



A Comprehensive Review on Ethanomedical, Pharmacological and Phytochemical Properties of Genus *Cissus*: A therapeutic Genus

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Abstract

Plants are great source of medication in herbal way. These extracts are used in treatment of several diseases. The family *vitaceae* consist of several species having many properties to cure many illnesses and disorders to mankind. This review article reveals about some species of *cissus* with different genus, about there medicinal and pharmacological uses and there utilization in various scientific fields. Due to presence of various bioactive compound such as tannin, alkaloid, flavonoids and many more it is useful as good herbal therapeutic sources in drug industry. These plants posses efficacy againt antidiabetic, antiobesity, antiulcer, antioxidant, anticarcinogenic, antiglucocoid, antimicrobial, antinflammatory activity and are used as bone setter in fractures and cures female health as it used to regulates mesturation also. Although review shows properties and uses of various *cissus* species as a useful therapeutic and pharmacological herbious plant.

Keywords: bioactive, *cissus*, extracts, anticarcinogenic, antidiabetic, antiglucocoid

Introduction

The plant kingdom has been the best source of therapies for curing a verity of ailment. The drug discovery industry is equally dependent on natural sources for new medicines mainly because existing remedies exhibit many side effects that results in the recall of drugs, bringing vast losses to the pharmaceutical industries (Newman, D. J., & Cragg, G. M. (2007)) ^[1]. Recently there has been a tremendous growth in the use of herbal health products in developing as well as developed countries resulting in an exponential progress of plant based products worldwide (EL-Kamali, H. H., & EL-Amir, M. Y. (2010)) ^[2]. One such set of plants that is used in all the continents and is implicated to treat different treatments is plants belonging to the genus '*Cissus*' (Tasadduq, R., *et al.*, (2017)) ^[3]. Genus *Cissus* consist many therapeutic plants of *vitaceae* family having many medicinal and curative properties due to presence of many phytochemicals in their plant parts. The genus *Cissus* shows their ethnomedicinal and pharmacological value for treatment of many diseases.

Objective

The aim of this review research article is to explore the detailed insights on pharmacological and phytochemical properties of genus: *Cissus*.

Methods and Methodology

The resourceful data used for this review article includes of research and review articles published by trustworthy publishers such as Springer, Elsevier, Wiley, etc. Literature of this review article was conducted by using Google Scholar and PubMed with the following keywords: *Cissus*, *pharmacological constituents of Cissus*, *pharmaceutical activity of Cissus*, *phytocompounds of Cissus*, *therapeutic applications of Cissus* etc. Several valuable research and review papers published maintaining base of this review research paper. As, prior researches have detailed about the description, traditional usage, extraction, phytochemical composition and pharmacological activities this plant.

Reported plant species from Genus Cissus

Genus *Cissus* (family Vitaceae) consist of 350 species, and many of these are used worldwide in traditional medicines to treat various diseases and disorders(Dhanasekaran, S. (2020))^[4](Suneetha,J.,et al.,(2011))^[5]. In India, 22 species of

Cissus have been reported.(Mondal, S., & Rahaman, C. H.(2012) ^[6](Gupta, M.,et al.,(2018) ^[7])(Ezeja, M. I.,et al., (2015) ^[8].Some species spread over the world described below in table 1.

