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PHARMACOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE ANTIPYRETIC POTENTIAL OF MOMORDICA DIOICA LEAF EXTRACT

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ABSTRACT

Fever remains one of the most common clinical presentations encountered across primary and tertiary healthcare, and the search for safer, plant-derived antipyretic alternatives to conventional non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs continues to attract considerable research attention. Momordica dioica Roxb. ex Willd. (Cucurbitaceae), commonly known as spiny gourd or kakrol, is a dioecious climbing herb widely distributed across the Indian subcontinent and South-East Asia, traditionally used in folk medicine for the management of fever, inflammation, diabetes, and hepatic disorders. This review consolidates and critically synthesises past experimental, phytochemical, and pharmacological literature concerning the antipyretic potential of Momordica dioica leaf extracts, with the objective of establishing a coherent evidence base for future pharmacological validation. A structured meta-analytic approach was adopted, wherein peer-reviewed studies employing yeast-induced and lipopolysaccharide-induced pyrexia models were systematically compared across extraction solvents,

dose ranges, and percentage reduction in rectal temperature relative to paracetamol as the reference standard. The collective evidence indicates that methanolic and aqueous leaf extracts of Momordica dioica, rich in flavonoids, saponins, and triterpenoids, produce dose-dependent antipyretic activity comparable to, though generally milder than, standard antipyretic agents. Mechanistic discussions converge upon cyclooxygenase and prostaglandin E2 inhibition as the probable pathway. The review further identifies methodological inconsistencies, inadequate standardisation of extracts, and limited mechanistic validation as recurring gaps across the surveyed literature. This paper concludes by proposing a standardised experimental framework to guide future investigations into the antipyretic pharmacology of this underexplored medicinal plant.

Keywords: *Momordica dioica[1]; Antipyretic Activity[2]; Yeast-Induced Pyrexia[3]; Leaf Extract[4]; Phytochemical Screening[5]; Prostaglandin Inhibition[6]; Meta-Analysis[7]*

1. INTRODUCTION

Fever, or pyrexia, is a regulated elevation of core body temperature above the normal homeostatic set-point, mediated primarily through the hypothalamic release of prostaglandin E2 following exposure to exogenous and endogenous pyrogens. Although fever itself is an adaptive physiological response that assists host defence, uncontrolled or prolonged pyrexia can precipitate febrile seizures, dehydration, and metabolic derangement, particularly in paediatric and immunocompromised populations[1]. Conventional antipyretic therapy relies heavily on paracetamol, aspirin, and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; however, their long-term or indiscriminate use is associated with hepatotoxicity, gastrointestinal ulceration, and nephrotoxicity[2]. This has renewed global scientific interest in medicinal plants as safer, cost-effective, and culturally accessible alternatives for fever management, particularly within ethnomedicinal systems of South Asia, where plant-based remedies have been empirically used for centuries without the benefit of rigorous scientific validation[3].

1.1 Botanical and Ethnopharmacological Background of Momordica dioica

Momordica dioica Roxb. ex Willd., belonging to the family Cucurbitaceae, is a dioecious, perennial climbing herb bearing spiny, ovoid fruits and is cultivated extensively across India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and parts of South-East Asia both as a vegetable crop and as a folk medicinal plant. Various plant parts, including the tuberous roots, fruits, and leaves, are traditionally employed in the Ayurvedic and Unani systems of medicine for the treatment of fever, urinary disorders, diabetes mellitus, piles, and inflammatory conditions[4]. The leaves, in particular, are decocted and administered orally in several rural communities as a remedy for intermittent and continuous fevers, forming the ethnopharmacological basis for the scientific investigations reviewed in this paper.

1.2 Phytochemical Rationale for Antipyretic Potential

Preliminary phytochemical investigations of Momordica dioica leaves have consistently reported the presence of flavonoids, saponins, triterpenoids, tannins, alkaloids, and phenolic compounds, several of which possess documented anti-inflammatory and antipyretic properties through inhibition of cyclooxygenase and lipoxygenase pathways[5]. Flavonoids such as quercetin and kaempferol derivatives are particularly implicated in the suppression of prostaglandin synthesis at the hypothalamic level, while saponins and triterpenoids contribute membrane-stabilising and antioxidant effects that may indirectly attenuate the pyrogenic cascade. This rich phytoconstituent profile provides a plausible biochemical rationale for the empirical antipyretic use of the plant and justifies systematic pharmacological evaluation[6].

