneimine, an oxidative byproduct. Cytochrome P-450 enzymes are among the proteins that these chemical binds to covalently via their sulfhydryl groups. The final

cause of this process is the peroxidative degradation of glutathione (GSH) lipids, which leads to hepatocyte necrosis.

Trimethylammonium (TAA) is another substance that damages membranes and prevents RNA from freely passing between the nucleus and cytoplasm. Because of the TAA metabolite, this liver damage occurs. [9] It is possible that TAA reduces the number of hepatocytes and also decreases the frequency of oxygen consumption. More than that, it lowers the bile salt and deoxycholic acid concentrations as well as the total quantity of bile. Abnormal bile excretion, brought on by hepatotoxin-associated liver injury, manifests as an increase in blood toxin levels. [10] This liver must always be able to operate regularly for human health to be maintained. Between the ages of 11 and 13, the liver undergoes incredible regeneration, but it is under continual threat from xenobiotics and chemotherapeutic medications, among other environmental pollutants, which may weaken its defenses and lead to liver damage and malfunction. [14]

In contrast, hepatotoxic chemicals often impair kidney function by damaging hepatocytes, a process that frequently involves oxidative reactions such lipid peroxidation. After liver damage, the antioxidant systems in the body are unable to do their job. Radiation from X-rays, pollutants, ultraviolet light, or metabolic processes inside mitochondria are among the external sources that may generate reactive oxygen species (ROS). [15] Intracellular ROS concentration is solely dictated by the rate of ROS production and clearance by different endogenous antioxidants, including enzymatic and nonenzymatic pathways. [15]

Extensive research indicates that oxidative stress, brought on by free radicals, leads to hepatocyte degeneration, swelling, necrosis, and apoptosis. Free radicals often injure or harm the liver by lipid peroxidation and covalent binding, which then leads to tissue degeneration. Respiratory oxygen species (ROS) degrade cell membrane lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids; they are linked to a host of age-related diseases and conditions, including diabetes, kidney and lung damage, liver disorders, cancer, inflammatory diseases, cardiovascular diseases,

and atherosclerosis. Page 16 and page 17 A process known as lipid peroxidation may damage cell membranes and impair their ability to function. As a result, the cell becomes less efficient in maintaining constant ion gradients and transport. [18] in the liver may also be damaged by chemical exposure and heavy drug use. [14] You can see the proven effects of several medications on the liver in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Lipidic oxidation and free radicals

The process of free radical scavenging is vital in preventing lipid peroxidation that is caused by free radicals. Exposure to ethanol starts a cascade of events that leads to hepatitis and cirrhosis via an enhanced metabolic pathway that produces lipid peroxidation [19]. Hepatoprotective medications made from less harmful plant components have been used over the last several decades. Consequently, a lot of research in this field has been devoted to finding novel hepatoprotective compounds in plants. The importance of regulating the levels of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and antioxidant enzymes such as glutathione peroxidase (GSH-Px), superoxide dismutase (SOD), and catalase (CAT) is emphasized in

reference [20]. This is necessary for protecting against oxidative stress and its associated health complications, such as diabetes, kidney and liver damage, cancer, and heart disease. Cu-Zn, Mn-SOD, CAT, and GSH reductase are enzymes that function as natural lipid peroxidation defenses [22]. They stop or slow down this process by eliminating ROS either directly or sequentially. [23] The To prevent lipid peroxidation, it is essential to maintain a high amount of glutathione (GSH), an important cytosolic antioxidant that helps in xenobiotic detoxification and excretion. One xenobiotic that may produce free radicals, namely trichloromethyl radicals, which can cause acute damage to liver cells is CCl₄ [24]. [25] The The Usually, substances that boost the activity of glutathione S-transferase, an enzyme that might potentially convert potentially hazardous chemicals into harmless ones, trigger an ever-increasing defensive mechanism in the liver. Natural commodities, including medicinal plants and their components, may treat and prevent many diseases since they don't interfere with the body's systems as much. citations 26 and 27 There is some evidence that some herbal extracts may help a liver that is already working overtime. 8, 13, and 28

Table 1: Example of some drugs with hepatotoxicity effects

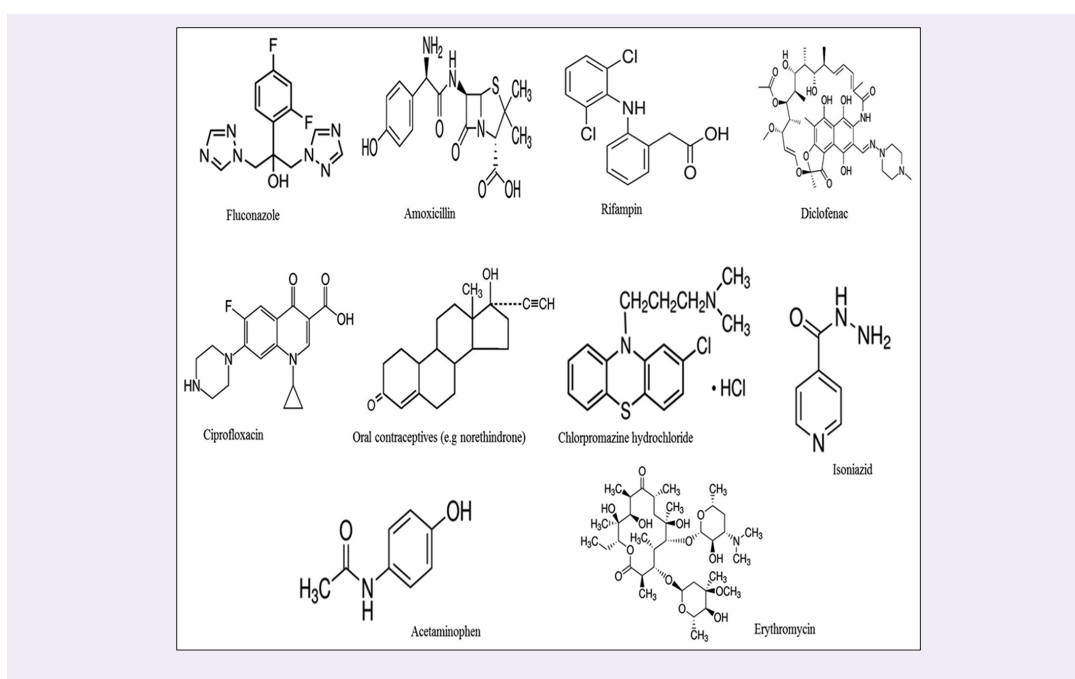
Drugs	Implication
Fluconazole	It leads to hepatitis; it increases the transaminase level, fulminant hepatic failure, and cholestasis
Amoxicillin	It moderates or brings about an increase in SGPT and SGOT levels, hepatic failure such as jaundice, acute cytolytic hepatitis, and hepatic cholestasis
Diclofenac	It elevates AST and ALT levels, jaundice, fulminant hepatitis, and liver necrosis
Rifampin	It leads to hepatitis, hyperbilirubinemia, and cholestasis Ciprofloxacin Elevation of SGOT alkaline phosphatase and SGPT levels occurs from cholestatic jaundice
Oral	Benign neoplasm, hepatic vein occlusion, and jaundice, contraceptives but rarely neoplasm of the liver
Chlorpromazine	It leads to infectious hepatitis with obstructive jaundice as a biomarker
Isoniazid	It elevates the serum transaminase level, severe and fatal hepatitis
Acetaminophen	It makes the cytochrome P-450-2E1 produce a toxic metabolite NAPQI that causes hepatic necrosis Erythromycin. It increases SGPT and SGOT concentration, and it also brings about hepatocellular hepatitis that are sometimes associated with it