Table 1: of different species of *Cissus* genus used in medication

S. No.	Species	Location	Common Name	Medicinal Properties	References
1	<i>Cissus aralioides</i>	Forest in Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State	Kindamina	Anti-inflammatory and antioxidant activity	Dutta, T., <i>et al.</i> (2020)
2	<i>Cissus assamica</i>	Chittagong Hill Tracts (Rangamati Hill District), Bangladesh	Amasha lata, Sarba amila, Murmuijja	Management of pain and pyrexia	Oleski, A., <i>et al.</i> (2006)
3	<i>Cissus debilis</i>	Cap Esterias region, neighbourhood of Libreville, Gabon Republic	—	Anticancer activity	Ahmadu, A. A., <i>et al.</i> (2009)
4	<i>Cissus hamaderoensis</i>	Different localities on Soqatra Island, Yemen	—	Inhibitory potency against ACE, NEP and APN enzymes	Adebowale, K. O. (2013)
5	<i>Cissus hypoglauca</i>	Southern New Guinea to Victoria in southern Australia	Giant Water Vine	Ecological adaptability and resilience to dry environmental conditions	Bafna, P. S., Patil, <i>et al.</i> (2021)
6	<i>Cissus ibuensis</i>	Nigeria, Niger, Togo, Benin and Ghana	—	Anti-diabetic, anti-cancer, gastrointestinal disorder, rheumatism, arthritis and cardiovascular disease management	AliMohammed, W. M. (2014)
7	<i>Cissus populnea</i>	Nigeria	Dafaraa, Okoho, Ogbolo	Pharmaceutical applications	Al-Bukhaiti, W. Q. (2019)
8	<i>Cissus quadrangularis</i>	Africa, Arabia, South Asia, Sri Lanka, India and tropical regions	Bonesetter, Adamant creeper, Veldt-grape, Hadjod, Asthisamadhani, Hadsanka	Treatment of bone fractures, scurvy, tumors, hemorrhoids, peptic ulcer, menstrual disorders, gout, syphilis, piles, diarrhea and leucorrhoea	Otshudi, A. L., Vercruysse, A., & Foriers, A. (2000)
9	<i>Cissus rotundifolia</i>	Yemen regions	Arabian wax	Antimalarial, analgesic, anti-inflammatory, antiulcerative, antioxidant, hepatoprotective and anti-diabetic activities	Salazar, M. A. R. Costa (2018); Drobnik, J. & de Oliveira, A. B. (2015)
10	<i>Cissus rubiginosa</i>	Lomela villages, Congo	Sume	Treatment of diarrhoea and dysentery	James, O. & Ogirima, Y. H. (2011)
11	<i>Cissus sicyoides</i>	Amazon region	Cipó-pucá	Anti-inflammatory, antitumour activity and neuroprotective properties	San, H. T., Boonsongche (2020)
12	<i>Cissus verticillata</i>	Brazil	<i>C. canescens</i> , <i>C. compressicaulis</i> , <i>C. latifolia</i> , <i>C. puncticulosa</i> , <i>C. umbrosa</i> , <i>Vitis sicyoides</i>	Anti-inflammatory, cytostatic, vasoconstrictory, hypoglycaemic, anti-lipemic and gastroprotective effects	Wu, S., Rajeshkumar (2020)
13	<i>Cissus multistriata</i>	Nigeria	—	Anti-diabetic and wound healing properties; reduction in blood glucose levels	Shoibe, M. (2017)
14	<i>Cissus javana</i>	Shan State, Myanmar	<i>Vitis discolor</i> , <i>Cissus discolor</i> , <i>Cissus javana</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>	Antidiabetic potential and glucose uptake enhancement by bergenin	Kunder, P. R. & Vidya, S. M. (2016)
15	<i>Cissus vitiginea</i>	Tamil Nadu, India	—	Used in Ayurveda as alternative, digestive, tonic analgesic; treatment of eye and ear diseases, irregular menstruation and asthma	Kakade, P. S. & Zimare, S. B. (2022)
16	<i>Cissus vitiginea</i>	Khagrachari, Bandarban, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet and Chittagong regions, Bangladesh	Isswarmuli, Mach toi kitab, Alianga lotta, Bhatia lotta	Used for boils, wounds, stomach upset, peptic ulcer, snake bites, rheumatic pain, bone fractures, jaundice, paralysis, scurvy, cancer, dysentery, epilepsy, fever, asthma, malaria and food poisoning	Chang, C. W. (2012)
17	<i>Cissus elongata</i>	Western Ghats of India	—	Treatment of skin and nerve diseases; antibacterial and antifungal activity	Bhandari, R., Sharma, G. & Jamarkatel-

