



# "*Momordica dioica*: A Comprehensive Review of Its Ethnobotany, Phytochemistry, and Therapeutic Potential"

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## Abstract

*Momordica dioica* is a perennial, dioecious, cucurbitaceous climbing creeper (commonly known as kakrol, spiny gourd or teasle gourd). It is native to Asia with extensive distribution in India and Bangladesh. It is used not only as preventive and curative agent for various diseases but also as vegetable with a significant nutritional value over thousands of years. *Momordica dioica* is a perennial, dioecious; cucurbitaceous climbing creeper (commonly known as kakrol, spiny The change in quality of spine guard was determined by analyzing the change in proximate, minerals, functional group, chlorophyll, ascorbic acid, and antioxidant characteristic gourd or teasle gourd) plant is used both in the prevention and cure of various diseases and in the food of humans. It is necessary that we should have full knowledge regarding the therapeutically use and pharmacology activities for their proper utilization. Seeds are rounded broadly ellipsoid, slightly compressed, slightly and irregularly corrugated enclosed in red pulp.

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## Introduction

In developing nations, numerous types of edible wild plants are exploited as sources of food hence provide an adequate level of nutrition to the inhabitants. Recent studies on agro pastoral societies in Africa indicate that these, plant resources play a significant role in nutrition; food security and income generation. Furthermore, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) report, at least one billion people are thought to use wild foods in their diet. *Momordica dioica* Roxb. Willd is a perennial, dioecious climbing creeper belonging to family Cucurbitaceae. Its common name is Parora, kakora. *Momordica* genus contains about 80 species. [1] Fruits of *Momordica charantia* are used in asthma, burning sensation, colic, constipation, cough, diabetes, fever (malaria), gout, helminthiasis, inflammation, leprosy, skin diseases, ulcer, and wound. It has also been shown to have hypoglycaemic properties in animal as well as human

studies. Juice of the plant leaves is used to treat piles completely. It is used as a blood purifier due to its bitter tonic properties. It can heal boils and other blood-related problems that show up on the skin. Juice of karela is also beneficial in treating and preventing liver damage. In India, *Momordica charantia* is used by tribal people for abortions, birth control, increasing milk flow, menstrual disorders, vaginal discharge, constipation, food, diabetes, hyperglycemia, jaundice, stones, kidney, liver, fever, gout, eczema, fat loss, hemorrhoids, hydrophobia, intestinal parasites, skin, leprosy, pneumonia, psoriasis, rheumatism, scabies, snakebite, vegetables, piles, tonic, anthelmintic, purgative. However, it is commonly consumed as vegetable. *Momordica dioica* The plant is

sometimes found growing wild and is common in hedges. It is often cultivated for its fruits, which are used as vegetables. The Teasle gourd is a cucurbitaceous popular summer vegetable. The fruits, young twigs, and leaves of this crop are used as a vegetable or cooked as a vegetable. It is available in the forest of dry and moist deciduous in feeding months August to February. The Teasle gourd is an important summer vegetable in Bangladesh and the Indian subcontinent. It has many advantages, like high market price, good nutritional value and keeps quality longer [2]. *Momordica dioica* is a type of vine that bears fruit from November to September and flowers from June to July. Because the male and female flowers are born apart, the plant is monosexual. Both male and female nodes produce flower buds. Beginning in the second week of August and continuing until the first week of October, male buds are generated. From *Momordica dioica* is a perennial, dioecious climber belonging to the Cucurbitaceae family.

### Synonyms [10]

English	Small bittergourd, spine gourd
Bengoli	Kartoli
Malyalam	Venpaval, Erima pavel
Tamil	Aegaravalli, Tholloopavai
Cannad	Madahagala –Kayi
Assam	Batkarila
Hindi	Kakora, Parora
Sanskrit	Vahisi
Marathi	Kartoli
Telagu	Karkotaki, Agakara
Panjabi	Dharkarela

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### Traditional uses of *Momordica dioica*

#### Fruits:

The Fruit of *Momordica dioica* plant are green and generally used as vegetable by local people. It is shown in photoinage no.1. This fruit also used as medicine on health problem. Fruit are diuretic increased production of urine, salexiteric, hepatoprotective, and used to treat certain venomous bites. It is also used to cure asthma, leprosy, excessive salivation, prevent the inflammation caused by lizard, snake bite, elephantiasis, fever, mental disorders, digestive disorders and troubles of heart and to treat discharge from mucous membrane. t.[8]



Fig.1. Momordica dioica fruit

## 2.2. Leaves:

The leaves of Momordica dioica plant are used in India as a folk remedy for diabetic patient. It is shown in photoimage no.2. Juice of leaves worked as pain relief, the juice of the leaves mixed with coconut, pepper, red sandalwood in order to form an ointment and applied to the head to relieve pain in the head. In skin disease leaf paste of this plant more effective. Leaf paste is used both orally and external application[8]



Fig .2. Momordica dioica leaves

## 2.3. Roots:

Roots of the Momordica dioica are full of medicinal value. Spine guard tubers are styptic in nature and toasted roots or its powder is used in bleeding piles. The local people its tuber are used with honey in headache problem. The root juices of Momordica dioica plant are also used to relieve inflammation caused by lizard excretion [8]