SGOT=Serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase, ALT=Serum alanine aminotransferase, AST=Aspartate aminotransferase, SGPT=Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase, NAPQI=N-acetyl-P-benzoquinoneimine

Liver Diseases and Alcoholism

Nowadays, excessive alcohol use is a leading cause of liver problems. [14] Use of ethanol is associated with alcoholic liver disease because the liver is engaged in the metabolism of alcohol, which affects the metabolism of lipoproteins and lipids. In addition, the process of converting ethanol to ROS involves the activation of cytochrome P450E1. The variables 27 and 30 Figure 2 shows the steps that lead up to oxidative stress in the liver; this stress damages the liver and changes the structural stiffness of the cell membrane, which lets cytosolic enzymes enter the bloodstream.

Consequently, the most common biochemical sign of liver damage is increased blood levels of cytosolic enzymes. found in [31] Alanine transaminase (ALT) and aspartate transaminase (AST) levels in the cytoplasm and mitochondria both increase in damaged liver cells. An increase in serum hepatospecific enzymes is caused by a change in the structure of the liver cell membrane, which is caused by membrane leakage. The rate of erythrocyte breakdown is accelerated when blood bilirubin levels are high. Accordingly, human health depends on keeping the liver in good shape. [32] Damage to the liver caused by alcohol is seen in Figure 2.



Medicinal Plants as an Alternative Treatment

A large portion of the global mortality and morbidity burden is attributable to metabolic disorders, which include liver dysfunction. Liver damage remedies have lately gained global attention due to the negative effects of several allopathic drugs on the liver. Folkloric herbs with hepatoprotective effects have so received a great deal of interest from researchers seeking to cure liver disease or injury. The fact that these plants are both medicinal and relatively safe explains a lot. The hepatoprotective properties of many traditional medicines have lately been investigated in animal research. The curative powers of herbs

have been known and practised in traditional medicine for a very long time. Researchers have studied the pharmacological and physicochemical properties of several molecule types that have been identified. To accomplish their physiological purpose and manifest their pharmacological effects, chemicals and extracts must be synthesized appropriately. Factors like as low solubility and permeability may affect the absorption and distribution of bioactive substances. [32] It is vital to determine the shelf life of herbal drugs to make sure they remain stable throughout consumption. Light, heat, acidity, humidity, and oxygen all have a role in hastening the breakdown process. There are many different types of chemical components included in herbal treatments. These include

carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, metabolites (both primary and secondary), and a host of others. [33]

The negative side effects of synthetic medications have prompted many people to look for alternative hepatoprotective drugs. at the 34th page These days, most hepatoprotective drugs used to treat liver diseases are plant-based, either as single herbs or in complicated mixtures. Traditional medicinal herbs play an important role in the health care systems of rural communities, especially in less developed countries where access to modern medicine is limited. [1] Approximately 70,000 plant species have some kind of therapeutic use. There is a lack of clarity on the science behind the preparation and dose of plants, despite their growing appeal as natural therapy choices. Plants with minimal toxicity should be prioritized, regardless of their usefulness and cost-efficiency. Although there are several herbal medications available, research has shown that only a few numbers of bioactive components really possess the desired antiviral, antioxidant, anticarcinogenic, antifibrotic, and anti-inflammatory properties. [35 & 36]

Investigations on Hepatotoxicity In Vivo and In Vitro

The system's chosen model for hepatic injury is the only determinant of the therapy decision for liver disease. Despite the availability of many models for evaluating the potential hepatoprotective effects of various plant and chemical extracts, the majority of these models have their drawbacks. Accordingly, merging these models will provide optimal outcomes. [37] The pathophysiological damage induced by several chemical substances (such as hypoxia hepatotoxins or anoxia tests in perfused immobilized hepatocytes) was reported in an in vitro investigation by Cerný *et al.* [38] using hepatocyte cultures and perfused hepatocytes. Table 2 displays a selection of the in vivo models that have been described. Laboratory investigations continue to form the backbone of most research on the hepatoprotective effects of medicinal herbs.

In order to fight free radical species, the majority of organisms have developed their own

defensive systems that rely on antioxidants. When the number of free radical species is much higher than the antioxidant that the body produces naturally, the antioxidant system's protective function is inadequate, and external antioxidants play a crucial role. There are a number of plant-based antioxidants that have shown promise in protecting the liver from free radical damage. [39] The phytochemicals found in herbal plants, including phenolics, thiols, and caretonoids, shield the human body from ROS-induced oxidative damage. [17] The focus is now on possible medicinal plants with hepatoprotective properties to treat various liver diseases. The safety and effectiveness of traditional herbal remedies has allowed them to be used for medical purposes since ancient times. A number of herbs have been studied for their hepatoprotective properties, which might help cure various liver ailments. [14] Table 2 shows that many herbal formulations have been successful in treating liver diseases; this study primarily looked at the literature on those that have been shown to have hepatoprotective effects in studies conducted all over the world.

Some Medicinal Plants with Hepatoprotective Activity

***Dodonaea viscosa* (Sapindaceae)**

One species of soapberry is the flowering plant *Dodonaea viscosa*. Subtropical, warm, and tropical temperate zones in Africa, the Americas, and Australia are just a few places you could find Sapindaceae plants. [47] This herb, which local traditional healers call "Sanatha," has been used for decades to help individuals with diabetes manage their condition. [132] In their investigation, Ahmed *et al.* [47] documented the hepatoprotective and antihyperlipidemic properties of an aqueous: methanolic (70:30) *D. viscosa* leaf extract. Alloxan was used to cause diabetes in the rabbits. The findings demonstrated that the experimental group had reduced blood levels of total cholesterol, HDL-CHL, ALT, and AST in comparison to the control group. The extract also markedly increased HDL-CHL, AST, and ALT levels. The hepatoprotective effects of *D. viscosa* leaf extract are confirmed by these findings.