					pandit, N. (2015)
18	<i>Cissus woodrowii</i>	Satara district, India	Stapf, Cooke	Antinutritional analysis, malnutrition and proximate composition studies	Rubeena, M. & Thoppil, J. E. (2020)
19	<i>Cissus repens</i>	Taiwan	Jogeelahara	Analgesic, anti-inflammatory and antiulcer activity	Joseph, N., Jayakumar, K. (2024); Méndez-López, L. F. (2020)
20	<i>Cissus latifolia</i>	Kerala, India	Chunnambuvali	Treatment of weak bones, bone fractures, cancer, scurvy, peptic ulcer disease, hemorrhoids, malaria, pain and asthma; anticancer activity	Harisha, C. R. (2010); Doweld, A. B. (2015)
21	<i>Cissus trifoliata</i>	Mexico, Southern United States, Caribbean and South America	Hierba del buey	Antibacterial, cytotoxic and anti-inflammatory activities	Ayyanar, M. & Ignacimuthu, S. (2005)
22	<i>Cissus rependa</i>	Odisha, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, India	Panivel	Used for bone fractures, cuts, boils and wounds	Soladoye, M. O. & Chukwuma, E. C. (2012)
23	<i>Cissus spectabilis</i>	West Bengal, Sikkim and Siliguri regions	<i>Cissus notabilis</i>	Fossil species	Reis, A. C. C. (2020)
24	<i>Cissus trilobata</i>	—	Moovilai kodi	Used for treatment of rheumatism	Dickson, U. J. (2011)
25	<i>Cissus populnea</i>	New Bussa, Niger State, Nigeria	—	Source of useful drugs; used for stopping bleeding, venereal diseases and treating sore breasts after childbirth	Manikandan, S. A. S. & Lakshmanan, G. (2016)
26	<i>Cissus erosa</i>	Brazil	Cipó-fogo	Activity against Dengue and Zika virus; anti-Zika virus potential	Selvi, P. (2021)
27	<i>Cissus arguta</i>	Tropical countries including Nigeria (Benin City, Warri, Sapele, Calabar, Uyo and Port Harcourt)	Awoloma, Umion, Ikon Efere Ekpo, Ibia-bia, Osimere, Deko-deko	Treatment of intense fever, body pain and wounds	Borquaye, L. S. (2020)
28	<i>Cissus discolor</i>	Tropical regions of India, Sri Lanka, Africa, Arabia and South Asia	Sangharhmai	Treatment of stomach disorders; leaves used as antidiabetic and antiseptic agents	Halliwell, B. (1996)
29	<i>Cissus arittiana</i>	Tamil Nadu, India	Nanaminukki (Tamil), Nelagummadi (Telugu)	Antibacterial, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anticancer and antiviral activities	Chidambara Murthy (2003)
30	<i>Cissus cornifolia</i>	Ghana	Rigarbiri, Duwawun biri	Antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activity; treatment of gonorrhoea, pharyngitis and malaria; sedative effects	Borquaye, L. S. (2020)

Pictures of Some Plants Belongs to Cissus Genera



Cissus cornifolia



Cissus arnottiana



Cissus discolor



Cissus arguta



Cissus erosa



Cissus verticillate



Cissus quadrangularis



Cissus woodrowii

***Cissus nodosa******Cissus vitigenia******Cissus javana******Cissus rotundifolia***

Pharmacological Properties Of *Cissus* Family

1. Antioxidant

The term “antioxidant” is restricted to chain-breaking inhibitors of lipid peroxidation. A broader definition is: an antioxidant is any element that when present at low concentrations compared to an oxidizable substrate delays or prevents oxidation of that substrate. Mechanisms of antioxidants can include: removal of O₂, scavenging reactive oxygen/nitrogen species or their inhibiting ROS/RNS formation, binding metal ions needed for catalysis of ROS generation, and up regulation of endogenous antioxidant defenses. (Kolap, R. M., et al., 2021) ^[42].