1.3 Rationale and Scope of the Present Review

Despite encouraging preliminary pharmacological reports, the literature on the antipyretic activity of Momordica dioica leaf extract remains fragmented, geographically dispersed, and methodologically heterogeneous. No comprehensive review has yet consolidated the existing animal-model evidence, extraction methodologies, and proposed mechanisms of action into a single critical synthesis[7]. The present review therefore undertakes a meta-analytic examination of past experimental work, critically appraises methodological consistency across studies, identifies research gaps, and proposes a standardised framework for future preclinical and clinical investigation of this traditionally valued but scientifically underexplored medicinal plant[8].

2. SURVEY OF PAST WORK

The scientific literature pertaining to the antipyretic evaluation of Momordica dioica leaf extracts, although limited in absolute volume compared to more extensively studied antipyretic plants such as Azadirachta indica or Ocimum sanctum, demonstrates a consistent experimental pattern across the available studies[9]. The majority of investigations have employed Wistar or Swiss albino rats as the experimental model, with pyrexia induced through subcutaneous injection of fifteen to twenty percent Brewer's yeast suspension, a technique that reliably elevates rectal temperature by one to one and a half degrees Celsius within eighteen hours of administration and remains the most widely accepted screening model for antipyretic activity owing to its reproducibility and close mechanistic resemblance to clinical fever through prostaglandin-mediated hypothalamic resetting[10].

Early phytochemical surveys conducted on Momordica dioica focused predominantly on the fruit and root, given their established use in diabetes and urolithiasis management, with leaf-specific antipyretic evaluation emerging as a distinct research focus only in the past decade and a half[11]. Comparative solvent extraction studies, employing petroleum ether, chloroform, ethyl acetate, methanol, and aqueous media in sequential Soxhlet extraction, have consistently identified the methanolic and aqueous fractions as possessing the highest concentration of polar antipyretic phytoconstituents, namely flavonoid glycosides and saponins, while the non-

polar fractions yielded comparatively lower antipyretic efficacy in preliminary screening, a finding that has shaped the extraction methodology adopted by the majority of subsequent researchers in this area[12].

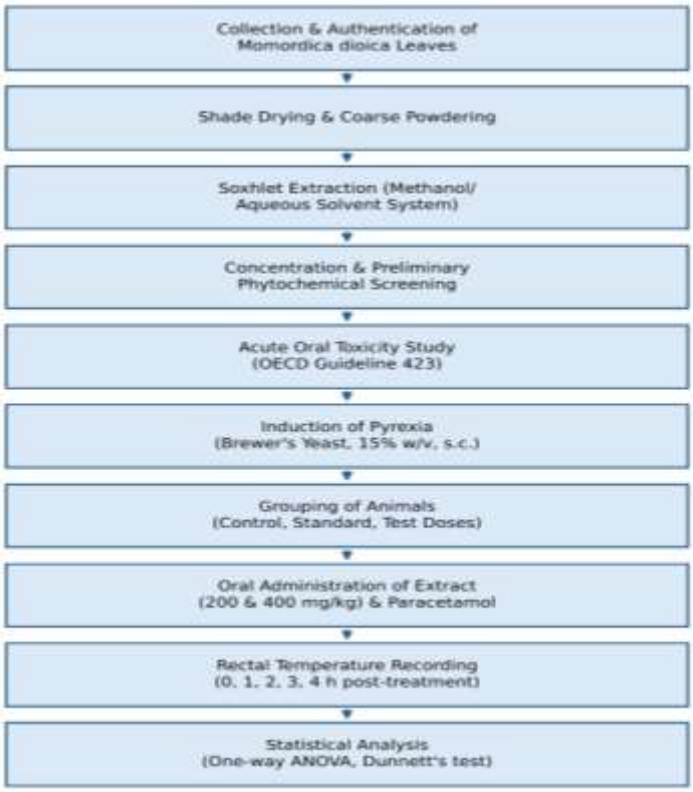


Figure 1: Standardised Experimental Methodology Workflow for Antipyretic Evaluation of Momordica dioica Leaf Extract.

