

**A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW ON PHARMACOGNOSTIC AND PHYTOCHEMICAL
STUDY OF *MANILKARA ZAPOTA* LINN**

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ABSTRACT

Manilkara zapota is commonly named Chiku. It cultivated for its delicious fruits. It is an evergreen plant, every part of the tree used for various ailments in traditional medicine. A variety of phytochemical components have isolated from different parts of this plant. The scenario of the present study is an overview of the pharmacognostic, phytochemical and pharmacological action. Fruits contain cyanogenic glycoside, phenolic compound and terpenoid. Bark used as a tonic and the decoction given in diarrhea, dysentery and precludes. The leaves of the plant possess antioxidant and antimicrobial activity. The present work beneficial for proper further study of the *Manilkara zapota* plant

Keywords: *Manilkara zapota*; Pharmacognosy; Phytochemistry; Pharmacological action

INTRODUCTION

Manilkara zapota belongs to the family *Sapotaceae*. It is evergreen, slow-growing tree, 5-20 m in agriculture but getting up to 40 m in height in the forest, with an usual trunk diameter of 1.5 m. The coronet is pyramidal to round. Branches are horizontal or drooping. Leaves are 5-13 cm long with sharp ends, stiff and alternate, clustering at ends of shoots, pinkish upon emergence, turning light green, then

darkening with age. Flowers are inconspicuous, bell-shaped, and white, 0.9 cm in diameter and borne singly or in clusters in leaf axils near the tips of branches. The fruit is a berry, round to oval or conical, 5-10 cm in diameter, weighing 100 to 400 g (some cultivars weigh up to 1 kg). Fruits mature year-round, but most abundantly from May to September. They are covered with a hairy, brown peel and

have very sweet, light-brown to reddish-brown pulpy flesh, gritty to smooth in texture. Each fruit has 0-12 flattened, shiny, black seeds, each 1.9 cm in diameter. Larger trees have red-brown bark with a flaky appearance. Milky latex which exudes from all tree parts coagulates into “chicle”, the principal constituent of chewing gum before the advent of synthetics (Table 1) [1, 2].

Table 1: Taxonomic of *Manilkara zapota*

Kingdome	Plantae
Phylum	Spermatophyta
Subphylum	Angiospermae
Class	Dicotyledonae
Order	Ebenales
Family	Sapotaceae
Genus	Manilkara
Species	<i>Manilkara zapota</i>

M. zapota was introduced as a fruit tree by native people in ancient times to most of tropical America, the West Indies, Bermuda, the Florida Keys and southern mainland Florida. It was also introduced as a fruit crop to other tropical and subtropical regions of the world including Asia, Africa and several islands in the Pacific region [3, 4].

Traditional application

In the 18th century, white gummy chicle used for the production of chewing gum and in dental surgery obtained from the bark [5]. Fruits are highly nutritious used in diarrhoea and pulmonary diseases. The seeds are laxative, Antipyretic, boost and have used in the elimination of bladder and kidney stones [6]. Leaves are also a

rich source of constituents and used in treat cough, cold, diarrhoea while its decoction used for fever, haemorrhage, healing of wounds and ulcers [7].

The objective of the present study is to overview on pharmacognostic, phytochemical and pharmacological action of zapota plant.

Pharmacognosy study

It is a dicot plant. Leaves are green coloured. Apex and base were acute; the margin was entire leathery, the shape was oblong petioles were 4.5 cm long. Microscopically leaves show the presence of lower and upper epidermis, xylem, phloem, vascular bundles, mesophyll, trichome and collenchyma. Mesophyll differentiated into palisade and spongy parenchyma. Palisade formed from compactly arranged elongated, narrow columnar cells with beaded anticlinal walls. Palisade cells filled with chlorophyll. Spongy parenchyma made up of parenchymatous cells of varying size and shape. Vascular bundles were arc-shaped. Xylem lignified, phloem was non-lignified. A unicellular trichome observed on the epidermis. Microscopy of power shows the presence of upper epidermis cells that were thick and irregular walled. Prisms of calcium oxalate crystals, simple unicellular trichome, pitted vessels, actinocytic stomata and xylem vessels in longitudinal

sectional view showed spiral thickening [8, 9].