Extracts of *Cissus quadrangularis* L. were tested for antioxidant activity by β -carotene linoleic acid model and also by 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl model. The ethyl acetate chromatographic fraction of fresh and dry stem extracts at the concentration of 100 ppm showed 64.8% antioxidant activity in the β -carotene linoleic acid system and 61.6% in the 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl system. (Li, Y. J et al., 2015) ^[43]

Cissus cornifolia, a medicinal plant with widely use in ancient medication in Ghana—were used in this study. The phytochemicals analysis and total phenolic content (TPC) of these extracts were determined using standard methods. Antioxidant potential was tested using the ferric reducing antioxidant activity, nitric oxide and hydrogen peroxide scavenging, and the phosphomolybdenum assays (Vinoth, K., & Kumar, S. R. (2025)) ^[44].

The antioxidant potential of plant *Cissus woodrowii* (CW) which is tree of the Vitaceae family. Maximum percent yield (13.49%), total phenolic content (24.14 mg TAE/g dry weight), and total flavonoid content (18.45 mg QE/g dry weight) were reported in the methanolic leaf extract. Whereas the *in vitro* antioxidant activities of different extracts were tested using 2,2'-azino-bis (3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid), 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl, hydroxyl, nitric oxide, hydrogen peroxide percent radical scavenging activity (% RSA), antioxidant power assay (ferric-reducing antioxidant power) and total antioxidant capacity (phosphomolybdate assay). Antioxidant activity of CW extract may be due to its high level of phenolics which were addressed through liquid chromatography–high-resolution mass spectrometry (LC-HRMS), and the quantity of selected three phenolic compounds were tested by using high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). (Mishra, G., 2010) ^[45]

In *Cissus pteroclada* glucose and galactose were the key monosaccharides of three fractions, CPHP II-1 and CPHP II-2 were acidic polysaccharides that contain uronic acid content. Scavenging radical assay *in vitro* shows that CPHP II-1 was a natural bioactive compounds possessed strong antioxidant and hepatoprotective activity. (Jayachitra, C., 2018) ^[46]

2. Antiobesity

Cissus quadrangularis L. is responsible to reduce the body weight, serum lipid and serum glucose level. The chemical components of this plant addressed to have phytosterols, keto-steroids, Indane and flavonoids which is having antioxidant properly. (James, O., 2013) ^[47]

3. Antiulcer effect

Cissus quadrangularis having antiulcer and cytoprotective property in indomethacin induced gastric mucosal injury. The aqueous extracts of CQ also proves acetylcholine like activity on isolated ileum of rabbit and uterus of rat. (Parimala, S., & Selvan, A. T. (2017).) ^[48]

Cissus setosa is an medicinal herb commonly used for the medication of gastro ulcers. The aerial methanolic extract of *C. setosa* was tested for the antiulcer activity using pylorus ligation and ethanol in rats. The extract was used at the doses of 200 and 400 mg/kg bw. orally for 3 days. Higher dose of the extracts reduced gastric ulcer induced by pylorus ligation (70.05%) and ethanol (78.16%) as tested on their biochemical parameters such as free acidity, total acidity, total carbohydrate, total protein and pepsin activity. (Ruskin, R. S., et al., 2014) ^[49]

Anti-ulcer activity of *C. multistriata* was addressed on albino rats at doses of 30, 50 and 100 mg/kg body weight. *Cissus multistriata* showed gastro-protective action in the groups and the protection was dose dependent and comparable to the standard drug (Omeprazole) used. The mechanism in the gastro-protective effect of *C. multistriata* shows relation with the mucosal protector factors, such as Nitric Oxide (NO) and Sulfhydryl (SH) compounds. (Kujur, E. N. (2019).) ^[50]