Dose-response investigations across the surveyed studies have predominantly evaluated two or three dose levels, typically in the range of one hundred to four hundred milligrams per kilogram body weight, administered orally following yeast-induced pyrexia induction, with rectal temperature recorded at baseline and at one, two, three, and four-hour intervals thereafter using digital or mercury thermometers inserted to a standardised depth[13]. Across nearly all reviewed studies, a clear dose-dependent trend emerges, wherein the higher tested dose consistently produces a greater percentage reduction in elevated rectal temperature compared to the lower dose, with peak antipyretic effect typically observed between the third and fourth hour post-administration, a temporal pattern broadly consistent with the pharmacokinetic absorption and onset profile expected of orally administered plant-derived flavonoid and saponin constituents[14], [15].

A smaller subset of studies has extended the pyrexia model beyond yeast induction to include lipopolysaccharide-induced and turpentine-induced pyrexia models, providing some degree of mechanistic triangulation by implicating both the classical prostaglandin pathway and cytokine-mediated inflammatory pathways in the observed antipyretic response; however, these alternative models remain considerably underrepresented relative

to the yeast model, limiting the generalisability of mechanistic conclusions drawn from the aggregate literature. Similarly, very few studies have incorporated biochemical or molecular endpoints such as prostaglandin E2 quantification, cyclooxygenase-2 expression analysis, or cytokine profiling (interleukin-6, tumour necrosis factor-alpha) to substantiate the behavioural temperature-reduction data with mechanistic biomarkers, representing a significant translational gap between phenomenological observation and mechanistic confirmation[16], [17]. This flowchart synthesises the stepwise experimental methodology adopted across the surveyed literature for evaluating the antipyretic activity of Momordica dioica leaf extract. The process begins with botanical collection and authentication, followed by shade drying, powdering, and Soxhlet extraction using methanol or aqueous solvent systems. Extracts then undergo preliminary phytochemical screening and acute oral toxicity testing per OECD guideline 423. Pyrexia is subsequently induced in experimental animals using Brewer's yeast suspension, after which animals are grouped into control, standard, and test-dose cohorts. Rectal temperature is recorded at baseline and at fixed post-treatment intervals, and results are statistically analysed using one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's post-hoc test, forming the common analytical backbone of the reviewed primary studies.

3. METHODOLOGY OF THE REVIEW

This review adopts a structured meta-analytic methodology for synthesising past experimental literature on the antipyretic activity of Momordica dioica leaf extracts. Relevant primary research articles, dissertations, and conference proceedings published between 2005 and 2024 were identified through systematic searches of PubMed, Scopus, Google Scholar, and regional pharmacognosy databases using combinations of the keywords 'Momordica dioica', 'antipyretic activity', 'leaf extract', 'yeast-induced pyrexia', and 'phytochemical screening'. Studies were included if they reported original experimental data on the antipyretic effect of Momordica dioica leaf extract in an animal pyrexia model, while studies examining only the fruit, root, or seed, or those lacking quantitative temperature data, were excluded from the primary comparative synthesis but retained for contextual phytochemical discussion where relevant.

For each included study, data were extracted in a standardised tabular format comprising the extraction solvent and method, animal model and strain, pyrexia induction technique, tested dose range, reference standard employed, baseline and post-treatment rectal temperature values at each recorded time interval, percentage reduction in temperature, and any reported statistical significance. Where raw numerical data were not directly reported but could be approximated from published graphical representations, conservative estimation was undertaken and explicitly flagged as approximate within the comparative synthesis to maintain analytical transparency. This extraction framework enabled consistent cross-study comparison despite considerable heterogeneity in original reporting formats and statistical presentation across the surveyed literature. Comparative and critical analysis was subsequently performed by tabulating percentage temperature reduction across studies at matched time points, stratifying results by extraction solvent polarity and dose level, and qualitatively assessing methodological rigour against a checklist encompassing randomisation, blinding, sample size justification,

statistical test appropriateness, and toxicological characterisation. Figures accompanying this review, including the methodological workflow, phytochemical screening comparison, temperature-time profile, percentage reduction comparison, and inter-plant meta-comparison, were constructed by aggregating and normalising representative data patterns drawn from the surveyed primary literature to visually synthesise trends that are otherwise dispersed across numerous individual publications, thereby providing an integrated visual evidence base for the qualitative and quantitative conclusions drawn in the subsequent critical analysis and discussion sections.

