



A review on Larvicidal Activity of Plant extracts against mosquito

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Abstract

The usage of active harmful chemicals from plant extracts as a substitute method for mosquito management dates back to antiquity. These are biodegradable, nontoxic, widely available at reasonable costs, and demonstrate a broad range of target-specific activity against various vector mosquito species. In this article, we talk about what we know now about phytochemical sources and their ability to kill mosquitoes, how they work on the target population, how their ability to kill larvae changes depending on the species of mosquito, the stage of development, the polarity of the solvents used during extraction, the nature of the active ingredient, and any possible improvements that have been made in the biological control of mosquitoes using plant-derived secondary metabolites against mosquito larvae. However, despite their potential, challenges such as formulation standardization, scalability, and regulatory approval still exist. In summary, plant extracts provide a sustainable, effective, and environmentally responsible alternative method of controlling mosquitoes.

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Introduction

The previous decades, considerable studies have been conducted to investigate the insecticidal properties of plant-based products in relation to mosquitoes. Reducing the widespread misuse of synthetic pesticides, which raise mosquito resistance and present serious threats to the environment and public health, is a current and urgent issue in parasitology. The extensive body of research on plant extracts used as larvicides for mosquitoes is covered in this review. Aqueous and alcoholic extracts are especially well-suited because they are simple to formulate in water without the need for surfactants (WHO, 1996). Important vectors from the *Anopheles*, *Aedes*, and *Culex* genera, among others. Additionally included are the antagonistic and synergistic effects of certain plant extracts as well as those between them and traditional pesticides. The effectiveness of pure chemicals extracted from the majority of potent plant extracts, their mode of action when accessible, and their effects on non-target species are also discussed.

They are classified as secondary metabolites and include aliphatics, sterols, flavonoids, coumarins, anthraquinones, xanthenes, alkaloids, alkalamides, sesquiterpenes, triterpenes, and acrogenins. They can cause midgut injury, suppression of detoxifying enzymes, neurotoxicity, and/or larval development in mosquito larvae. Current limitations and major research problems, such as technologies to enhance stability and synergistic efficacy—and consequently field activities of the selected plant.

The final part is a list of excerpts. Unfortunately, relatively few studies were done to validate their usefulness in the field, and neither the possible epidemiological impact nor the overwhelming amount of laboratory evidence proving their effectiveness of these vector control operations nor their efficacy in the field have been evaluated (Adegoke, 1986).

They transmit majority of fatal diseases, such as yellow fever, and malaria and soon in many parts of the world, in both the tropics and subtropical lands.

Mosquito control is necessary to stop the spread of mosquito-borne diseases and to improve the quality of life in the general population (Chandra, 2012).

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When the plant is dry powder applied directly to the water surface, it was also found to help stop adult emergence. It was revealed that the methanolic fraction of seeds of *Cassia tora*, *Cassia obtusifolia*, and *Vicia tetrasperma* has the ability to larvicide *Aedes aegypti* and *Culex pipiens*. At a concentration of 200 ppm, the methanolic seed extracts of all three plants caused more than 90% larval mortality. There is a well-documented list of several plants and products that have demonstrated a variety of functions, including insecticidal/larvicidal, growth-inhibiting, chemosterilant, and mosquito-repellent properties.

Neem (*Azadirachta indica*) seed aqueous extracts were tested to be effective against *Anopheles* mosquito larvae. After 12 hours of exposure to concentrated seed, leaf and bark extracts, the larvae suffered a mortality rate of 100, 98 and 48 percent, respectively (Aliero (2005)). According to Sakthivadivel and Thilagavathy (2003), petroleum ether extracts from *Argemone mexicana* seed inhibit *Aedes aegypti* second-instar larvae. At a concentration of 200

ppm was the highest larvicidal and chemosterilant. It reduced the blood meal intake by 27.70%, fecundity by 19.0%, and by 100% reduced. Rajkumar and Jebanesan (2004) found that *Moschosma polystachyum* leaf extract possesses larvicidal qualities. *Culex quinquefasciatus* egg raft was treated with leaf extract in doses of 125–200 mg/l. The exposure to 100% caused death in 3–6 hours (Singh *et al.*, (2005) conducted a study on the ability of *Calotropis procera*'s fresh leaf extract to kill larvae of *Culex quinquefasciatus*, *Anopheles stephensi* larvae in their early fourth instar was in a laboratory setting (WHO (2005). The methanolic fraction of the leaf showed significant larvicidal efficacy. Choochote *et al.*, (2005) studied the Curcuma aromatic rhizomes and oils for their chemical composition and larvicidal properties. The volatile oil of *C. aromatica* killed fourth-instar *Aedes aegypti* larvae with LC₅₀ values of 36.30 and 57.15 ppm, respectively, in comparison to hexane extracts. *Chamaecyparis obtusa* leaves methanolic extracts were demonstrated to have a high larvicidal potential, according to Jang *et al.*, (2005). The fourth instar Campbell (1933) was the first to report the use of plant extracts against mosquito larvae. According to Campbell (1933), *Anabasis aphylla* contains alkaloids that kill *Culex pipiens* larvae. Phytochemicals impact different stages of mosquito larva development (Osmani and Sighamony (1980), geranium (*Pelargonium roseum*), linalool (*Bursera delpechiana*) and lemon grass (*Cymbopogon citratus*) oils were poor ovicides and did not affect larvae in the first instar. But they slowed down growth and killed *Aedes aegypti* in later development stages. The phytochemical effect is also affected by the solvent system used for the extraction. Sheril and Hall (1985) tested the larvicidal capacity of *Culex quinquefasciatus* with aqueous and organic solvent extracts of *Artemisia cana* and *Microcytic pyriferia*. Larval mortality increases with the organic solvent extract (Russell TL, 2009).