4. Anticarcinogenic effect

The effect of methanolic extract of *Cissus pallida* and *Cissus vitigenia* has been tested on various cancer cell lines. The results show cytotoxic effects in both *in vitro* and *in vivo* models. Treated with the extract shows concentration dependent inhibition of the cell growth of human cancer cell lines. The cytotoxic effect was more dominantly expressed upon all the cell lines. The phytochemicals present in the methanolic extract may shows relation to this anticancer action. Different cytotoxic effect of the extracts against different types of cancer cell lines shows it can be use against various cancers might show positive results. (Payani, S., et al., 2023) ^[51]. The secondary metabolites such as phenol, alkaloids, tannins and flavonoids were present in the ethanolic extract of *C. quadrangularis*. The anti-bacterial activity of various extracts of leaves at different concentrations was expressed against some human pathogenic bacterias. The result of the *in-vitro* anticancer activity of *C. quadrangularis* shows that ethyl acetate extract shows lowest percentage of viability which has important activity against cancerous cells. (Sundaran, J., et al., 2020) ^[52].

5. Antiglucocoid effect

Cissus quadrangularis possess anti-glucocorticoids properties, it is useful for athletes and bodybuilder. Glucocorticoids, sbody's cortisol hormone, may induce muscle breakdown, loss of skeletal muscle proteins and weakens the bones. CQ is a competitor to glucocorticoids. CQ anabolic in nature and increases bone strength. During periods of stress, over-training, or illness, the cortisol level rises, this can be maintained by using *C. quadrangularis*. (Sultana, F., & Sindhu, R. K. (2021))^[53]

6. Antimicrobial effect

In vitro antibacterial activity of *Cissus quadrangularis* stem methanolic extract were tested against pathogens such as *Vibrioparaheamolyticus*, *Shigella flexneri*, *Micrococcus leteus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in. The crude methanol extract showed maximum inhibitory activity against *Vibrio paraheamolyticus* with inhibition zone diameter (mm) of 25, *Shigella flexneri* 18, *Serratia marcescens* 19, *Micrococcus leteus* 9 and least inhibitory activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* with inhibition zone diameter of 7. The results shows that *C. quadrangularis* stem methanolic extract showed highest anti-bacterial activity against *Vibrio paraheamolyticus*, *Shigella flexneri*, and *Serratia marcescens*. IN antifungal activity, methanol extract showed highest inhibitory activity against *Candida albicans* with inhibition zone diameter of 14, *Trichoderma viride* 13, and Low inhibitory activity observed in *Penicillium crysogenum* with inhibition zone diameter of 7. The results claimed strong antifungal activity was observed on *Candida albicans* and *Trichoderma viride*. (Sirasanagandla, S. R., 2013)^[54]

7. Antidiabetic effect

Anti-diabetic properties of *Cissus quadrangularis* was reported in a study where dry powder of *Cissus quadrangularis* is obtained through ethyl acetate extraction.

This is tested for diabetes induced in wister albino rats by administering alloxan. (Sreebala, G., 2021)^[55]

8. Antinflammatory effect

Cissus trifoliata (Vitaceae) Marine ivy or possum grape, bolontibi are common name of *Cissus trifoliata* Rott that belongs to the family Vitaceae. It helps to prevents rheumatic arthritis. The ethanolic root extract shows anti-inflammatory activity in carrageenan induced edema in mice, adjuvant-induced arthritis and formaldehyde in rats. (Mziray, A. M. (2021).)^[56]

9. Treatment of bone fractures

CQ, has been used widely used to promote the bone health in the traditional medication. The fracture healing property and anti-osteoporotic activities of CQ has been reported in various pharmacological researches. The application of CQ tablets in fracture healing has been tested in rats, dogs and human subjects. (Siddiqua, A., & Mittapally, S. (2017))^[57]. *Cissus latifolia* Lam. Is used in the treatment of weak bones, bone fractures. Phytochemical analysis of this plant revealed the presence of flavonoids, tannins, alkaloids, steroids, saponins, quinines, anthraquinones and phenols which helps in bone healing. (Ezeja, M. I., 2015)^[58]

