

# ENDOPHYTIC FUNGI WITH ANTI-DIABETIC ACTIVITIES ISOLATED

### **FROM AMLA FRUITS**

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## ABSTRACT

Many of the endophyte have been show potential *de-novo* synthesis of different bioactive metabolites that are used directly or indirectly as therapeutic agent and several ailments. Diabetes Mellitus is a metabolic disorder caused due to defect in insulin secretion, insulin action or both. Diabetes mellitus is causing serious health problem and due cause of some inheritance or changed lifestyle and food habit. Mycelia extract of *Penicillum, Streptomyces, Rhizopus, Cladosporium, Nigrospora oryze* and *Alternaria* species isolates were reported best inhibition ranging 15 to 38%  $\alpha$ -amylase and sucrose. Isolated endophytes have good potency in anti-diabetic ailment.

KEYWORDS: Endophyte, Diabetes, Amla, Glucose Level, Haemoglobin

## **INTRODUCTION**

Medicinal plants are used by humans and animals from very early age. This is occurring in nature randomly. From the development of humans are using different medicinal plants for a number of ailment. Amla are one of them, which are used in remedy of different disease. Different parts of these plants are used for different disease. There are no side effects reported till date for direct use of any medicinal plant part. Microorganisms are also hosted in these plants for his life cycle. These microorganisms sometimes help these plants for protecting from other agents. Mutualism of plant and microorganism are increases the potency of secondary metabolite what they produce. An endosymbiosis of bacterium or fungus with plant parts of its life cycle without causing any disease. Endophytes ever found in almost plants but not all plant endophytes relationships are well studied (Puri et al., 2015; Clay, 2002; Carroll, 1986; Stone et al., 1999; Bacon and White, 2000; Suryanrayanan, 2013). Amla (Indian gooseberry) is a member of Euphrbiceae family and also known as Phyllanthus emblica Linn. or Emblica officinalis Gaertn. This is an important plant in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and naturopathy medicine system (Maurya and Srivastava, 2011). Amla (Indian gooseberry) is a member of Euphrbiceae family and also known as Phyllanthus emblica Linn. or Emblica officinalis Gaertn. This is an important plant in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and naturopathy medicine system (Maurya and Srivastava, 2011). A study of Gangwar reported in year 2015 that 36 endophytic actinomycetes were isolated from roots, stems and leaves of Emblica officinalis Gaertn (Gooseberry) and identified as 17 isolates of Streptomyces sp., 17 isolates of Micromonospora sp. and 02 isolates of Microbispora sp. with distribution of endophytic actinomycetes in roots, stem and leaves was 50%, 25% and 25% respectively. To screen the endophyes of medicinal plants and their potency against diabetes were perform in this study.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The healthy fruits were surface sterilized by modified method of Strobel *et al.*, 1996. The endophytic fungi grown were isolated and maintained on PDA slants. Isolated fungi were identified in order to morphological characteristics viz. colony growth, presence or absence of aerial mycelium, colony color, presence of wrinkles and furrows, pigment production etc. in reference to Barnett, 1992 by lactophenol and other stains under microscope with 40X resolution. Qualitative and Quantitative characterization of Amylase, Protease, Cellulose and Lipase were performed. Collected compound were access for anti-diabetic activities.  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibitory activity, Assay of sucrase inhibition activity and Glucose diffusion method were performed for *in-vitro* antidiabetic properties assessment. *In-vivo* anti-diabetic activities were also performed with animal model and serum glucose level and Blood function test according to standardized laboratory method.