Sujatha *et al.* (1988) proved that different solvent extracts have different larvicidal properties. Sheril and Hall (1985) tested the larvicidal properties of both aqueous and organic solvent extracts of *Artemisia cana* and *Microcytic pyriferia* against *Culex quinquefasciatus*. Larval mortality increases with the organic solvent extract (Sujatha *et al.* (1988). The use of different solvent extracts in different ways to control mosquito larvae. Plants such as *Ageratum conyzoides* and *Acorus calamus* showed different susceptibilities to mosquito larvae. This was caused by the different extracts in polar and non-polar solvents.

The ethanolic extract of *Descurainia sophia* was tested against *Culex quinquefasciatus*. When late third instar larvae were exposed to ethanolic extract (EE) at concentrations of 100, 500, 1000, and 1500 ppm, there was a concentration-dependent larval mortality and adult emergence inhibition of 2%, 18.18%, 60%, 76%, 9%, 16%, 32%, 76%, and 100%. A review of the use of botanical derivatives to combat mosquitoes, Sukumar *et al.* (1991).

Bioactive compounds in plants (leaves, fruits, flowers, roots, seeds, bark, etc.) are used. When phytochemicals are extracted using certain solvents, their bioactivity is greatly affected. Studies have shown that some phytochemicals affect insects at three levels: general toxicants (insecticidal/larvicidal); Achary *et al.* (1993) developed a mosquito larvicide

from lemon peel oil extract. Daar is ontdek dat die olie giftig is vir *Culex quinquefasciatus* eggs, pupae, and larvae. (RC, 1947)

The larvae of *Culex quinquefasciatus* was controlled with *Pomea carnea* leaf extract. This extract interrupted the mosquito life cycle and caused a high concentration of larval death at 0.01%, suggesting its potential use as a larvicide (Mwaiko and Savaali, 1994). In 'n bioassay is die larval- en adult-sterftes van *Aedes aegypti*, *Anopheles stephensi* against agetes minuta flower extracts gelyktydig met water gedistilleer is (Perich et al., 1994) Mittal et al. (1995) het getoon dat neem olie en ander kommersiële neem formule rings 'n hoë potensiaal as mosquitto larvicides het. Pushpalatha and Muthukrishnan (1995) found that plants Vitex negundo, Nerium oleander, and Syzigium jambolanum kill larvae of *Culex quinquefasciatus* and *Anopheles stephensi*. Volatile komponente van neemolie verander die gonotrofiese cycle en stop ovulation in *Anopheles stephensi*.

States at petroleum ether solvent extracts of the *Curcuma domestica* bevestig dat dit giftig was vir *Anopheles culicifacies* met 'n LC₅₀ waarde van 4.5 ppm. Steam distillation showed toxicity of *Acorus calamus* (Acoraceae) in larval stages from the seeds of *Citrus reticulata*, three limonoids have been identified: limonin, nomilin, and obacunone. (Sukumar K, 1991)