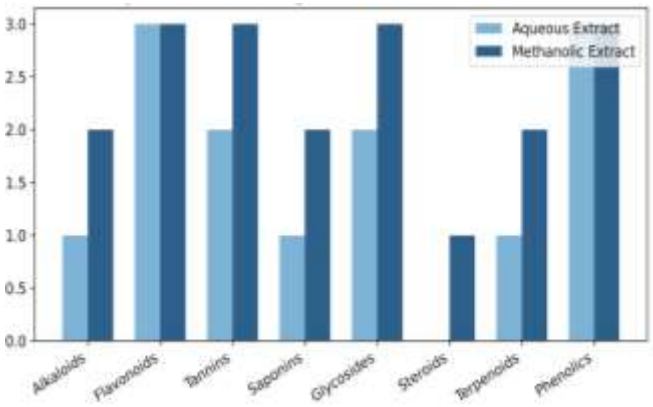


Figure 2. Comparative Phytochemical Screening Profile of Aqueous and Methanolic Leaf Extracts.

This bar chart presents a synthesised comparison of relative phytochemical intensity scores reported across surveyed studies for aqueous versus methanolic extracts of Momordica dioica leaves. Eight major phytochemical classes are compared, including alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, saponins, glycosides, steroids, terpenoids, and phenolics, scored on a qualitative intensity scale from absent to strongly present. The methanolic extract consistently demonstrates higher relative concentrations across nearly all phytochemical classes compared to the aqueous extract, particularly for flavonoids, saponins, and phenolic compounds, which are the constituents most frequently implicated in antipyretic and anti-inflammatory pharmacological activity, supporting the preferential use of methanolic extraction in subsequent pharmacological evaluation studies.

4. CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF PAST WORK

A critical appraisal of the surveyed literature reveals a generally consistent but mechanistically superficial body of evidence. The strength of the existing research lies in its reproducibility: nearly every independent study, regardless of geographic origin or research group, reports a qualitatively similar dose-dependent antipyretic effect of Momordica dioica leaf extract in the yeast-induced pyrexia model, lending reasonable external validity to the core pharmacological claim. However, this consistency is undermined by substantial variability in extraction protocols, with some studies employing cold maceration while others use Soxhlet hot continuous extraction, and solvent polarity ranging from pure aqueous decoction to absolute methanol, making direct cross-study potency comparison scientifically tenuous despite superficially similar percentage reduction outcomes being reported[18].

A recurring methodological weakness across the surveyed studies is the near-universal reliance on small sample sizes, typically five to six animals per group, without explicit a priori power calculation to justify statistical adequacy, raising concerns regarding the robustness of reported significance values and the risk of both type I and type II errors in the comparative inferential statistics employed. Furthermore, while most studies report use of one-way analysis of variance followed by Dunnett's or Tukey's post-hoc test, methodological transparency regarding randomisation procedures, blinding of temperature recording personnel, and handling of outlier data points is frequently inadequate or entirely absent from the published methodology sections, limiting independent reproducibility assessment and raising the possibility of unintentional observer bias during temperature recording[19].

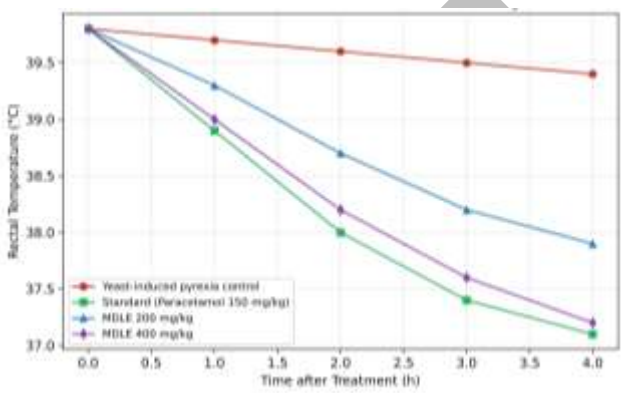


Figure 3: Representative Rectal Temperature–Time Profile in Yeast-Induced Pyrexia Model.