Seeds of Chiku are hard flattened more or less ovo-elongated with a one-sided apical beak-like bent notch, length 1.9 to 2 cm, width 0.8 to 1.1 cm. The external surface shell is black, shining, glossy and embedded in pale brownish, juicy, sweet, fragrant fleshy fruit pulp of globular berries. Inside the hard shell, the seed kernel is soft, nutty, oily, white mass, powder, coarse and oily. The powder is oily, sticky granular mass with mixed black and cream coloured particles with stale oily taste and no characteristic odour. It shows the presence of numerous sclereids of different shape and sizes that is oval to elongated, beaker shaped, polygonal, rectangular etc. single or in groups, few xylem vessels with spiral thickenings on a

wall, few prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate, profuse oil globules throughout the sample, aseptate fibres and sclerenchymatopus cells containing oil globules [10-12] (Figure 1).

Physicochemical study (Table 2)

Phytochemical Study

Phytoconstituents are basically divided into two groups like primary and secondary metabolites, according to their functions in plant metabolism. Primary metabolites consist of common sugars, amino acids, proteins and chlorophyll while alkaloids, terpenoids, flavonoids, tannins etc. contribute as the secondary metabolites. Different qualitative tests were carried out with the *M. zapota* leaves, bark and seeds. Methanol extract of seed, bark and leaves contains following constituents (Table 3) [8, 9, 12, 13].

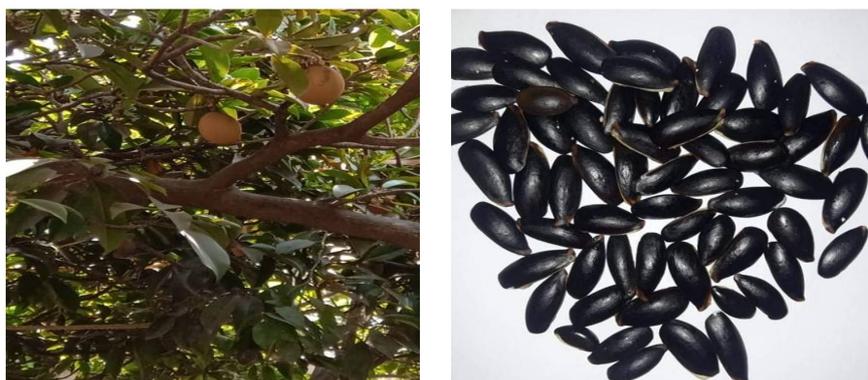


Figure 1: *Manilkara zapota* plant and seed

Table 2: Physicochemical parameter of leaves and seeds

Parameter	Leaves	Seed
Total ash value %(w/w)	6.15	5.33
Water soluble ash value%(w/w)	7.60	2.53
Acid insoluble ash value%(w/w)	0.85	2.34
Sulphated Ash%(w/w)	11.31	1.65
Loss on drying (LOD) %(w/w)	8.00	16.34

Table 3: Phytoconstituents from leaves seed and bark

Phytochemical class	Leaves	Seeds	Bark
Alkaloids	+	+	-
Steroids	-	+	-
Triterpenoids	+	-	
Flavonoids	+	-	+
Tannins	+	-	+
Glycoside	+	+	
Phenolic	+	+	
Oils	-	-	
Saponins	+	+	+
Fatty ester	+	-	
Reducing sugar	-	+	+
Gums	-	-	+

Leaf also contains hydrocarbons n-triacontane and n-octacosane, two sterols, β -sitosterol and stigmaterol. The GLC analysis showed a high percentage of saturated fatty acids, unsaturated fatty acids and polyunsaturated fatty acids. The main constituent of fatty acids oleic acid, linoleic acid, and linoleic acid. lupeol-3-acetate, oleanolic acid, apigenin-7-O- α -L-rhamnoside, myricetin-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside and caffeic acid was isolated from leaf [14].

A water-soluble polysaccharide isolated from the hot water extract of the unripe fruits of zapota found to consist of 3-O-acetyl-L-rhamnose, L-arabinose, 3-O-acetyl-D-methyl galacturonat [15]. From methanol extract methyl 4-O-galloylchlorogenate, 4-O-galloylchlorogenic acid, methyl chlorogenate, dihydromyricetin, quercitrin, myricitrin, (+)-catechin, (-)epicatechin, (+)-gallocatechin, and gallic acid was isolated [16]. On storage of the fruit; the concentration of the polyphenolics with the basic blocks of gallocatechin or catechin or both were found to be reduced [17]. The fruit had high levels of aspartic

and glutamic acid [18]. D-quercitol, saccharose isolated from seed [19].