# RESULTS

Isolate Code	Endophyte (Morphological Basis)	Colour of Mycelia	Pigmentation	Spore Arrangement
E01	Cladosporiumsp.	Olive brown	Dark brown	Un-branched
E02	Nigrosporaoryzae sp.	White	Black	Un-branched
E03	Phomopsis sp.	White	Brown	Spherical
E04	Streptomyces sp.	White	Whitish green	Branched filamentous
E05	Penicillum sp.	Green	Colorless	Highly branched

**Table 1: Morphological Characterization of Isolated Fungi** 

Table 2: Qualitative Enzyme Activities Characterization of Isolated Fungi

Name of Endophyte (Morphological basis)	Amylase	Protease	Cellulase	Lipase
Cladosporiumsp.	-	+	+	+
Nigrosporaoryze sp.	-	-	-	+
Phomopsis sp.	-	-	-	-
Streptomyces sp.	+	+	+	-
Penicillum sp.	+	+	+	-

Table 3: Quantitative Enzyme Activities Characterization of Isolated Fungi

Endophyte (Morphological Basis)	Amylase (U/ml)	Protease(U/ml)	Cellulase(U/ml)	Lipase(U/ml)
Cladosporiumsp.	0.00	1.22	0.25	0.16
Nigrosporaoryze sp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25
Phomopsis sp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Streptomyces sp.	2.31	1.63	0.45	0.00
Penicillum sp.	2.60	1.45	1.32	0.00

Table 4: In-Vitro Antidiabetic Activities Viz. α-Amylase (%) Sucrase (%)

Name of Endophyte	α-Amylase (%)			Sucrase (%)		
(Morphological Basis)	50 µg	100 µg	200 µg	50 µg	100 µg	200 µg
Cladosporiumsp.	06.0	13.0	22.4	08.7	14.5	27.2
Nigrosporaoryze sp.	05.5	09.6	14.0	07.6	11.5	18.4
Phomopsis sp.	00.0	01.0	01.5	00.0	01.0	02.9
Streptomyces sp.	09.8	17.4	29.3	07.2	15.2	21.5
Penicillum sp.	11.5	23.6	37.6	12.0	25.6	36.2

Name of Endophyte	Glucose Diffusion Test				
(Morphological Basis)	<b>50</b> μg	<b>100</b> μg	<b>200</b> μg		
Cladosporiumsp.	-	-	+		
Nigrosporaoryze sp.	-	-	+		
Phomopsis sp.	-	-	-		
Streptomyces sp.	+	+	++		
Penicillum sp.	+	++	+++		

**Table 5: In-Vitro Glucose Diffusion Test** 

Table 6: In-Vivo Serum Glucose Levels Determination of Diabetic Induced Rats v	with Treatments
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Groups		Serum Glucose Level (Fasting) mg/dL			
		0 Day	30 Days	60 Days	
Control		104±5.6	105±6.2	102±5.9	
Diabetic control		242±22.5	240±25.8	243±26.5	
Diabetic with	Glibenclaimide(30mg/kg)	240±20.9	106±7.2	102±8.9	
Diabetic with	mycelium extract				
E01	250 mg/kg	241±19.4	160±12.8	150±11.6	
LUI	500 mg/kg	239±21.3	128±10.2	120±10.5	
E02	250 mg/kg	244±20.8	148±10.6	145±12.1	
EU2	500 mg/kg	235±19.8	121±09.2	117±11.6	
E03	250 mg/kg	239±20.7	152±12.4	148±10.6	
EU3	500 mg/kg	229±20.3	124±10.3	118±10.9	
E04	250 mg/kg	238±19.5	147±11.8	139±12.4	
EV4	500 mg/kg.	231±18.9	118±11.4	109±12.7	
E05	250 mg/kg	241±20.1	162±12.9	151±11.9	
EUS	500 mg/kg	239±21.8	131±13.1	121±13.5	