10. For female health

Cissus rotundifolia (Forssk.) Vahl., has been traditionally used as a fertility regulator in human beings. This plant extract has anti-ovulatory and anti-implantation properties and is a potential anti-fertility agent. (Dutta, T., et al., 2020)^[59]

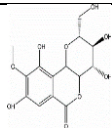
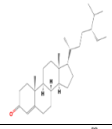
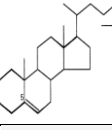
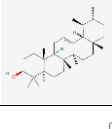
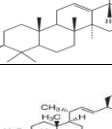
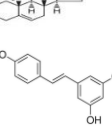
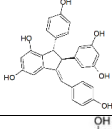
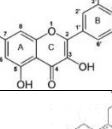
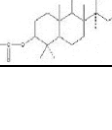
Cissus quadrangularis traditionally it was mostly used in treatment of female ovarian health disorders (menopause, libido, and menstrual disorders) and treating bone disorders. (Chan, Y. Y., et al., 2018)^[60]

Bioactive Component Present Cissus Genus

S.no.	Species name	Metabolites compound	Reference
1.	<i>Cissus aralioides</i>	alkaloids, tannins, saponins, steroids, terpenes, flavonoids and cardiac glycosides	(Line-Edwige, 2009)
2.	<i>Cissus assamica</i>	alkaloid, tannin, steroid, triterpenes, flavonoid, saponin, rasins, glycosides, Anthraquinone glycoside, Phenol, reducing sugars, carbohydrate, protein, fats. 14 benzenoids, 11 triterpenes, nine steroids, five tocopherols, five chlorophylls, four flavonoids, two benzoquinones, two tannins, and three other compounds.	(Aguoru, C. U., Ameh, S. J., & Olan, O. (2014); Chenniappan, J., 2020)
3.	<i>Cissus debilis</i>	tannins, flavones, alkaloids, steroids, terpenoids, saponosides and glycosides.	(Méndez-López, 2020)
4.	<i>Cissus populnea</i>	alkaloids, tannins, saponins, flavonoids and anthraquinon	(Wu, S., 2020)
5	<i>Cissus quadrangularis</i>	saponin, tannin, phenol, flavonoid, terpenoid, alkaloids	(Manikandan Ganapathymuru, S. A. S., & Lakshmanan, G. A. N. A. L. A. G. U. (2016))
6	<i>Cissus trifoliata</i>	terpene, flavonoid and stilbene	(Kyaw, M. M)
7	<i>Cissus vitiginia</i>	Flavonoid, saponin, alkaloid, polyphenol, Anthroquinone, steroids, tannin, Terpenoids	(Kunder, P. R., & Vidya, S. M. (2016))
8.	<i>Cissus arnottiana</i>	Alkaloids, Flavonoids Phenols, Tannins, Terpenoids, Quinines, Saponins, Glycosides and Carbohydrates	(Salazar, M. A. R., et al., 2018)
9.	<i>Cissus repens</i>	alkaloids, carbohydrates, flavonoids, glycoside, organic acid, phenolic compounds, saponins, steroids, tannins and terpenoids	(Shoibe, M., 2017)
10.	<i>Cissus elongata</i>	flavonoids, alkaloids, terpenoids and tannins	(Manikandan Ganapathymuru, S. A. S., & Lakshmanan, G. A. N. A. L. A. G. U. (2016))
11	<i>Cissus sicyoides</i>	terpenes, phenolic compounds, and flavonoids	(Nocedo-Mena et al., 2016)
12	<i>Cissus adnata</i>	alkaloids, carbohydrates, flavonoids, phenols, terpenoids, saponins, and tannins	(Parimala, S., 2012)
13.		vitamins, terpenoid, phenolic acids, lignins, stilbenes, tannins, flavonoids, quinones,	(Sani, Y. M., 2014)