***Phyllanthus muellarianus* (Euphorbiaceae)**

Senegal, Uganda, Mali, Congo, Togo, South Africa, and the Ivory Coast are just a few of the many African nations where you may find the straggling, monoecious, glabrous, climbing shrub or small tree called *Phyllanthus muellarianus*. [40] The medicinal uses of this plant's extracts are extensive, including the treatment of paralysis, fever, and bacterial infections, among many others. The presence of phytochemical components that may be responsible for the therapeutic activity, such as furosin, isoquercetin, phaselic acid, corilagin, nitidine, geraniin, and gallic acid, was shown in a phytochemical examination of an extract from *P. muellarianus* leaf (pages 133 and 134). 3, 5, 13, 136 In 2017, the researchers Ajiboye et al. investigated the effects of a water-based *P. muellarianus* leaf extract on hepatocellular indices, proinflammatory markers, oxidative stress, and lipid peroxidation in Swiss albino mice with liver injuries caused by *b*-acetaminophen. [40] This study found that the aqueous leaf extract substantially decreased the acetaminophen-induced increases in ALT, ALP, AST, ALB, and TB ($P < 0.05$). The water-based leaf extract may have antioxidant characteristics since it may reduce the levels of certain liver enzymes that acetaminophen causes, which might mean that it protects the liver from harm caused by acetaminophen. One of the plant extract's phytochemical components, gallic acid, is a well-known antioxidant that may undo acetaminophen-induced liver damage and AST, ALT, and ALP. [137] In a similar vein, acetaminophen significantly decreased SOD, GSH, CAT, G6PH, and GSH-

Px activities in rat liver. Tumor necrosis factor-alpha, malondialdehyde, lipid hydroperoxides, protein carbonyl, and fragmented DNA were significantly attenuated by an aqueous leaf extract of the investigated plant. Additionally, the plant's preventive qualities made it an attractive candidate for potential future usage as a nutritional supplement. [40] **Aquilaria agallocha** (Thymelaeaceae)

The trunk of this enormous tree is three or four feet in diameter, and it may grow to be sixty to eighty feet tall. Southeast Asia is its native home. The bark is papery thin and was sometimes utilized for that purpose, similar to how *Betula* used it. The leathery, narrow leaves may reach a length of three inches. The fruit is smooth and thin, measuring one to two inches in length, and it is accompanied by white blooms. The plant *Aquilaria agallocha* has many pharmacological effects, such as reducing fever, pain, inflammation, anxiety, diabetes, diabetes, ulcers, and seizures; and antidiabetic, antihistaminic, antipyretic, laxative, antidiarrheal, sedative, antibacterial, and antimicrobial properties, among many others. [138] Alam et al. [72] demonstrated that Sprague-Dawley (SD) rats' livers were protected against PCM-induced hepatotoxicity by using an ethanolic extract of *A. agallocha* (AAE) leaves at a concentration of 400 mg/ml. The results showed that AAE leaves are hepatoprotective, as they decreased TB, AST, ALP, ALT, LDH, and CHL in SD rats, and they enhanced ALB and total protein content. They also protected PCM-induced histological alterations in the liver. [72]

Table 2: Medicinal plants with hepatoprotective potentials

Family	Name of the plant	Plant parts used	Extract used	Oral dose (mg/kg)	Hepatotoxicity inducing agents	Biochemical and histopathological parameter studied	Reference
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Phyllanthus muellarianus</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	400 mg/kg	Acetaminophen	ALP, ALT, AST, ALB, TB, CAT, SOD, GSH-Px, GSH SGOT, SGPT, ALP, CHL, TB, and TP	[40]
Scrophulariaceae	<i>Picrorhiza kurroa</i>	Roots rhizomes	Ethanol	2.60 ml/kg	CC	SOD, GSH-Px, GSH SGOT, SGPT, ALP, CHL, TB, and TP	[41]
Fabaceae	<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	Stem barks	Alcohol	100 and 200 mg/kg	CC	AST, ALP, GGT, ALT, TBARS, and liver protein	[42]
Rubiaceae	<i>Galium</i>	Whole plant	Alcohol	2 ml/kg	CC	ALT, AST, and ALP	[43]
Cannaceae	<i>Canna</i>	Aerial parts	Methanol	100 and 200 mg/kg	CC	SGPT, SGOT, TB, CAT, GSH, LPO	[44]
Moraceae	<i>Cordia</i>	Roots	Methanol/ethyl acetate	400 mg/kg	CC	LDH	[45]
Zingiberaceae	<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	Rhizome	Ethanol	600 mg/kg	PC	ALT, ALP, and AST	[46]
Sapindaceae	<i>Ficus cordata</i>	Leaves	Methanol	500 mg/kg	M Alloxan	AST, LDLC, ALT, HDL	[47]
Asteraceae	<i>Curcuma longa</i>	Fresh	Methanol	10 80 mg/kg	CC	STG, and TC	[48]
Araceae	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	leaves	Ethanol and aqueous	100 and 200 mg/kg	PC	ALT, AST, and serum bilirubin	[49]
Nyctaginaceae	<i>Eclipta prostrata</i>	Leaves and tuber	Ethanol	100 and 200 mg/kg	PC	SGPT, SGOT, ALP, TB, TP	[50]
Apocynaceae	<i>Cyathea gigantea</i>	Roots	Methanol, petroleum ether, chloroform, acetone, and aqueous	200 and 400 mg/kg	M	Serum ALT and AST	[51]
Asclepiadoideae	<i>Boerhavia diffusa</i>	Leaves	Methanol	150 ml/kg	CC	SGPT, SAP, TGs, and total lipid levels	[52]
Arecaceae	<i>Leptadenia pyrotechnica</i>	Leaves	Methanol	200 and 300 mg/kg	Country-made liquor	SGPT, ALP, and bilirubin content	[53]
Asteraceae	<i>Leptadenia pyrotechnica</i>	Leaves	Methanol	200 and 300 mg/kg	PCM	SGPT, ALP, and bilirubin content	[54]
Cactaceae	<i>Leptadenia pyrotechnica</i>	Leaves	Ethanol	200 and 300 mg/kg	CC	TBAST, ALT,	[55]

