

# MOLECULAR STUDIES AND PHARMACOLOGICAL ROLE OF PITHECELLOBIUM DULCES

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**Abstract:** *Pithecellobium dulce* is a medium-sized, evergreen tree with tremendous nutritional value; each portion of the plant is packed with important vitamins, amino acids, and minerals. *P. dulce*'s fruits have long been employed in Ayurvedic medicine and folk cures. The plant also contains biologically active mixtures like tannin, olein, and glycosides. From the plant's different necks, 38 functional phytochemicals such as quercetin, kaempferol, and dulcitol were linked. The bark of this plant contains catechol tannins. Polyphenols are phytochemicals that have their own factory and have a lot of catholicon activity. Their fruits are high in phenols, flavonoids, and saponins, which have been linked to the treatment of diabetes, oxidative stress, and gastrointestinal problems, as well as anticonvulsant and cardioprotective properties, anti-ulcerogenic, anti-proliferative the antibacterial, antifungal, and adulticidal properties of the plant flake and seed are all present. As a result, the current study focuses on exploiting medicinal parcels of *P. dulce* as well as its biological operations in remedial development.

**Keywords:** *Pithecellobium dulce*, anti-diabetic, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, anti-fungal, anti-bacterial, anti-ulcerogenic.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

*Pithecellobium dulce* benth, a member of the Leguminosae family, is an evergreen tree native to the southern parts of India and Southeast Asia. *P. dulce*, sometimes known as manila tamarind, is one of the most well-known species among them. The species name, 'dulce,' is derived from the Greek term 'Pithekos'. It is endemic to the Pacific Coast and conterminous mounds of Mexico, Central America, and Northern South America, and is farmed across the downs of India and the Andaman Islands. It is a delicate to medium-sized, evergreen, unpleasant tree that grows to a height of 18 meters. The business is well-known for its edible fruits, which have traditionally been devoured for colorful emotions. The fruits are twisted, straight legumes (capsules) with a length of 10 to 13 cm. A single cover usually contains 10 seeds, and the capsules are irregularly shaped and smoothed. strangled between the seeds in gyrations of 1 to 3 spirals (lomentaceous). Seeds are black and candescent, with a 1cm perimeter and a crimson funicle dangling from the capsules. Both sides of the cover are dehiscent (Murugesan, Lakshmanan et al. 2019).

**Taxonomical Classification of *Pithecellobium dulce*** (Rao, Samyuktha et al. 2018)

Kingdom : Plantae  
Sub Kingdom : Viridiplantae  
Infra Kingdom : Streptophyta  
Division : Tracheophyta  
Order : Fabales  
Family : Leguminosae  
Genus : *Pithecellobium*  
Species : dulce

**Vernacular Names** (Rao, Samyuktha et al. 2018)

English	: Sweet Tamarind
Telugu	: Seema Chinta
Hindi	: Jangle jalebi
Bengali	: Dekhani babul
Tamil	: Kodukkaapuli
Kannada	: Kottampuli
Malayalam	: Korukkapuli
Japanese	: Huamucho, Guamucho
Javanese	: Asem londo, Asam belanda
Philippines	: Camachile
Sanskrit	: Kodukkaapuli
Spanish	: Guamuchil, Guama americano, Quamachil
Tamil	: Kodukkaapuli
Thai	: Makham-khong, makham-tha



**FRUITS**



**SEEDS**

**Table 1: Number of Pithecellobium Species** (Rao, Samyuktha et al. 2018)

S No.	Name of the plant	Isolated Phyto-constituents
1.	<i>Pithecellobium albicans</i>	Gallic acid Afzelin Kaempferol Quercetin Quercitrin Spinasterol
2.	<i>Pithecellobium arboretum</i>	Oleonolic acid $\alpha$ Spinasterol
3.	<i>Pithecellobium clypearia</i>	1-Octacosanol -O-galloylplumbo catechin Penta-hydroxyflavan-7-gallate Tetrahydroxyflavan-7-gallate
4.	<i>Pithecellobium cauliflorum</i>	Glucosylsterol
5.	<i>Pithecellobium cubense</i>	Oleonolic acid $\alpha$ -Spinasterol