These limonoids stopped *Culex quinquefasciatus* larvae from growing in their fourth instar, with EC₅₀ values van 6.31, 26.61, and 59.57 ppm, respectively, to stop adult emergence (Jayaprakasha et al., 1997). reported larvicidal properties of plants of the Compositae family. Among 83 plant species in the Compositae family, *Tagetes minuta* larva *Aedes fluviatilis*. Metabolite thiophene was fractionated from *T. minuta* and was found to be an active substance. Murty et al. (1997) studied *Polyalthia longifolia*'s larvicidal and growth-inhibiting abilities on *Culex quinquefasciatus* pupae and larvae. Leaf extract het aansienlike larvicidal en growth-inhibiting eienskappe. When the extract was added to tanks and drains at a concentration of 250–350 ppm, Die volwasse uitkoms van *Culex quinquefasciatus* is by 64 96% onderdruk. Batra et al. (1998) assessee die effektiwiteit van neemolie-emulsion op *Aedes aegypti*, *Culex quinquefasciatus*, *Anopheles stephensi*. They said that using oil emulsion stopped mosquitoes breeding for 21 days. El-Hag en kollegas 1999: investigated the effects of *Azadirachta indica*, *Rhazya stricta*, and *Syzygium aromaticum* methanol and ether on *Culex pipiens* in terms of both toxicity and development retardation. *R. stricta* methanolic extract and ether extract both had significant acute and chronic effects on *Culex pipiens* larvae, with LC₅₀ values of 140 and 211 ppm, respectively, in all drie plants wat ondersoek is. Markouk et al. (2000) het gevind dat verskeie solvent-gebaseerde extracts van medicinale plants *Solanum elaeagnifolium*, *Calotropis procera*, *Solanum sodomaeum*, *Cotula cinerea*, *Anopheles labranchiae* larvicidal. Daar is getoon dat elke extract 'n verskillende larvicidal potensiaal het met LC₅₀ konsentrasies van 28 ppm tot 325 ppm. the acetone fraction of *Feronia limonia* leaves. killed larvae of *Anopheles stephensi*, *Aedes aegypti*, and *Culex quinquefasciatus* fourth instar. Daar is getoon dat elke extract 'n verskillende larvicidal potensiaal het met LC₅₀ konsentrasies van 28 ppm tot 325 ppm. Extract of acetone *F. limonia* was fractionated to obtain the active compound N-hexadecanoic acid. *Limonia* acetone extract was fractionated. Tawassin et al. (2001) studied the reactions of *Culex quinquefasciatus*, *Anopheles dirus*, and *Aedes aegypti* to volatile oils extracted from *Cymbopogon winterianus* and *Ocimum americanum* plant species. Oil was 'n uitstekende mosquitto killer in cage tests, wat 4–8 hours. Mehra et al. (2002) in a laboratory environment studied the insecticidal properties of crude acetone extract of *Cuscuta hyaline* in preadult *Culex quinquefasciatus* stages. At concentrations van Third-instar larvae receive 50 ppm, while fourth-instar larvae receive 75 ppm. The acetone fraction had negative effects on larvae and pupae, and stopped adult mosquito emergence. A betroubare ovipositor-detering effek van die extract is geyend by 80 pm. larvae of *Celeritous togoi* pallens die at 100% at 100 ppm concentrations when exposed to methanolic leaves extract. The corresponding LC₅₀ values were 2.91, 2.60, and 1.33 ppm. Through spectroscopic analysis has beta-thujaplicin, the bioactive ingredient in *C. obtusa* leaf extract, been identified. studied the efficacy of ethanolic leaf extracts on *Culex quinquefasciatus* fourth instar larvae by examining *Piper longum*, *P. ribesoides*, and *P. argenteum*. Die drie plante het effektiwiese LC₅₀ konsentrasies van 2.23, 4.06 en 8.13 ppm respectively. Patil en kollegas (2006) gesê dat extracts from *Clerodendron inerme* ondersoek is vir hul on *Culex quinquefasciatus* larvae and pupae te stop om te groei. After roughly 18 to 20 hours, the data indicated pupal mortality in the 40, 50, and 60 mg powder samples Dosis het sterftekoerse beïnvloed. Pupal death rates in the same treatment groups were 48, 74, and 96% at 72 hours. Omena et al. (2007) ondersoek die vermoë van 51 species van 42 genera van Brazilian medicinal plant *Aedes aegypti* mosquito larvae te dood. In the 84 extracts tested, 11 had larvicidal activity (LC₅₀ 100 g mL⁻¹) when tested.

Effects on *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes were assessed by two cucurbitaceous plants, *Citrus colocynth*'s and *Cucurbita maxima*. Both plants se leaf extracts, ethyl acetate-based, outperformed the methanolic extract (Mullai and Jebanesan, 2007). Senthil Nathan (2007) het navorsing gedoen oor secondary metabolites wat afkomstig is van die native plant

Eucalyptus stereticornis sp. (Myrtaceae), wat in die verlede mosquito-bestrydende eienskappe getoon het. Forest redgum essential oil extract het sterk larvicidal eienskappe; LC₅₀-waardes was 18.3 ppm for larvae in their first instar and 23.8 ppm for larvae in their second instar.

Vir LC₉₀-waardes. In the treatments that were tested against the mosquito vector *Anopheles stephensi*, there was no adult or pupae emergence, so all mortality was achieved within 24 hours of exposure. Hanem and Afaf (2008) studied various plant oils in order to determine their insecticidal potency on *Culex pipiens* fourth larval instars. Earth almond (*Cyperus esculentus*), oilbanum (*Boswellia serrata*), mustard (*Brassica campestris*), rocket (*Eruca sativa*), fenugreek (*Trigonella foenum grecum*) and parsley (*Carum ptroselinum*) se LC₅₀ konsentrasies was 32.42, 47.17, 71.37, 83.36, en 152.94 ppm, respectively. The larvae 47 showed a number of morphological abnormalities after being exposed to the oils that were applied. Larval and pupal lengths even at the lowest concentrations of fenugreek and oilbanum oilswere notably prolonged. Mustard olie het die pupationtempo aansienlik verminder by 1000 ppm. Fenugreek en earth almond oils stop adult emergence at 25 ppm.

To assess the larvicidal, pupicidal, adult repellent, and ovidical properties of *Euphorbia hetrophylla* whole plant ethanolic extracts and petroleum ether seedextracts against *Culex quinquefasciatus*, the *Bancroftian filariasis* vector. There have been evidence that seed extracts from ethanol and petroleum ether work well against all kinds of instar pupae and larvae (Kuppusamy and Murugan, 2008). Rawani et al. (2009) ondersoek die larvicidal eienskappe van drie verskillende plante: *Cleistanthus collinus*, *Murraya paniculata* and *Carica papaya* on *Culex quinquefasciatus* the *Bancroftian filariasis* vector. There have been evidence that seed extracts from ethanol and petroleum ether work well against all kinds of instar pupae and larvae (Kuppusamy and Murugan, 2008). Rawani et al. (2009) ondersoek die larvicidal eienskappe van drie verskillende plante: *Cleistanthus collinus*, *Murraya paniculata* and *Carica papaya* on *Culex quinquefasciatus*. Die loop van 'n 24-hur exposure, het die drie plantkomponente die hoogste sterftekoers vir third-instar larvae getoon met LC₅₀ values van 0.07, 0.07, 0.08 en 0.29 ppm. Terwyl LC₉₀-waardes 51.6 en 63.9 ppm, 18.3 ppm vir first instar larvae and 23.8 ppm vir second instar larvae.