<i>Rutaceae</i>	<i>Tylophora</i>	es	Aqueous	mg/kg	l4	and ALP	
		Fruit		300	TA	AST, LDH,	[56]
	<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	Aerial parts	Methanol	300 mg/kg	A	ALT, ALP, GGT, TB, and TBARS	[57]
<i>Apiaceae</i>	<i>Tridax procumbens</i>	Leaves		2, mL/kg	d-GalN/LPS	AST, ALT, creatinine, urea, and uric acid	[58]
<i>ae</i>	<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Stem bark	Methanol		l4	Reduction in phenobarbitone, sleeping time	[59]
<i>Cactaceae</i>				100 and 200 mg/Kg	CC	and serum liver protein,	[60]
<i>ae</i>	<i>Clausena lansium</i>		Aqueous		l4	serum AST, ALT, and ATP.	[61]
<i>Rosaceae</i>		See	Alcohol	250 mg/Kg		SGOT, SGPT, SALP, TP, TA, and GSH	[62]
<i>Vitaceae</i>		ds	N/A			ALAT, ASAT,	
<i>Polygonaceae</i>	<i>Apium graveolens</i>	Ste	Etha	1500 mg/kg	CC	ALP, LDH, CHL, and albumin	
<i>Pandanaceae</i>		m	nol		l4	AST and ALT	
<i>Rhamnaceae</i>	<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>		Alcohol	100 and 300 mg/kg	F	AST and ALT N/A	
	<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	Aerial part	hol	125 mg/kg	Etha nol	SGOT, SALP, SGPT,	
	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Leaves		25 and 100 mg/kg	CCl ₄ CCl ₄ /ethanol	TB, and TGA	
	<i>Rheum palmatum</i>	Roo		200 and 400 mg/kg	PCM	SGOT, SGPT, SALP, SB, SOD, CAT,	
	<i>Pandanus odorifer</i>	ts		150 and 300 mg/kg	INH and RIF	GST, and GPx	
	<i>Ziziphus oenoplia</i>	ts					

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<i>Asteraceae</i>	<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Leaves	Ethanol	50, and 100 mg/kg	CCl ₄	ALT, AST, and ALP	[63]
<i>Betulaceae</i>	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	40 mg/kg	CCl ₄ and acetaminophen	GPT and GOT	[64]
<i>Lauraceae</i>	<i>Cinnamomum cassia</i>	Bark	Ethanol	500 and 1000 mg/kg	Dimethylnitrosamine	TP, albumin, TB, direct bilirubin, GOT, GPT, and ALP	[65]
<i>Apiaceae</i>	<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	Seeds	N/A	NA	C	SGPT, SGOT, and ALP	[66]
<i>Apiaceae</i>	<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Seeds	N/A	NA	Cl ₄	AST, ALT and MDA, GSH, GPx, GST, GR, SOD, and CAT	[67]
<i>Anacardiaceae</i>	<i>Punica granatum</i>	Gums	A	400mg/kg	Cl ₄	AST, ALT, and LDH	[68]
<i>Lythraceae</i>	<i>Rosa damascena</i>	Edible portion (seed coats and juice)	A	250, 500 and 1000 mg/kg	INH and RIF		[69]
<i>Rosaceae</i>	<i>Cucurbita maxima</i>	Flower	Acetone	1000 mg/kg	Acetaminophen	AST, ALT, ALP, LDH, ALBTB, urea and creatinine,	[70]
<i>Cucurbitaceae</i>	<i>Muntingia calabura</i>	Aerial parts	Aqueous	250 and 500 mg/kg	CCl ₄	TBARS, and GSH	[71]
<i>Cucurbitaceae</i>	<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	parts	Methanol	50, 250, and 500 mg/kg	Acetaminophen PCM	SGPT, SGOT, ALP, TP, and TB	[72]
<i>Muntingiaceae</i>	<i>Coptidis rhizoma</i>	Fruits	methanol	400 mg/kg	C	AST, ALT, and ALP	[73]
<i>Thymelaeaceae</i>	<i>Cynara scolymus L.</i>	NA	methanol	120 mg/kg	Cl ₄	AST, ALT, LDH,	[74]
<i>Thymelaeaceae</i>	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Root	Ethanol	900 mg/kg	C	ALP, bilirubin, CHL, TP, and ALB	[75]
<i>Berberidaceae</i>	<i>Berberis</i>	Whole	ethanol	900 mg/kg	Acetaminophen	ALT, AST,	[76]

<i>aceae</i>	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	plant Roots	NA Hydroalcoholic	500 mg/kg	/CCl ₄ Ethanol	and SOD ALT, ALP, AST, GSH, and CAT	[80]
<i>Asteraceae</i>	<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Edible root and shoot	Methanol Hydroalcoholic acid	250 mg/kg	CCl ₄ TAA	ALT, AST, and LDH	[81]
<i>Asteraceae</i>	<i>Baliospermum montanum</i>	Root	Methanol	2000 mg/kg	CCl ₄	TBARS, GST, GSH, SOD, CAT, GR, and GPx	[82]
<i>Asteraceae</i>	<i>Tephrosia purpurea</i>	Aerial parts	Methanol	500 mg/kg	H ₂ O ₂ ; CCl ₄	CAT, SOD and GSTAST, ALT, and LDH	[83]
<i>Euphorbiaceae</i>	<i>Alchornea cordifolia</i>	leaves	Ethanol Methanol	300 mg/kg	CCl ₄	GOT, GPT, ALP, TB, TC, TB, and albumin	[84]
<i>Euphorbiaceae</i>	<i>Trigonella foenum-graecum</i> L.	Leaves, bark	Ethanol	100 mg/kg	C Cl	AST, GSH, ALT, ALP, TB, GGT, and MDA	[85]
<i>Fabaceae</i>	<i>Glycosmis pentaphylla</i> Corr.	Leaves	Methanol	500 mg/kg	4 C	SGOT/AST, SGPT/ALT, ALP, and TB	
<i>Rutaceae</i>	<i>Andrographis lineata</i>	Seeds	Ethanol	845 mg/kg	4	ALT, AST, ALP, and GGT	
<i>Acanthaceae</i>	<i>Wedelia chinensis</i> L.		Methanol	200 mg/kg	PCM	ALT/SGPT, AST/SGOT, CHL, bilirubin, and glucose	
<i>Fabaceae</i>	<i>Cassia fistula</i>			200 and 400 mg/kg		SGOT, SGPT, and ALP	
						AST, ALT, ALP, protein, and bilirubin	
						SGOT, SGPT, ALP, and bilirubin	