6.	<i>Pithecellobium jiringa</i>	Djenkolic acid Galocatechin Procyanidinds
7.	<i>Pithecellobium lucidum</i>	Julibroside Galloyl acid Ethyl gallate Galocatechin gallate
8.	<i>Pithecellobium monodelphum</i>	Biodiesel contains: Methyl palmitate Methyl stearate Methyl arachidate Methyl lineolate
9.	<i>Pithecellobium multiflorum</i>	Lupeol $\alpha$ - Spinasterol
10.	<i>Pithecellobium saman</i>	Epilupeol Lupenone $\alpha$ - Spinasterol $\alpha$ - Spinasterone

**Table 2: Pharmacological Activity of *Pithecellobium dulce***

Species	Part of the plant	Extract	Activity	Method & Animal used
<i>Pithecellobium dulce</i>	-----	Ethanolic and Aqueous	Anti-Inflammatory (Srinivas, Geeta et al. 2018)	Rats When compared to Aspirin, secondary metabolites showed a higher reaction percent of inhibition of protein denaturation and HRBC membrane stability (Standard Drug). By lowering paw quantity at the sampled cure place, both excerpts demonstrated eloquent anti-inflammatory exertion. The ethanol excerpt, which was identical to diclofenac sodium, a common anti-inflammatory drug, exhibited more exertion than the waterless snippet.
	Fruit peel	Petroleum ether extract Peel methanolic ethyl acetate aqueous pulp	Anti-bacterial (Srinivas, Geeta et al. 2018)	The capacity of all extracts to quench the DPPH radical suggests that they are excellent antioxidants. Both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria are effectively inhibited by pulp extract. In the gram-negative, the extract revealed a maximum clearance zone. Pneumocystis pneumoniae
	-----	Metonic leaf extract Acetone extract Water	Antioxidant (Katekhaye and Kale 2012, Nagmoti, Khatri et al. 2012)	It was discovered that the aqueous and methanolic extracts had respective total phenolic contents of 1.31 0.006 and 1.74 0.003 mg gallic acid equivalents/g of extract powder <sup>(3)</sup> As the extract concentration increased, so did the reducing power. The phenolic content of the MB, AB, ML, and AL extracts (5 mg/ml) was 0.129 0.11, 0.190 0.14, 0.084 0.24, and 0.115 0.25 g/ml, while the flavonoid content was 0.43 0.01, 0.23 0.01, 0.90 0.01, and 0.25 0.01 g/ml, respectively <sup>(4)</sup> .

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-----	Ethanol aqueous	Anti-diarrheal (Rashid, Biswas et al. 2015)	Wister albino rats were used to create a diarrhea model. The anti-diarrheal activity of P. dulce ethanol extract using castor oil produced diarrhea in rats, and the loperamides were found to be anti-diarrheal (standard drug). When compared to the control group, the extract dramatically reduced the amount of wet faeces and the total number of faeces.
-----	Fruit Extract	Anti-Ulcerogenic (Megala and Geetha 2012)	<b>Model-</b> Rats pretreated with HAEPD (200 mg/kg b wt for 30 days) were given alcohol, acetylsalicylic acid, or hypothermic restraint stress to generate gastric ulcers. stomach tissues were examined for the amount of stomach fluid,

				pH, acidity, pepsin activity, H <sup>+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> -ATPase, myeloperoxidase activity, mucin content, nucleic acids, glycoproteins, and prostaglandin E2 (PGE2) levels.
	Leaves	Leaves Extract	Anti-Fungal (Arif, Bhosale et al. 2009)	Solvent-solvent fractionation, chromatography methods, and mass spectroscopy are all part of the model.

## 2. CONCLUSION

*P. dulce* is a plant that has a long history of use in traditional medicine. In the plant *P. dulce*, a wide range of chemical components can be found. Although *Pithecellobium dulce* contains a number of medicinal characteristics that aid in disease resistance or prevention, some of its mechanisms of action are yet unknown. However, more research and bioassays are needed to fully comprehend the plant *Pithecellobium dulce*'s potential. It has significant economic and theoretical worth, and it has to be examined more thoroughly and methodically on the basis of existing research in order to help conventional medicine modernize.

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