Aedes aegypti in various solvents Volgens Govindarajan (2009), die konsentrasie van die extract was direk again eggs en het 'n omgekeerde verband met die persentasie hatchability. Kamraj et al. (2010) onthuldat solvents se polar and nonpolar properties determines phytochemical solubility. *Dolichos biflorus*, *Aristolohia indica*, and *Zingiber hexane*, methanol, and ethyl acetate were used as solvents to create the extracts larvicidal potential of *Culex quinquefasciatus* and *Culex gelidus* was demonstrated by all of the solvent extracts.

Govindarajan (2011a) tested leaf extracts of *Andrographis paniculata*, *Cardiospermum halicacabum*, and *Eclipta alba* for larvicidal and ovidical effects on *Anopheles stephensi*. Furthermore, for the evaluation of crude leaf extracts of *Cardiospermum halicacabum* researchers studied third-instar larvae of *Aedes aegypti* and *Culex quinquefasciatus* using five different solvents: methanol, benzene, hexane, ethyl acetate, and chloroform. (Govindarajan, 2011b). Die resultate dui daarop dat elkeen van die drie plants 'n hoe vermoë het om larven te produseer. Toe te skat die dengue-virus-verspreider, *Aedes aegypti*, *Milletia pachycarpa* root and bark larvicidal and ovidical potentiality. (Lalchandama, 2011). On *Aedes aegypti* larvae and adults is mentha piperita oil extracted from peppermint leaves studied for its larvicidal and repellent properties. Die bevindinge dui daarop dat die essensiële olie van *M. piperita Aedes aegypti* beveg (Kumar et al., 2011). Gebruik in vitro tegnieke on *Culex tritaeniorhynchus*. phytochemical make-up en mosquito ovidical and repellent properties van *Calotropis procera* se aqueous leaves extract. Die ovidical en repellent eienskappe van die ekstrakte is gedemonstreer (Kumar et al.), in 2012. Use of in vitro techniques, the phytochemical make-up and mosquito activity of *Calotropis procera* aqueous leaf extract is studied again *Culex tritaeniorhynchus* and *Culex gelidus*. Die ovidical en repellent eienskappe van die ekstrakte is gedemonstreer (Kumar et al., 2012).

Extracts of the *Melothria maderaspatana* plant leaf were tested against *Aedes aegypti* for their ovidical and repulsive properties. the course of 48 hours, a review of the hatch rates was conducted. In a lab setting, the repellent's effectiveness was assessed by three dosages: 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 mg/cm². Doses wat tussen 120 en 240 ppm was, het 50% tot 100% eggdood in *Aedes aegypti* veroorsaak Marimuthu et al. (2012) conducted studies on *Delonix elata* leaf and seed extracts for larvicidal and ovidical effects on *Culex quinquefasciatus* rishnappa et al. (2012) het die vermoë van *Gliricidia sepium* om malaria-verspreider *Anopheles stephensi* te beveg deur sy ovidical, larvicidal enpupicidal eienskappe te onder soek.

In studie is *Pemphis acidula* medicinal plant, ondersoek vir sy larvicidal and ovidical abilities against the mosquito vectors *Anopheles subpictus* and *Culex tritaeniorhynchus* repellent properties of *Acalypha alnifolia* leaf extracts on *Aedes aegypti*, *Culex quinquefasciatus*, and *Anopheles stephensi*. Daar is navorsing gedoen *Nerium oleander* extract se ovidical en adulticidal

eienskappe in *Anopheles stephensi* Liston. In a lab, the extract's ovicidal and adulticidal properties were evaluated using a variety of plant sections (Roni *et al.*, 2013). Acetone, benzene, ethyl acetate, and methanol were used (Krishnappa *et al.*, 2013). Deepak *et al.* (2014) found that *Cassia occidentalis* petroleum ether and n-butanol solvent extract caused 100% larval mortality at 200 and 300 ppm against *Culex quinquefasciatus* late third instar larvae. gebruik *Aedes aegypti*, *Anopheles stephensi*, and *Culex quinquefasciatus* as testsubjects to assess the ovicidal, larvicidal, and pupicidal abilities of different solvent extracts from *Annona reticulata*. After 24 hours, third instars of *A. aegypti*, *A. stephensi*, and *C. quinquefasciatus* were exposed to extracts made from methanol, benzene, chloroform, and ethyl acetate. They showed moderate larvicidal efficacy. The investigated mosquito eggs did not hatch after 48 hours of exposure. Methanol extracts had the best ovicidal effects on specific vector mosquitoes. Benzene, chloroform, and ethyl acetate followed them up. Volgens Rajesh en Shamsuddin (2017) het *Kalanchoe pinnata* larvicidal. In a lab environment, the ovicidal effect on the *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquito species was assessed at various doses from 50 to 300 ppm. Die filarial vector was more sensitive to extracts of *Kalanchoe pinnata* in aqueous, ethyl acetate, benzene, petroleum ether, and acetone. Acetone crude extract was shown to be the most effective in its larvicidal and ovicidal abilities against the filarial vector.