Fig .3. Momordica dioica roots

## Scientific classification of Momordica dioica [5]

Kingdom	Plantea
Subkingdom.	Tracheobionata
Superdivision.	Spermatophyta
Division	Mangoliophyta
Class	Mangoliopsida



Subclass	Dilleniidae
Order	Violales
Family	Cucurbitaceae
Genus	Momordica
Species	Dioica

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## PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIVITY:

### 1. Antidiabetic Activity:

Antidiabetic specifically oral hypoglycemic effects of *Momordica dioica* in rat model was screened by Fernandopulle et al. Reddy et al. and Singh et al. showed aqueous, chloroform, ethyl acetate and ethanolic extract of fruit mediated antidiabetic activity in alloxan induced experimental rats. Moreover, Sharma and Arya reported ethyl acetate and ethanol extract containing steroids, triterpenoids had potential role in alloxaninduced diabetic rats and broadly type 2-diabetes.[1]

### 2. Antimicrobial Activity

Shrinivas et al. studied methanolic extract and aqueous extract of fruit and found that methanolic extract had more promising antimicrobial activity. Arekar et al. screened antibacterial activities of ethyl acetate extract. The concentration of 200 µg/disc was more active against *E. coli* compared to *S. aureus*, *S. paratyphi*, and *P. mirabilis* bacteria. [11]

### 3. Antioxidant Activity:

G. vijaykumar et al also worked on antioxidant properties of extract of *Momordica dioica* roots by using (DPPH) to determine the Free radical scavenging activity and resulted spine gourd root extract has shown IC<sub>50</sub> value of 76.55 µg/ml of male plant, and 290.28µg/ml for female plants respectively.

### 4. Anti-inflammatory and or Analgesic Activity:

Anti-inflammatory activity was studied by Carrageenin-induced edema in rats, and 60% oedema inhibitions were observed with 300 mg/kg methanol extract of dried leaves of *Momordica charantia*, which was nearly equivalent to that of 10 mg/kg of indomethacin. The anti-inflammatory effect was significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) in the dose of 100, 200, and 300 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> of methanol extract when compared to the control Group 95.

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### 6. Antiulcer Activity

Vijayakumar screened *Momordica dioica* extract mediated antiulcerogenic effect on ethanol-induced ulcer model of rat. A significant decrease occurred in the level of H<sup>+</sup>-K<sup>+</sup>ATPase, volume of gastric juice, and acid output. Gastric wall mucus, pH, and catalase enzyme were increased significantly but antioxidant enzyme levels of superoxide dismutase were decreased. Its gastroprotective and ulcer healing activities were also observed by Vijayakumar et al. [12].

### 7. Anticancer Activity

Luo et al. showed that the CHCl<sub>3</sub> extract of roots and five isolated constituents had anticancer activity during pharmacological testing on cancer cell (L1210). The growth inhibitory index (%) of  $\alpha$ -spinasterol-3-o- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside was shown to be 50%, at the dose of 4 µg/mL [12].

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### Nutritional value.

Vitamins (g/100g)	m.diocia	Recommended dietary allowances (mg/day)
Vitamin A	2.5	-
Vitamin B1(Thimine)	1.8	1.7
VitaminB2(Riboflavin)	3.5	1.7
Vitamin B3(Niacin)	1.9	18
Vitamin B5(pathogenic acid)	18	-
Vitamin B6(pyridoxine)	4.3	2.0
Vitamin B9(folic acid)	3.6	0.2
Vitamin 12(cyanocobalamin)	-	40
Vitamin C(ascorbic acid)	4	0.001
Vitamin D2&3(cholecalciferol)	3	-
Vitamin H(Biotin)	6.5	-
Vitamin K(phytonadione)	15	-

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## Chemical constituents

It contains ashes: 9.1%, crude protein: 5.44%, crude lipid: 3.25%, crude fiber: 22.9%, and carbohydrate: 59.31%. Its fruit has high energy value (288.25 kcal/100 g) in dry weight.

In another investigation, its nutritional value of per 100 g edible fruit is reported to contain 3.1 g protein, 3.1 g fat, 3.0 g fibre and 1.1 g minerals and small quantities of essential vitamins like carotene, thiamine, riboflavin and niacin

## Conclusion

traditional medicine, medicinal plants have long been utilized. Both ancient humans and our predecessors relied heavily on plants to help them recover from illnesses. However, it's annoying that people are now more likely to avoid natural sources of illness prevention than artificial ones. because there is a global health alert due to the ongoing reports of antibiotic resistance and synthetic medication side effects worldwide. Everyone is concerned about the increased prevalence of diabetes, cancer, obesity, hypertension, and neurological illnesses in the world. To determine the causes and solutions, extensive research is conducted. Therefore, the need of the hour is to find a better substitute for synthetic drugs. In order to combat these issues, medicinal plants could be a smart choice. It contains significant amount of antioxidant, vitamin, secondary metabolites, and other important ingredients,

these may be helpful to fight against several diseases including diabetes, cancer, and neurodegenerative diseases. But, before that their previous use and curability should be justified. Medicinal plants are the source of enormous secondary metabolites. The diverse role of secondary metabolites may provide a key of the door of undiscovered remedy against disease

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