	<i>Cissus aralioides</i>	coumarins, alkaloids, amines, betalainins, a	
14	<i>Cissus incisa</i>	Fatty acyls, sphingolipids, sterols, glycerolipids, prenol lipids, and terpenes	(Said, A.,2018)
15	<i>Cissus pallida</i>	carbohydrates, tannins, proteins, alkaloids flavonoids, sterols and saponins.	(Muhamad,M.,et al.,2022)
16	<i>Cissus polyantha</i>	flavonoids, tannins, saponins, steroids/triterpenes and cardiac glycosides.	(Omale, J.,2006)
17	<i>Cissus rotundifolia</i>	triterpenes, carbohydrates glycosides, tannins, flavonoids, coumarins and saponins	(Reis, A. C. C.,2020)
18	<i>Cissus hastata</i>	phenolic compounds, including tannins, alkaloids, and steroid	(Omale, J.,2006)
19	<i>Cissus multistriata</i>	carbohydrate, cardiac glycosides, flavonoids, lipids, proteins, sponnins, steroids and vitamin C	(Bhusari,S.,et al.,2019)
20	<i>Cissus repanda</i>	alkaloids, flavonoids, glycoside, steroids and carbohydrates. presence of glycoside, flavonoids, tannin and steroid	(Reis, A. C. C.,et al.,2020)
21	<i>Cissus erosa</i>	flavonoids, tannins and terpenoids	(Okeh, Q.,et al.,2017)
22	<i>Cissus ibuensis</i>	Carbohydrate, Saponins, Flavonoids, Steroids/Triterpenes, Tannins and Cardiac glycosides	(Ogunmefun, S. A., Ajayi, T. O., & Moody, J. O. (2022))
23	<i>Cissus arguta</i>	alkaloids, tannins, saponins, flavonoids, glycosides, phenolic compounds, steroids, terpenoids and eugenols	(San, H. T.,et al.,2020)

Bioactive Compounds in Cissus Family with Bioactive Compound and Their Molecular Structures

s.no	Active compounds	Chemical structure	Reference
1.	Bergenin		(San, H. T.,et al.,2020)
2.	stigmast-4-en-3-one		(San, H. T.,et al.,2020)
3.	β -sitosterol		(Siddiqua, A., & Mittapally, S. (2017))
4.	α amyris,		(Siddiqua, A., & Mittapally, S. (2017).)
5	β - amyris,		(Siddiqua, A., & Mittapally, S. (2017))
6	Stigmasterol		(Siddiqua, A., & Mittapally, S. (2017))
7	Resveratrol		(Anuj, S. K.,2011)
8	Quadrangularin-A		(Anuj, S. K.,2011)
9	Quercetin		(Anuj, S. K.,2011)
10	Amyrin acetate		(Anuj, S. K.,2011)

Conclusion and Future Prospective

Ethnobotanical and traditional uses of natural compounds, especially of plant origin established much attention as they are well confirmed for their efficacy and potential to be safe for human use. The plant family vitaceae is considered as a versatile therapeutic plant family in both Ayurvedic and modern treatment development ranges for its valuable medicinal uses. Genus *Cissus* and their plants are having a very rich source of some minerals, which are essential for proper working of human body functions. Many *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies proved that some of the traditional claims of the herbs of this genus *Cissus*. However, its claim in the treatment of piles, blindness, constipation, eye diseases, insect bites, epistaxis, leprosy and skin disease should be validated by modern scientific approach. In conclusion and based on our literature review, we hope that the present review on genus *Cissus* will serve like a baseline for the future researchers for the next scientific and experimental lessons on these herb belongs to this family, their plants possess flavonoids, alkaloids, terpenes, iridoids, steroids, glycosides, etc. Quercetin, kaempferol, resveratrol, luteolin, β -sitosterol, friedelin are well-thought-out to be having important constituents of responsible for its therapeutic and beneficial ways to cure as antianalgesic, antidiabetic, antiulcer, anticancer, anti-inflammatory and estrogenic agents. So, this review is useful for future scientist, research scholar and academician to consider *Cissus* genus as a scientific source full of its pharmacological properties.

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