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Fabaceae	<i>Bauhinia racemosa</i>	Bark	Methanol	NA	CCl ₄ and	SGPT, SGOT, SOD, GSH, and TBARS	[86]
Fabaceae	Lam. <i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	Stem	Methanol	100 and 200 mg/kg	PCM	AST, ALT, ALP, and GGT	[87]
Scrophulariaceae	L. <i>Scrophularia hypericifolia</i>	bark	Ethanol	250 and 500 mg/kg	CCl ₄	ALT, GGT, AST, and ALP	[88]
Phyllanthaceae	<i>Phyllanthus urinaria</i>	Aerial parts	Methanol	200 mg/kg	PCM	Cytochrome P450	[89]
Phyllanthaceae	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>	Whole plant	NA	200 mg/kg	Acetaminophen CCl ₄	CYP2E1 protein GSH	[90]
Liliaceae	<i>Allium cepa</i>	Fruits	Petroleum ether extract, aqueous extract, and methanolic extract	100, 300 and 600 mg/kg	Rifampicin	ALT, ALP, AST, and TB	[92]
Moraceae	<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fresh bulbs	Methanol	NA	Dimethoate	NA	[93]
Rhamnaceae	<i>Ziziphus mucronata</i>	Leaves, fruit, and roots	Ethanol	200 mg/kg	CCl ₄	SGOT, TBARS, SGPT, GSH, SOD, tocopherol, HDL, LDL, CHOL, TL, TGA	[94]
Lamiaceae	<i>Salvia miltiorrhiza</i>	Dried pulverized roots	Aqueous	50 mg/kg	Mixture of cholesterol and cholic acid with coconut oil	Induce apoptosis of hepatic stellate cells (HSCs)	[95]
Malvaceae	<i>Hibiscus rosasinensis</i>	Flower	Aqueous and ethanol	80, 160 and 240 mg/kg	CCl ₄	AST, ALT, ALP	[15]
Loranthaceae	<i>Dendrophthoe falcata</i>	Leaves	Ethanol	100 mg/kg	CC	AST, ALT, ALP	[96]
Asteraceae	<i>Bidens pilosa</i>	Leaves	Aqueous extract and ethanol	100 mg/kg	l ₄	AST, ALT, ALP	[97]
Fomitopsis	<i>Antrodia cinnamomea</i>	Dried aerial parts	Methanol	15 mg/kg	CC	AST, TP ALP, and ALT, TB	[98]
Deace		Fruiting		1250	l ₄	AST, ALT, and	[99]
							[100]

<i>Cyperaceae</i>		bodies and mycelia	Aqueous	mg/kg	CCl ₄	LDH	[101]
<i>Malvaceae</i>			Ethanol		CCl ₄	induced elevation of expression of hepatic mRNAs, i.e., MMP-9, TNF- α , KLF-6, and TGF- β 1	[102]
<i>Polygonaceae</i>	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>		Aqueous		CCl ₄	expression of hepatic mRNAs, i.e., MMP-9, TNF- α , KLF-6, and TGF- β 1	[103]
	<i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i>	Leaves	Aqueous and methanol	200 mg/kg	l ₄		[104]
<i>Araceae</i>	<i>Rheum palmatum</i>	Aqueous extract	Ethanol	NA	PC		[94]
<i>Apiaceae</i>	<i>Amorphophallus</i>	Dried root	Ethanol	400 mg/kg	M	levels SGOT, SGPT, ALP	[105]
<i>Loranthaceae</i>	<i>paeoniifolius</i>	Tubers	ethanol	300 mg/kg	Z	ALT, AST, and ALP	[106]
	<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	Leaves	Ethanol	200 mg/kg	D-galactosamine and CCl ₄ TAA	ALT, AST, HA, and laminin (LN)	[107]
<i>Fabaceae</i>	<i>Loranthus parasiticus</i>	Dried	Ethanol	100 mg/kg	CCl ₄	sGPT, serum glutamic ALP, TBARS, and GS	
<i>Oxalidaceae</i>	<i>Trigonella foenum-graecum</i>	seeds	Methanol	mg/kg	PC	H	
<i>Fabaceae</i>	<i>Tephrosia purpurea</i>	Root	Aqueous methanol	20-100 mg/kg	M	SG	
<i>Malvaceae</i>	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Whole plants		50-200 mg/kg	PC	PT	
	<i>Indigofera tinctoria</i>	Leaves		g 100 mg/kg	M	ALP and GGT	
	<i>Alcea rosea</i>	Aerial parts		75, 150, 300 mg/kg, 200 mg/kg		Induce apoptosis of hepatic stellate cells (HSCs) SGOT, SGPT, and ALP TBARS, SOD, CAT, and GSH TB, DB, ALP, and AST	

Table 2: Contd...

Family	Name of the plant	Plant parts used	Extract used	Oral dose (mg/kg)	Hepatotoxicity inducing agents	Biochemical and histopathological parameter studied	Reference
<i>Fabaceae</i>	<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	Whole plant	Methanol	NA	CCl ₄	SGOT, CHL, and SGPT	[108]
<i>Solanaceae</i>	<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	250 and 500 mg/kg	PC	SGOT, SGPT, ALP, AST, ALT, and LDH	[109]
<i>Convolvulaceae</i>	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Whole plant	Ethanol	200 and 500 mg/kg	M	ALP, AST, and TB	[110]
<i>Fabaceae</i>	<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>	Roots	Aqueous	200 mg/kg	PC	SOD, GST, CAT, GSH, and GSH-Px	[111]
<i>Convolvulaceae</i>	<i>Ipomoea staphylina</i>	Leaves	Hydroalcohol	250 and 500 mg/kg	CCl ₄	ALP, SGOT, AST, CHL, ALT, SGPT, ALT, TP, AST, and ALP	[28]
<i>Malvaceae</i>	<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Whole plant	Alcohol	NA	CCl ₄	ALP, ALT, TB, AST, and TP	[112]
<i>Ranunculaceae</i>	<i>Nigella sativa</i>	Seeds	Methanol	100 and 500 mg/kg	4	GOT, GPT, CAT, SOD, and GPx	[113]
<i>Oleaceae</i>	<i>Fraxinus rhynchophylla</i>	Whole plant	Alcohol	250 and 500 mg/kg	PC	ALP, ALT, TB, and TP	[114]
<i>Polygonaceae</i>	<i>Rumex dentatus</i>	Whole plant	Ethanol	750 mg/kg	M	GOT, GPT, CAT, GPx, ALP, ALT, TB, and AST	[115]
<i>Amaranthaceae</i>	<i>Suaeda fruticosa</i>	Whole plant	Aqueous/methanol	250 and 500 mg/kg	Galactosamine/lipopolysaccharide	SGOT, ALP, ALT, SGOT, AST, TP, and TB	[116]
<i>Lamiaceae</i>	<i>Thymus linearis</i>	Leaves	Aqueous/methanol	200 mg/kg	PC	SGOT, ALT, SGPT, TB, ALP, and AST	[117]
<i>Boraginaceae</i>	<i>Trichodesma sedgwickianum</i>	Leaves	Aqueous/ethanol	100 mg/kg	PC	GSH, ALP, SOD, AST, CAT, TB, ALT, and TP	[118]
<i>Vitaceae</i>	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Roots	Ethanol	50 and 250 mg/kg	PCM and CCl ₄	SGPT, SGOT, ALP, and TB	[119]
<i>Acanthaceae</i>	<i>Hygrophila auriculata</i>	Roots	Aqueous	300 mg/kg	CCl ₄	MDA, GSH, protein, bilirubin, SGOT, ALP, and SGPT	[120]
<i>Lamiaceae</i>	<i>Ocimum gratissimum</i>	Roots	Aqueous	150 mg/kg	CCl ₄	ALT, ALP, and SGPT	[121]
<i>Fabaceae</i>	<i>Bauhinia purpurea</i>	Whole plant	Methanol	100 and 200 mg/kg	CCl ₄	ALT, ALP, and AST	[29]
<i>Plumbaginaceae</i>	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	Fresh leaves	Methanol	100 and 200 mg/kg	CCl ₄	SGPT, SGOT, and ALP	[108]
<i>Salicaceae</i>	<i>Salix caprea</i>	Leaves	Methanol	100 and 200 mg/kg	CCl ₄	ALT, AST, ALP, albumin, TB, TG, urea, creatinine, TB, TBARS, and GSH	[124]
<i>Bignoniaceae</i>	<i>Tecoma undulata</i>	Aerial parts	Ethanol	NA	PC	AST, TB, SGOT, and ALP	[125]
			Aqueous/	500 and 1000	PC	GSH, SGPT, SOD, and SPGT	[125]