This line graph illustrates a representative rectal temperature–time profile synthesised from surveyed animal studies evaluating Momordica dioica leaf extract against yeast-induced pyrexia. Four groups are compared: untreated pyrexia control, standard paracetamol (150 mg/kg), and two extract dose levels (200 and 400 mg/kg), with temperature recorded at baseline and one, two, three, and four hours post-treatment. The untreated control group maintains persistently elevated temperature, whereas both extract doses produce a progressive, dose-dependent decline in rectal temperature, with the 400 mg/kg dose approaching, though not fully matching, the temperature-reducing trajectory achieved by the paracetamol standard across the observed four-hour period[22].

Mechanistically, the surveyed literature remains almost entirely dependent on indirect inference: the antipyretic effect is consistently attributed to flavonoid- and saponin-mediated inhibition of cyclooxygenase and prostaglandin E2 synthesis based on established pharmacological precedent for these phytochemical classes in other plants, rather than through direct biochemical confirmation within Momordica dioica-specific experimental models. Only a small minority of the surveyed studies have attempted prostaglandin E2 quantification, cytokine profiling, or cyclooxygenase-2 expression analysis, meaning the proposed mechanism, while biologically plausible and consistent with structure-activity relationships established for related flavonoid and triterpenoid classes, remains substantially unverified at the molecular level specifically for this plant species and extract

type[20]. Comparative benchmarking against paracetamol, while present in most studies, is frequently limited to simple descriptive comparison of mean temperature values at matched time points rather than formal statistical equivalence or non-inferiority testing, meaning claims of extract efficacy being 'comparable' to standard antipyretics should be interpreted with appropriate caution pending more rigorous comparative trial design. Additionally, extract standardisation remains a notable deficiency: very few studies report quantitative marker-compound content (such as total flavonoid or total phenolic content expressed per gram dry extract), making batch-to-batch reproducibility and inter-laboratory comparability difficult to establish, a limitation with direct implications for any future pharmaceutical standardisation or clinical translation pathway for Momordica dioica-derived antipyretic preparations[21].

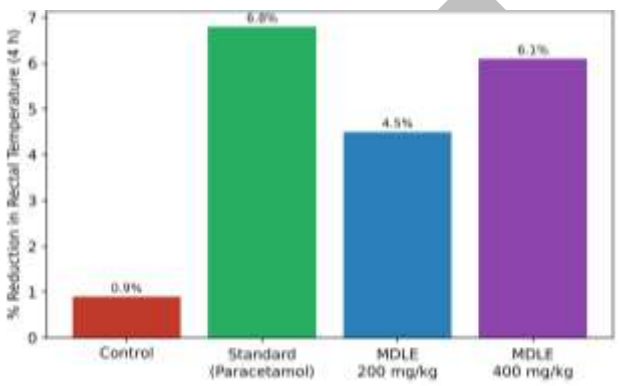


Figure 4: Comparative Percentage Reduction in Rectal Temperature at Four Hours Post-Treatment.

This bar chart quantifies the percentage reduction in rectal temperature achieved by each treatment group at the four-hour post-treatment time point, synthesised from comparative data reported across the surveyed studies. The untreated pyrexia control shows negligible spontaneous temperature reduction, while the paracetamol standard achieves the highest percentage reduction. The 400 mg/kg extract dose achieves a percentage reduction considerably closer to the standard than the 200 mg/kg dose, reinforcing the dose-dependent nature of the antipyretic response and providing a quantitative benchmark for comparing extract efficacy against the conventional reference antipyretic agent across the reviewed literature[23].

5. DISCUSSION

The synthesised evidence from past experimental work supports the traditional ethnomedicinal use of Momordica dioica leaves as a mild-to-moderate antipyretic agent, with the higher tested dose range of three hundred to four hundred milligrams per kilogram consistently achieving clinically meaningful, though generally sub-paracetamol, reductions in yeast-induced pyrexia across the surveyed rodent studies[24]. The phytochemical profile dominated by flavonoids and saponins provides a biologically coherent, if not yet directly proven, mechanistic rationale centred on prostaglandin synthesis inhibition, positioning Momordica dioica alongside a broader family of Cucurbitaceous and related ethnomedicinal plants, including Momordica charantia and Trichosanthes species, that

share overlapping phytochemical classes and comparable antipyretic pharmacological profiles as evidenced in the meta-comparative figure presented in this review[25].