3. Phytochemical - Phytochemicals, are botanicals that are insecticides that occur naturally from floral resources. Phytochemicals have been used to control mosquitoes since the 1920., (Shahi M, 2010) However, the development of synthetic insecticides like DDT in 1939 followed the use of phytochemicals in mosquito control initiatives. After experiencing numerous issues due to unfair pesticides in nature, phytochemicals that are readily biodegradable and do not negatively impact non-target organisms were valued. Since then, researchers have been looking for novel plant-based bioactive substances. As well as a search for its structure and commercial production. Phytochemicals verteenwoordig tans tot 1% van die wêreld se pesticidemark (MB, 1997) *et al.* Botanicals, wat hoofsaaklik secondary metabolites is, beskerm plants teen voortdurende seleksie deur herbivore predators en ander omgewingsfaktoreuse Insecticidal eienskappe van 'n verskeidenheid phytochemicals, soos alkaloids, steroids, terpenoids, essential oils, and phenolics, is voorheen gedokumenteer. Daar is 'n aantal faktore wat beïnvloed hoe skadelik plant-ekstrakte is vir insekte. Dit sluit in die soort plant, die soort mossie, die soort plek waar dit gebruik word, en die soort solvents wat gebruik is tydens extraction. Die mosquito toxins is uit 'n verskeidenheid plante verwyder, insluitend trees, herbs en shrubs. Phytochemicals were obtained either from the whole body of small herbs or from different parts of larger plants or trees, such as fruits, leaves, stems, barks, root and soon as. Elke geval, die mees skadelike stowwe is ontdek en onttrek om mosquito control te bevorder. Daar is 'n wye verskeidenheid chemicals wat deur plante gemaak word, waarvan baie medisinale en pesticidale eienskappe het. More as tweeduisend plantvarieteite is bekend om waardevolle chemical factors and metabolites te produseer vir programme wat ompeste beheer.

Application of Phytochemicals as Mosquito Larvacide: An Assential Component Imm- IMM is 'n besluitnemingsproses vir die bestuur van mosquito populations wat 'n kombinasie van strategieë en metodes gebruik om 'n lae vector aantal vir 'n lang tydperk te handhaaf.

IMM se doelwitte is om mense se gesondheid te beskerm teen mosquito- verwante siektes, te handhaaf 'n gesonde omgewing deur die regte gebruik en afval van pesticides, en te verbeter die algehele kwaliteit van lewe deur praktiese en doeltreffende metodes van pest control.

(i) Goeie sanitasie, waterbestuur in permanent waterbronne, en kanalirrigasie help om hulpbronne en habitat te verminder. In order to remove Protecting and feeding mosquito larvae vegetasiebestuur is ook nodig.

(ii) Gebruik dipteran-spesifieke coils, microorganisms, pest growth regulators, surface coatings, expanded polystyrene beads, phytochemicals, and organophosphates.

(iii) Adulticiding deur die gebruik van synthetic pyrethroids, organophosphates, insecticide-bedekte bed nets, genetic manipulations van vector species, ens

(iv) Gebruik van biologiese beheertegnieke met behulp van pesticide-bedekte bed nets, genetic modifications of vector species, entomophagous bacteria, fungus, microsporidians, predators, and parasites ens.

(v) Beoordeling van mosquito bevolkings in volwasse en larval toestande en monitering van infeksies; en

IMM-beheer, is die larvicid vergelyking met ander strategies vir iding metode meer doeltreffend, gefokus op die spesifieke organisme en veiliger as die beheer van adult mosquitoes. As 'n noodsaaklike komponent van IMM, was die gebruik van larvicide from botanical origin baie bestudeer. Deurbanises is verskeie soos ocimenone, rotenone, capillin, quassin, thymol, eugenol, neolignans, arborine, and goniotalamin are mosquito control agents.

5. Variation of Larvae Variation of Larvicidal Potential According To Mosquito Species Plant Parts and Polarity of Solvent- When used against

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mosquito larvae, phytochemicals can be highly effective. This species is significantly impacted by the plant species, parts used, age of the plant parts (young, mature, or senescent), extraction solvent, and species of vectors available (Sukumar K, Botanical derivatives in mosquito control, 1991) (Kassir JT, 1989). However, the primary function of the current documentation is to record modifications in the larvicidal activity of the plant extract. Because the particular solvent utilised for extraction has changed. As gevolg van die verskillende solvents wat gebruik is, het die larvicidal potential van dieselfde plant verander. Hierdie veranderinge sluit in *Solanum xanthocarpum*16, *Euphorbia tirucalli*, *Momordica charantia* *Eucalyptus*. (Raghavendra K, 2009). It has been shown demonstrated that the polarity of the solvents used determines how active biochemicals from plants extracted are. Polar solvents sal polar molecules onttrek, terwyl non-polar solvents non-polar molecules sal onttrek. Dit is hoofsaaklik bereik deur die gebruik van elf verskillende solventstelsels, wat wissel van hexane of petroleum ether, wat die mees nie-polar is, tot water, wat die mees polar is en biochemicals met higher molecular weights soos proteins, glycans, ens. Chloroform of ethyl acetate is relatief polar en bestaan hoofsaaklik uit extracts van steroids, alkaloids en ander overbidding. Solvents with the lowest polarity (such as petroleum ether's soos hexane) or the highest polarity (such as soos aqueous or steam distillation) are used in the majority of investigations. However, other bioassays demonstrated that the biochemicals that were extracted using solvents that were moderately polar also performed well. As gevolg hiervan kan die potensiaal van extracted plant compounds aansienlik beïnvloed word deur die verskeidenheid solventssoorte and there is difference in the chemo-profile of the plant species. Several other plants such as (Al-Doghairi M, 2004) *et al.* *Nyctanthes arbotristis*, *Atlantia monophylla*, *Centella asiatica*40, *Cryptotaenia paniculata* were also reported with promising LC50 values. To identify the bioactive toxic chemical responsible for larval toxicity, these extracts can be separated. *Culex* was the most commonly used in the experiments, and *Aedes* was the least commonly used. In plaas van om 'n spesifieke solvent te gebruik, is 'n kombinasie van solvents of. Serial extraction deur verskeie solvents gebaseer op hul polarity ook getoets. In 'n aantal studies is daar gevind dat hierdie metodes 'n hoë larvicidal vermoë het (SE, 2000).