<i>Anacardiaceae</i>	<i>Pistacia integerrima</i>	Flowers	ethanol	mg/kg	M	GSH-Px, GST, ALP, and ALT,	[126]
<i>Scrophulariaceae</i>	<i>Scoparia dulcis</i>	Aerial parts	Ethyl acetate	mg/kg	4	ALP, ALT, and AST	[127]
<i>ae</i>	<i>Stachytarpheta</i>		Ethanol	200 mg/kg	PCM	SGPT, TB, ALT, ALP, SGOT, and AST	[128]
<i>Verbenaceae</i>	<i>jamaicensis</i>	Bark	Ethanol	200 mg/kg		SGPT, TB, ALP, SGOT, AST,	[129]
<i>Lamiaceae</i>	<i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i>	Leaves			PC	TP, CHL, and ALT	[130]
<i>Mimosaceae</i>	<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Leaves	Alcohol	300 mg/kg	M	ALP, ALT, SGOT,	[13]
<i>Rubiaceae</i>	<i>Kohautia grandiflora</i>	Whole plant	Aqueous	200 mg/kg	4	AST, SGPT, SGOT, ALT, SGPT, TP	
<i>Cupressaceae</i>	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Leaves	Ethanol	400 mg/kg	CCl ₄	ALP, and TB	
<i>Oleaceae</i>	<i>Fraxinus rhynchophylla</i>	Leaves	Ethyl alcohol		PC	TP ALP, TB, ALT, and AST	
		Leaves			M	SGOT, TB, SGPT, and ALP	
		Fruits			CCl ₄	ALT, AST, MDA, SOD, GSH, and GSH-Px	
		Stem			4		
		barks			PCM		
						PCM and azithromycin in CCl ₄	

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Family	Name of the plant	Plant parts used	Extract used	Oral dose (mg/kg)	Hepatotoxicity inducing agents	Biochemical and histopathological parameter studied	Reference
<i>Saururaceae</i>	<i>Saururus chinensis</i>	Whole plant	Ethanol	70 mg/kg	CCl ₄	AST, ALT, ALP, CHL, SOD, CAT, MDA, and GSH	[131]

SGOT=Serum glutamic oxaloacetic pyruvic transaminase, TB=Total bilirubin, TBARS=Lipid peroxidation (thiobarbituric acid reactive substance), GSH=Reduced glutathione, SOD=Superoxide dismutase, GST=Glutathione S-transferase, ALP=Alkaline phosphatase, ALB=Albumin, GR=Glutathione reductase, GPT=Glutamic pyruvic transaminase, SALP=Serum alkaline phosphatase, ALT=Serum alanine aminotransferase, GGT=Gamma glutamyl transferase, AST=Aspartate aminotransferase, SALT=Serum aspartate amino transaminase, SALP=Serum alkaline phosphatase, GPx=Glutathione peroxidase, MDA=Malondialdehyde content, GR=Glutathione reductase, CHL=Cholesterol, GSH=Glutathione, GSH-Px=Glutathione peroxidase, TG=Triglycerides, GPT=Glutamic

protein, GOT=Glutamic oxaloacetic chlorpyrifos, TAA=Thioacetamide,
 transaminase, CAT – catalase, TB=Total d-GalN/LPS=d-galactosamine/lipopolysacchari-
 bilirubin, NA=Not applicable, de, INH=Isoniazid, RIF=Rifampicin, N/A=Not
 CPF=Organophosphorous insecticide available