Pharmacological activities

Anti-inflammatory activity

Ethanollic extracts of *Manilkara zapota* leaves shows inflammatory, anti-pyretic activities. Carrageenan induced paw edema method used for evaluation of anti-inflammatory activity; anti-pyretic potential was determined by yeast-induced pyrexia method in albino Wistar rats. It shows significant activity compared to standard diclofenac [20]. Apigenin-7-O- β -D-glucuronide flavonoid isolated from the leaves of ethyl extract of *Manilkara zapota*. It exhibit significant in vitro and in vivo anti-inflammatory activity [21]. Plenylated coumarins, manizapotins A-C isolated from fruits exhibit potential anti-inflammatory and anti-HIV effect [22]. Methanol extract of bark showed a significant anti-inflammatory activity both in the Carrageenan and histamine-induced oedema test models in rats [23].

Antibacterial activity

Methanol extract of leaves showed antibacterial activity against Gram positive, Gram negative bacteria and one fungal strain, *Candida tropicalis* [24]. Ethyl acetate extracts of both stem bark and leaves of *Manilkara zapota* exhibit antimicrobial activity against *Aspergillus flavus*, *Vasianfactum sp* and *Fusarium sp* [25]. Silver nanoparticles were prepared using aqueous seed extract of *Manilkara zapota*. The as synthesized Silver nanoparticles showed excellent antimicrobial activity against *Candida* species [26].

Antioxidant activity

The ethanolic crude extract of bark of *M. zapota* exhibited significant antioxidant activity in vitro and in vivo [27]. Similarly, cold ethanolic extract of leaf exhibited significant antioxidant effect in both in vitro and in vivo models. By DPPH (2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl) free radical assay method, the IC₅₀ of cold ethanolic extract of leaf was found to be 68.27 µg/ml [28]. The acetone extract of leaf also exhibited very significant antioxidant effect in DPPH radical scavenging activity with IC₅₀ value of 20 mg/ml and in superoxide anion scavenging activity with IC₅₀ of 140 mg/ml [29]. Activity-guided fractionation of a methanol extract from the fruits resulted in the isolation of potent antioxidant compound, 4-Ogalloylchlorogenic acid with IC₅₀ 23.5 mM in DPPH free radical assay

[30]. Interestingly, the fruit peel extracts showed better antioxidant effect when compared to pulp extracts when tested on DPPH free radical assay [31].

Alpha- amylase and a-glucosidase inhibitory activity

The immature fruit extract of zapota was reported to exhibit alpha-amylase inhibitory activity due to the presence of proanthocyanidins in the unripe fruit. Gallocatechins are the major compounds obtained from the analysis of proanthocyanidins [32].

Anti-arthritis activity

Ethanolic leaf extract was tested for in-vitro antiarthritic activity by using the in vitro inhibition of protein denaturation model. Two different doses (100, 250 mcg/ml) of the extract were used with acetylsalicylic acid as the standard drug. Both the doses recorded greater percentage in protein denaturation in comparison to the control and standard [33].

Anthelmintic activity

That study reported that 12.5 mg/ml of the ethanolic seed embryo extract of *M. zapota* resulted in potent anthelmintic activity against *Pheretima posthuma* when compared to 12.5 mg/ml of chloroform extract and 2.5 mg/ml of the standard drug piperazine citrate [34].

Immunomodulatory activity

Fruit of zapota shows immunomodulatory effect [35].

CONCLUSION

From above review, it is understand that *Manilkara zapota* is a significant fruit crop and can be considered as one of the healthy fruits because of the presence of a variety of nutritious components in it. Plant is a rich source of number of phytochemicals. It shows significant pharmacological activities. In spite of being monetarily and therapeutically significant, it has not acquired ubiquity due to serious level of die capacity. Present study was therefore designed to collect the existing literature, of path scarce, describing the association between the physiology, biochemistry, and nutritional attributes of the plant.

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