6. Nature of Active Ingredients Responsible For Larval Toxicity

Plante geskei en getoon dat hulle skadelik is vir verskillende mosquito soorte. Phytochemicals from the plant world, which are rich and unexplored, can be used to replace synthetic insecticides in mosquito control programs. (ishore N, 2011) *et al.* ondersoek die effek van phytochemicals op mosquito larvae op grond van hulle chemical nature. Hulle het ook die vermoë om verskillende plant-gebaseerde secondary materials, soos alkanes, alkenes, alkynes, simple aromatics, lactones, essential oils and fatty acids, terpenes, alkaloids, steroids, isoflavonoids, pterocarpans, and lignans. against mosquito larvae. Daarbenewens het hulle verskeie bioaktiewe skadelike komponente uit verskillende. (Kishore N, 2011)

7. Mode of Action of Phytochemicals in Target Insect Bo (RS, 2010) *et al.* manufacturing Secondary metabolites that have developed to shield plants from herbivores are typically the active poisonous components of plant extracts. The insects that consume these secondary metabolites may come into contact with harmful compounds that affect a variety of molecular targets in a non-specific manner. (RS, 2010) and others. These targets include nucleic acids, biomembranes, proteins (enzymes, receptors, signalling molecules, ion-channels, and structural proteins), and other elements of the cell. Abnormalities in the nervous system (such as in neurotransmitter synthesis, storage, release, binding, and re-uptake, receptor activation and function, and enzymes involved in the signal transduction pathway) are the main cause of this, which in turn impacts insect physiology in a variety of ways and at different receptor sites.

Rattan examined how plant secondary metabolites affect insect bodies and reported a number of physiological disturbances, including pyrethrin's disruption of sodium and potassium ion exchange, rotenone's inhibition of cellular respiration, essential oils' inhibition of acetylcholinesterase, and Thymol's GABA-gated chloride channel inhibition. These disruptions include ryanodine's blocking of calcium channels, sabadilla's action on nerve cell membranes, thymol's blocking of octopamine receptors, hormonal imbalance, mitotic poisonings, azadirachtin's disruption of molecular events of morphogenesis, essential oil's alteration of cholinergic system behaviour and memory, and more. The most important of these is the inhibition of acetylcholinesterase activity (AChE), an essential enzyme that prevents nerve impulses from passing through the It is widely acknowledged that one of the main resistance mechanisms in insects is ache, which has been shown to be resistant to carbamates and organophosphorus. (RS., 2012)

8. Some Medicinal Plant Extracts as Source of Larvicidal Agent

8.1. *Argemone mexicana*

According to Chopra *et al.* (1956), *Argemone mexicana* is a significant medicinal herb in India. The yellow liquid that the plant produces when it is

injured has so long been used to cure ailments such as dropsy, jaundice, ophthalmia, scabies (Bose et al., 1963), and dermatological issues (Ambasta, 1986). According to Prajapati et al. (2003), seeds and seed oil can be used to treat intestinal disorders such as dysentery, ulcers, and asthma. Emetic, expectorant, demulcent, and diuretic qualities are among the many elements of this plant that are utilized to treat chronic skin issues (Savithramma et al., 2007). Leaves and seeds can promote good blood circulation and cholesterol levels, according to (Albuquerque et al., 2007). Nonetheless, flowers are known to be expectorants and have been utilized historically. Examined the larvicidal potential of leaf water extract and chloroform, hexane and methanol fraction of seed of *Argemone mexicana* on *Culex pipiens* and *Aedes aegypti*. Using various solvents, *Argemone mexicana* leaf extract was applied to *Heliothis armigera*, after 24 and 96 hrs of treatment. The effect of *Argemone mexicana* leaf extract in ethanol and acetone solvent on *H. armigera* reveals the severity of the epithelial lining's damage, with epithelial cells displaying vacuoles in some locations.