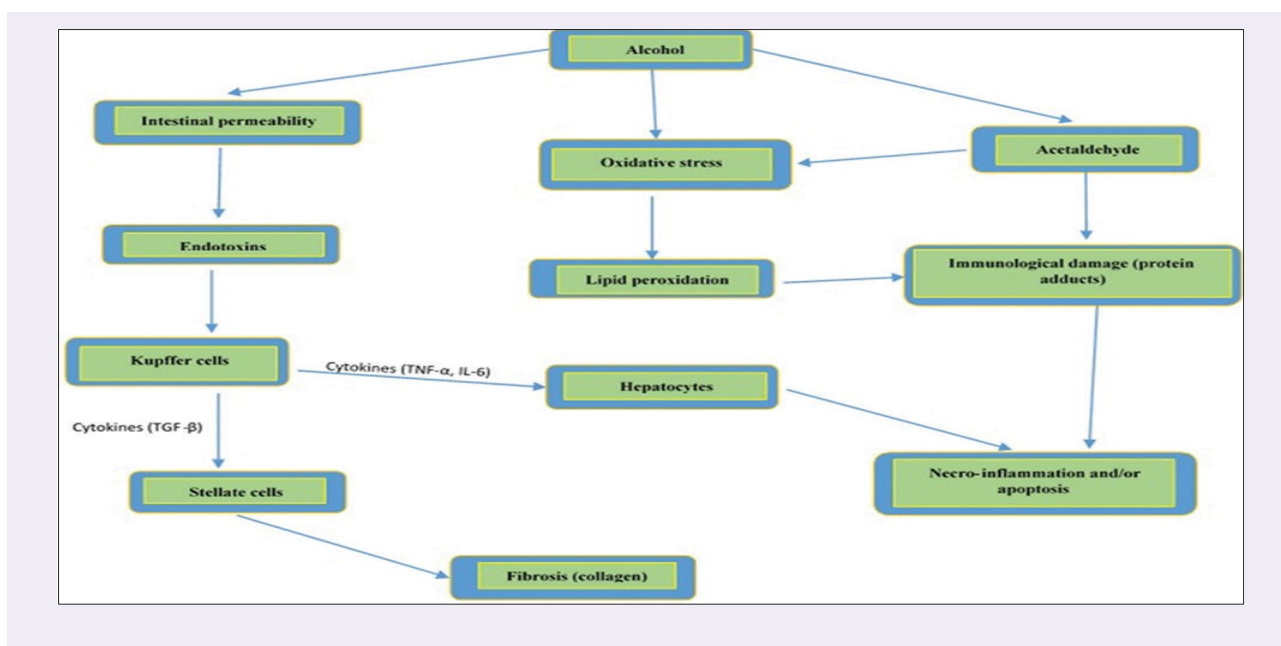


Figure 2: Mechanism of alcohol-induced hepatotoxicity [2]

Salix caprea (Salicaceae)

One of Salix caprea's family names is Salicaceae. [29] This tree, which is also called big sallow, pussy willow, or goat willow, is among the most widespread varieties of willow in Europe, Western Asia, and Central Asia. Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anti-inflammatories are only a few of the biological potentials shown by the plant in previous studies. 47,139 people have relied on *S. caprea* as a remedy for various human and animal ailments. Common complaints that it helps with include fever, headaches, stomachaches, and constipation. [29] Qualitative examination revealed that the plant extract contained bioactive components, namely flavonoids and phenolic acids. There were flavonoids such as quercetin and luteolin-7-glucoside as well as phenolic compounds such as salignin and catechins.

Wahid et al. tested the hepatoprotective effects of an ethanolic *Salix suberrata* Willd floral extract in CCl₄-induced liver injury. [29] There was a significant decrease in blood enzyme levels after administering this plant's ethanolic extract, which may indicate that it might

mitigate CCl₄-induced liver tissue damage or restore plasma membrane integrity. The hepatoprotective effect of this plant extract likely accounted for its antioxidant activity; it protected liver cells against CCl₄ free radical metabolites by halting their damage cascade that began with lipid peroxidation and ended with cell death.

Caesalpinia crista (Fabaceae)

Caesalpinia crista, a perennial climbing shrub belonging to the Fabaceae family, is prevalent throughout India in plains, deserts, coastal areas, and hills up to 1000 meters in elevation. In Hindi, it is often referred to as Karanja. [141] *C. crista* contains bioactive compounds such as glycosides, alkaloids, saponins, and flavonoids. This plant has medicinal characteristics that combat inflammation, malaria, jaundice, helminthiasis, diabetes, periodontal disease, and fever. Mishra et al. assessed the hepatoprotective effects of ethanolic extracts from *C. crista* leaves in rats experiencing PCM-induced hepatotoxicity, as detailed in references [61,142]. The positive control group exhibited no changes in TB levels, serum marker enzymes, or TGA after treatment with ethanolic

extract at dosages of 200 or 400 mg/kg. Conversely, the treated group exhibited a substantial decrease in these levels. The ethanolic extracts of *C. crista* leaves had significant hepatoprotective benefits against PCM-induced hepatic injury in rats, as shown by these findings. [61]

***Alocasia indica* (Araceae)**

Alocasia indica is extensively cultivated in the tropical and subtropical regions of Southern India, West Bengal, Assam, and Maharashtra. This herbaceous perennial attains a height of around 5 meters. [17] The edible tuber of the *A. indica* plant is often consumed as a common vegetable due to its affordability and widespread availability. Traditional medicine use *A. indica* for the treatment of ailments related to the spleen and abdomen. While their research concentrates on the inedible leaf portion of the plant, the edible tuber is widely used as a vegetable by the Indian populace. Pal *et al.* [14] evaluated the hepatoprotective efficacy of both ethanolic and aqueous extracts of *A. indica* tubers against CCl₄-induced hepatic injury in male Albino Wistar rats. Their findings indicated that biochemical analysis of both water and ethanolic extracts revealed several pharmacological constituents, including tannins, flavonoids, alkaloids, glycosides, and saponins. The ethanolic extract exhibited superior antioxidant potential and elevated levels of flavonoids and phenolics in comparison to the aqueous extract. In an *in vivo* trial, both the aqueous and alcoholic extracts exhibited significant hepatoprotective benefits. The outcomes of this research indicate that this plant extract may serve as an antioxidant in the formulation of treatments for liver diseases.

***Opuntia ficus-indica* (Cactaceae)**

Opuntia ficus-indica, a domesticated crop vital to agricultural economies in arid and semiarid locations worldwide, is a cactus species used mostly for fruit production and is a member of the Cactaceae family. The probable point of origin is Mexico. In the absence of herbaceous plants and water, it is customary to use it as a vegetable feed resource for cattle. [143] Rather of examining the fruit, the majority of scientific medical research concentrates on the leaves (cladodes). The efficacy of a 2 mL/kg aqueous

extract from cactus cladodes in safeguarding the liver against CCl₄-induced toxicity in male Wistar rats was examined. [54] The findings indicated that, in contrast to the CCl₄-treated group exhibiting hepatotoxicity, the group administered the aqueous extract of *O. ficus-indica* shown markedly reduced levels of AST and ALT

***Cyathea gigantea* (Cyatheaceae)**

The tree fern *Cyathea gigantea* (Wall. ex. Hook.) is indigenous to moist, open environments in Nepal, Western Java, Northeastern to Southern India, and Sri Lanka. The plant's highest height may attain is 20 meters. A total of 144 Kiran *et al.* [49] demonstrated the hepatoprotective effect of a methanolic extract of *C. gigantea* leaves against PCM-induced toxicity in Wistar Albino rats. Histological and biochemical hepatic damage was seen in the experimental rats after PCM intoxication. The liver damage was ameliorated by reinstating the structural integrity of the plasma membrane, leading to a reduction in elevated levels of ALP, serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase, TB, and serum glutamate-pyruvate transaminase following treatment with methanolic *C. gigantea* leaf extract. The phytochemical screening findings indicate that *C. gigantea* leaf extract comprises phenols, triterpenes, saponins, sterols, and flavonoids. The hepatoprotective action may be attributed to these bioactive components. The rat PCM-induced hepatotoxicity model was used to assess the hepatoprotective properties of *C. gigantea*.