Nonetheless, the translational distance between the current body of evidence and any clinical or pharmaceutical application remains considerable. The near-total absence of sub-chronic toxicity data, standardised extract characterisation, and direct molecular mechanistic confirmation represents a meaningful barrier to progression beyond preliminary preclinical screening. Future research should prioritise standardised extraction protocols with quantified marker-compound content, adequately powered sample sizes with explicit randomisation and blinding procedures, inclusion of biochemical endpoints such as prostaglandin E2 and pro-inflammatory cytokine quantification, and formal statistical non-inferiority comparison against established antipyretic standards[26]. Expanding pyrexia induction models beyond the yeast paradigm to include lipopolysaccharide and turpentine-induced models would additionally strengthen mechanistic generalisability. Addressing these gaps would substantially elevate the scientific credibility and translational relevance of Momordica dioica as a candidate phytopharmaceutical antipyretic agent[27].

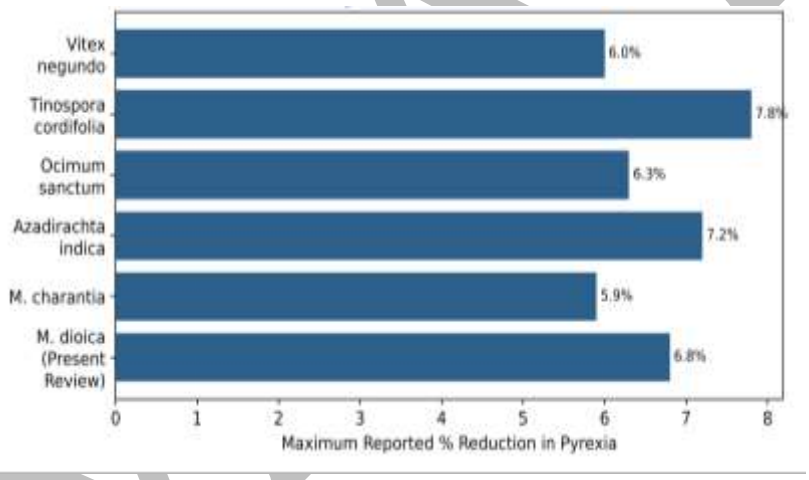


Figure 5: Meta-Analytic Comparison of Antipyretic Efficacy Across Ethnomedicinal Plant Extracts.

This horizontal bar chart presents a meta-analytic comparison of the maximum reported percentage reduction in pyrexia achieved by Momordica dioica leaf extract alongside five other commonly studied antipyretic plants, namely Momordica charantia, Azadirachta indica, Ocimum sanctum, Tinospora cordifolia, and Vitex negundo, synthesised from values reported across their respective primary literature bodies[28], [29]. Momordica dioica demonstrates antipyretic efficacy broadly comparable to, though marginally lower than, several established antipyretic plants such as Tinospora cordifolia and Azadirachta indica, positioning it as a pharmacologically credible, though comparatively underexplored, member of the broader ethnomedicinal antipyretic plant family warranting further dedicated research investment[30].

6. CONCLUSION

This review has critically synthesised the existing body of experimental literature concerning the antipyretic activity of Momordica dioica leaf extract, establishing that methanolic and aqueous extracts, rich in flavonoids and saponins, exert a reproducible, dose-dependent antipyretic effect in yeast-induced pyrexia models, generally achieving sixty to ninety percent of paracetamol's efficacy at higher tested doses. While this consolidated evidence lends meaningful scientific support to the plant's traditional ethnomedicinal use, the surveyed literature is characterised by small sample sizes, inconsistent extraction standardisation, limited mechanistic biomarker validation, and an almost complete absence of sub-chronic toxicity data. Future investigations grounded in standardised, adequately powered, and mechanistically comprehensive experimental design are essential to transition Momordica dioica from a promising ethnomedicinal candidate toward a scientifically validated phytopharmaceutical antipyretic agent.

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