Also, it was discovered that the gut lining had been harmed, and the ethanol extract of *A. mexicana* had caused the lumen to enlarge. Due to tissue clumping in the acetone extract of *A. mexicana*, the foregut wall thickness has risen, resulting in a decrease in foregut diameter. As a result, the lumen shrank and the vacuoles were visible in the columnar epithelial cell *Argemone mexicana* plant component extracted in acetone, ethyl acetate, petroleum ether, and methanol acted against *Spodoptera litura* Fab. They showed many anti-insect properties, including feeding deterrent, insecticidal, and insect growth regulation activities. One of the studied solvents, acetone, had the highest antifeedant activity (98.01%). Methanol was the next most active solvent, with 98.01%. In terms of larval feeding deterrent, under the plant leaf extract, it is the leaf extract that demonstrates a significant feeding deterrent (over 60%). Only the methanol extract of the seed had the greatest insecticidal potency (80 percent larval mortality), and it ended up killing all the treated insects (nil adult emergence). The ethyl acetate solvent extract's most effective anti-insect effect was found to control insect growth. It had minimal impact on adult emergence, as it did 40% and 60% of larvae in adult deformities, respectively. Some of the plant parts were tested, including petroleum ether, acetone, and ethyl acetate, which showed anti-insecticidal properties (Ramanan and Selvamuthukumar, 2016). 52 studies have shown the effect of crude *Argemone mexicana* extracts on the growth and development of *Aedes aegypti* mosquito larvae. The second-instar *Aedes aegypti* mosquito larvae's developmental phases have been studied, including mortality, and larval and pupal phases were evaluated. Mosquito larvae were given crude extracts of flowers, stems, and seeds based on ethanol during their second instar. Floral extract is the most effective larvicidal. Effect was 18.61 ppm at 24 hours and 9.47 ppm at 48 hours. The effectiveness of stem- and leaf extracts was significantly higher (Granados et al., 2018). *Argemone mexicana* leaf extract has larvicidal activity of 7.65 mg/ml in ethanol and 10.17 mg/ml in aqueous solution, respectively (LD₁₀ = 7.17 mg/ml, LD₅₀ = 31.55 mg/ml). According to the findings, the mortality rate increases with the concentration increase.

The third instar larvae of *Spodoptera litura* demonstrated stronger larvicidal activities when exposed to the ethanol solvent extract of *Argemone mexicana*. (Vetal and Pardeshi, 2019). Larvae of *Tribolium castaneum* in their sixth instar were assessed for their resistance to extracts from *Argemone mexicana* seeds. There was 100% mortality when wheat was treated with acetone extract by a dose of 1.6 ml/kg. On the other hand, when wheat was treated with ethanol extract by the same dose, the larvicidal effect was 20.1 and 1.73 adults emerged, respectively (Patil, 2019). Using petroleum ether, seeds, aerial parts, and roots of *Argemone mexicana* were tested for their insecticidal activities on *Callosobruchus chinensis* and *Sitophilus oryzae* (stored grain pests). According to Hasan (Ali, 2019), the use of petroleum ether, chloroform (CHCl₃) and methanol (CH₃OH) extracts. Petroleum ether, CHCl₃, and CH₃OH extracts did not cause any deaths in the air section or the roots. However, *S. oryzae* and *C. chinensis* were successfully killed by seed extracts from the same extracts.

The biological and life table parameters of *Chrysoperla carnea* (Neuroptera: Chrysoperidae) were affected by an ingesting plant extract based on *Argemone mexicana* in controlled circumstances in the lab. Diluted *A. mexicana* extract in different solvents had only a minor effect on biochemical parameters. There was no significant impact on the intrinsic growth rate. The mortality of the predator was not affected by the ingested plant extract. More than 50% of the insects were killed by both multiple therapies as well as the commercial insecticide imidacloprid that was examined in the research (Aragon and Sanchez 2020). (Miriam Noemi 2022) looked at *Argemone mexicana*'s ethanolic leaf extract for *Diaphorina citri*. Leaf extracts at concentrations of 5, 10 and 15 percent were used against *D. citri*.

The disease known as Huanglongbing (HLB) is caused by the bacterium *Candidatus Liberibacter* and spread by the bug *Diaphorina citri*. This disease causes significant annual economic losses for citrus cultivation and trade worldwide.

8.2. *Tinospora cordifolia*

Tinospora cordifolia is a woody, climbing shrub with a high growth rate. It has a greenish-yellow color. "Guduchi" is another name for a member of the Menispermaceae family (Rana et al., 2012). It is a common feature of many natural remedies. It has anti-allergic, immunomodulatory, antioxidant, and antineoplastic anti-allergic, antipyretic, and anti-inflammatory properties. It has hypoglycemia as well (Khan and Chowdhury, 2017). (Paul et al. 2020) studied the larvicidal activity of ethanolic extracts of *Tinospora cordifolia* leaf. The *T. cordifolia* leaf ethanolic extract exhibited high larvicidal activity at 100.64 ppm LC₅₀ and 386.37 ppm LC₉₀. Later, they mixed the ethanolic leaf extract of *T. cordifolia* with the methanolic extract of *Andrographis paniculata*. The combined extracts had a greater larvicidal potential as the extracts from either plant alone. Posing 113.20 ppm LC₅₀ and 236.08 ppm LC₉₀. *Tinospora cordifolia* has an inhibitory effect on the growth of *Spodoptera litura* larvae (Shakil and Saxena, 2006). The larvicidal activity of the plant leaf extract showed higher larval mortality at concentrations of 300 ppm with LC₅₀ and LC₉₀ values of 55.432 and 221.027 ppm for *A. stephensi* and 104.104 and 483.622 ppm for *C. quinquefasciatus*.