***Phoenix dactylifera* (Arecaceae)**

In the northern areas of Nigeria, Middle Eastern nations, and Arabian countries, the date palm, or *Phoenix dactylifera*, is often used to treat liver ailments and associated symptoms, such as jaundice. [52] Previous study indicates that the fruit extract protects the liver from detrimental chemicals, including alcohol. [145] Okwuosa *et al.* [52] investigated the potential hepatoprotective effects of date palm (*P. dactylifera*) fruit extracts in TAA-induced toxicity in male rats. The researchers determined that the plant's methanolic fruit extract had significant hepatoprotective

properties, since the levels of hepatocellular enzymes were lower in the test groups than in the TAA-induced group. The extract may possess the capacity to reverse plasma membrane damage by mitigating the elevation of serum bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase (ALP) induced by TAA. [52] Qualitative screening revealed that plant extracts include tannins, flavonoids, saponins, terpenoids, carbohydrates, steroids, proteins, and glycosides. Reports indicate that flavonoids may stabilize the cell membrane. [146] The flavonoid content of *P. dactylifera* extract is likely responsible for its membrane stabilizing effect. This study did not investigate the biochemical mechanism by which *P. dactylifera* demonstrates its hepatoprotective properties. The bioactive compound N-sitosterol in the fruit extract was believed to be responsible for its action. [147] The hepatoprotective properties of flavonoids were believed to stem from their capacity to inhibit cytochrome P450 aromatase. [148] Similarly, Al-Qarawi *et al.* [149] established that extracts from the pulp and seeds of dates (*P. dactylifera* L.) exhibited hepatoprotective properties against CCl₄-induced toxicity in rats.

Convolvulus arvensis (Convolvulaceae)

The invasive plant *Convolvulus arvensis* originates from Asia. The numeral 150 This plant belongs to the family Convolvulaceae.

When not climbing, the plant may proliferate into dense mats 5 cm thick; it is often used as a laxative. Dermatological disorders, coughs, jaundice, and influenza may all get advantages from the botanical extract. Moreover, it has the capacity to reduce inflammation, edema, and joint pain. Ali *et al.* [110] recently shown the hepatoprotective effect of an ethanolic extract of *C. arvensis* at dosages of 200 and 500 mg/kg in rats exposed to PCM-induced toxicity. The heightened levels of TB and hepatic enzymes were markedly reduced ($P < 0.05$) in rats administered with PCM-induced ethanolic extract of *C. arvensis*. Quercetin and kaempferol were the principal phytochemical constituents of *C. arvensis*. Quercetin is a flavonoid with established hepatoprotective effects. [151]

Bioactive Molecules with Hepatoprotective Potentials

Previous study has resulted in the identification of many plant biomolecules exhibiting notable hepatoprotective effects. Humans have not yet undergone extensive clinical investigations with these pure compounds. Biomolecules including resveratrol, curcumin, silymarin, glycyrrhizin, and quercetin confer diverse biological properties to certain bioactive compounds, encompassing antiviral, antioxidant, anticancer, antiaging, antifibrotic, antidiabetic, and anti-inflammatory capabilities (Table 3).

Table 3: Examples of reported phytochemical compounds with hepatoprotective potential

Phytochemical compounds	Plants
Glycyrrhizin	Glycyrrhiza glabra
Resveratrol	Hygrophila auriculata
Curcumin	Curcuma spp.
Colchicine	Colchicum autumnale
Silymarin (silybin)	Silybum marianum
Quercetin	Hibiscus vitifolius
Fumaric acid	Sida cordifolia
Coumarins	Artemisia abrotanum
Schizanthrin A	Schisandra chinensis
Kutkoside	Picrorhiza kurroa
Catechin	Anacardium occidentale
Papyriogenin	Tetrapanax papyrifer
Cronin	Gardenia jasminoides
Syringopicroside	Syringa oblata
Piceid	Polygonum cuspidatum
Gomishins	Schisandra chinensis

Saikosaponin	Bupleurum falcatum
Cosmosiin	Cupressus sempervirens L.
Patuletin	Ficus ingens

Conclusions and Future Prospects

Despite widespread concern for health, health issues have emerged as a significant challenge in our culture. Liver illnesses and injuries are among the most common medical issues globally, despite the liver's essential function in the body. Liver damage may result from several factors, mostly poor dietary practices, excessive alcohol use, herbal supplements, microbial infections, autoimmune disorders, malignancies, metabolic diseases, and substance addiction. Consequently, it is important to protect the liver against the aforementioned hazards.

Nevertheless, considering that existing treatments for numerous hepatic disorders are either inadequate or associated with adverse effects on renal function, the need for the identification of novel therapeutics that efficiently rectify liver damage has grown pressing. Therefore, the creation of new hepatoprotective pharmaceuticals sourced from plants is essential. Their antioxidant properties and hepatoprotective effects underpin the majority of phytotherapeutics used in the treatment of liver ailments. To address liver diseases with novel therapeutics that exhibit minimal renal side effects, the following fundamental scientific concepts are established. Consequently, more investigation is necessary to evaluate the potential for creating more potent hepatoprotective agents from new candidate phytochemicals. Given that a significant portion of the population in impoverished countries depends on herbal remedies for liver ailments, these treatments have gained global prominence. The majority of commercially available herbal extracts have shown promising efficacy in mitigating the signs and symptoms of hepatic injury or disease. To far, there is no evidence supporting the scientific validity of herbal extracts; thus, further research is necessary, especially in this domain, to establish protocols for the safe and effective production and administration of herbal extracts. Moreover, it is essential to subject these herbal medicines to preclinical

testing prior to initiating clinical trials. The therapeutic effectiveness of these all-natural herbal medicines may be evaluated, and the established dosage regimen from clinical studies may guide future pharmaceutical development and administration. Furthermore, several essential pharmaceuticals for addressing diverse illnesses may be made available using the traditional medical approach to drug discovery and creation. Isolating active principles and converting them into pharmaceuticals requires substantial effort and financial investment. The prioritization of plant-based drugs, namely those generated from singular or composite plant extracts, is essential in the treatment of liver diseases, especially those focused on restoring the structural integrity of the hepatic cell membrane. In general, a singular plant extract cannot remedy all types of liver ailments. Consequently, it may be necessary to formulate a herbal amalgamation of extracts from many plants to enhance the treatment's efficacy. Moreover, additional research, namely toxicity assessments, must be undertaken to ensure the safety of the plant combination. This is likely due to the possibility that one of the plant extracts might be toxic, so compromising the efficacy of the other extracts in the combination. Furthermore, traditional healers in underdeveloped countries need education on appropriate hygienic methods for processing plant materials, given that most plant extracts are used by economically disadvantaged rural populations. Contamination must be avoided or eradicated during the preparation of herbal extracts.

In conclusion, more investigation into the structural modifications of beneficial compounds derived from herbal extracts via computational chemistry techniques is necessary to create more effective plant-based hepatoprotective pharmaceuticals.

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