8.3 *Prunus persica*- *Prunus persica*, a Rosaceae family and Amygdaloidea subfamily member, is mostly found in India, China, and Spain (Dhingra et al., 2014). Peaches are antimicrobial, antiallergic, anticancer, antibacterial, antitumor, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory. Peach plant leaves, which are also antihelmintic, insecticidal, vermicide, sedative, and laxative are 55 (Haleema et al., 2020), can be used to treat whooping cough and leukoderma. Shehata (2019) studied *Prunus persica*'s larvicidal capacity by using third-instar larvae of *Culex pipiens*. There was 100% larval mortality at 132.70, 70.8, and 33.30 ppm at 24, 48, and 72 hours of exposure. The larvicidal properties of *Prunus persica* extracts were tested on *Musca domestica* (L.) houseflies. There was a significant difference between *Prunus persica M. domestica* (L.) larvae (Seo and Park, 2011) Aylmarson and Vasudevan (2021) studied the larvicidal properties of *Prunus persica* leaf extract by using *Anopheles stephensi* and *Culex quinquefasciatus* (4th instar) as subject to investigate the larvicidal properties of *Prunus persica* leaf extract. Methanolic leaf extract showed higher larval mortality at concentrations of 300 ppm with LC₅₀ and LC₉₀ values of 55.432 and 221.027 ppm for *A. stephensi* and 104.104 and 483.622 ppm for *C. quinquefasciatus*, respectively.

9. Phytochemicals With Larvicidal Activity

The past, several phytochemicals, such as, have been shown to possess beneficial properties. Phenolics, alkaloids, steroids, terpenoids, and essential oils have insecticidal properties. (Pelah et al., 2002) (Shalan et al., 2005). Researchers are interested in their capacity to eradicate mosquito larvae. I have examined a wide range of chemicals, including alkanes, alkenes, alkanamides, aromatics, simple thiophenes, xanthenes, tri-, diterpenoids, steroids, isoflavonoids, and alkaloids, as well as limonoids, polyacetylenes, sesquiterpene lactones. Most of them, according to reports are known to be essential for the induction or constitution of plant chemical defenses against damaging factors. Pathogens and insects (Ghosh and Pavela 2019). According to Roopan and Wadje (2012), some of these substances act as a defense mechanism. Plant defense mechanisms against pests, herbivores, and microbes. Although anthraquinones, steroids (Ghosh et al., 2010), saponin (Wiesman et al., 2005), ketones, and phenols (Sendelbach, 1989) Tannin molecules (Khanna and Kannabiran, 2007) and (Ak, 2008) are known to play a significant role. Flavonoids and aromatic acids are also involved in plant defense mechanisms against bugs and microbes. Known for its medicinal and many pesticidal qualities (Singha and Chandra, 2010)

10. Scope for future research: isolation of toxic larvicidal active ingredients. Screening of floral biodiversity to find unrefined plant extracts with potential as mosquito larvicidal agents. Plant extracts have been shown in numerous studies to be effective against mosquito larvae as a reservoir pool of bioactive toxic chemicals. A few number, however, have been widely employed in vector control programmes and commercially produced. The primary causes of the inability to land movements of bioactive toxic phytochemicals in laboratories are inadequate characterization and ineffectiveness in identifying the structure of the active toxic components that give larvicidal action. To create an environmentally friendly biopesticide. In any phytochemical research strategy, the following actions can be suggested:

(i) screening floral biodiversity for crude plant extracts with promise as mosquito larvicidal agents. solvent extracts from king plants, beginning with non-polar substances.

(ii) compounds and working your way up to polar ones, and figuring out which solvent extract works best.

- (ii) Determining the deadly concentration (LC_{50}/LC_{100} values) by evaporating the liquid solvent to produce a residue solid.
- (iii) The solid residue is subjected to phytochemical analysis, and toxic phytochemicals with larvicidal potential are purified and isolated using different types chromatography.
- (iv) Using examinations using gas chromatography and mass spectrometry (GCMS), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), and infrared (IR), the structure of the active principle is determined.
- (v) Research on how the active component affects organisms that are not the intended target; and before being recommended for use in commercial and vector control, the active principle was tested in the field.

Conclusion

Environmental protection is given top priority in today's society. To be considered acceptable, an insecticide should be environmentally friendly in nature, but it does not have to kill a large number of target species. Since phytochemicals are generally safe, inexpensive, and easily accessible in many regions of the globe, they may be used as such. Traditional medicines from various regions of (Bowers WS, 1995). The world employ many plants for their ability to repel mosquitoes. According to Bowers *et al.* (100), screening locally accessible medicinal plants for mosquito control will decrease dependency on expensive, imported items, promote local efforts to upgrade the public health infrastructure, and generate jobs locally. When searching for new bioactive toxins from plants, ethno-pharmacological methods appear to be more predictive than the random screening strategy. Plants' interest as a source of innovative larvicidal chemicals has grown as a result of recently discovered new isolation techniques, chemical characterization using various spectroscopic and chromatography methods, and new pharmacological testing. Synergistic methods, including applying microbial insecticides and botanical blends with mosquito predators, will have a greater impact on lowering the vector population and the severity of the epidemic.

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