Table 7: In-Vivo Haemoglobin Levels Determin	nation of Diabetic Induced Rats with Treatments
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Groups		Ha	Haemoglobin gm/dL			
		0 Day	30 Days	60 Days		
Control		$15.80 \pm 0.85$	15.20±0.80	15.40±0.86		
Diabetic control		$10.10{\pm}1.00$	09.52±0.95	07.15±0.98		
Diabetic with Glibenclaimide(30mg/kg)		10.25±0.95	$12.60\pm0.88$	13.20±0.92		
Diabetic with mycelium extract						
E01	250 mg/kg	09.95±0.94	10.92±0.91	12.05±1.00		
EUI	500 mg/kg	10.05±0.98	11.56±0.94	13.00±1.10		
E02	250 mg/kg	10.10±1.00	10.95±0.93	12.00±0.98		
EUZ	500 mg/kg	10.16±0.85	11.02±0.85	12.90±0.99		
<b>E03</b>	250 mg/kg	09.90±0.97	$10.00 \pm 0.88$	11.15±0.95		
E03	500 mg/kg	10.15±0.86	11.45±0.87	12.55±0.89		
E04	250 mg/kg	10.00±0.92	10.25±0.91	11.10±0.82		
E04	500 mg/kg.	09.80±0.87	11.10±0.88	12.15±0.95		
E05	250 mg/kg	10.05±0.93	10.85±0.86	11.90±0.98		
	500 mg/kg	09.85±0.99	11.30±0.83	12.70±0.93		

Cladosporium sp., Nigrosporaoryze sp., Phomopsis sp., Streptomyces sp. and Penicillum sp. endophytes were found in amal fruit. Morphology of endophytes was determined according to their colour of mycelia, pigmentation and spore arrangement as in *Cladosporiumsp*. Olive brown, Dark brown and Un-branched; Nigrosporaoryzae sp. White, Black and Un-branched; *Phomopsis* sp. White, Brown and Spherical; *Streptomyces* sp. White, Whitish green and Branched filamentous; *Penicillum* sp. Green, Colorless and highly branched. Qualitative characters of isolated endophytes were shown as Amylase in *Streptomyces* sp. and *Penicillum* sp., Protease and Cellulase in *Cladosporiumsp., Streptomyces* sp. and Penicillum sp. whereas Lipase in in Cladosporiumsp. and Nigrosporaoryze sp. Quantity of Amylase recorded in Streptomyces sp. 2.31 U/ml and Penicillum sp. 2.60 U/ml, Protease in Cladosporiumsp. 1.22U/ml, Streptomyces sp. 1.63 U/ml and Penicillum sp. 1.45 U/ml, Cellulase in Cladosporiumsp. 0.25U/ml, Streptomyces sp. 0.45 U/ml and Penicillum sp. 1.32 U/ml whereas Lipase in in Cladosporiumsp.0.16 and Nigrosporaoryze sp. 0.25.α-amylase (%) activity for in-vitro antidiabetic activities was assessed and recorded at 50 µg, 100 µg and 200 µg doses in *Cladosporiumsp.* by 06.0, 13.0 and 22.4; Nigrosporacryze sp. 05.5, 09.6 and 14.0; Phomopsis sp. 00.0, 01.0 and 01.5; Streptomyces sp. 09.8, 17.4 and 29.3; Penicillum sp. 11.5, 23.6 and 37.6. Sucrase(%) was recorded at 50 µg, 100 µg and 200 µg doses in Cladosporiumsp. by 08.7, 14.5 and 27.2; Nigrosporaoryze sp. 07.6, 11.5 and 18.4; Phomopsis sp. 00.0, 01.0 and 02.9; Streptomyces sp. 07.2, 15.2 and 21.5; Penicillum sp. 12.0, 25.6 and 36.2. Positive Glucose diffusion test was reported at 200 µg in Cladosporiumsp. and Nigrosporaoryze sp.; at 50 µg, 100 µg and 200 µg Streptomyces sp. and Penicillum sp. gives positive, fairly positive and strong positive results. Serum glucose (fasting) levels in Control, diabetic control, diabetic treated with glibenclaimide and treated with different mycelia extracts of isolated fungi with 250mg/kg and 500mg/kg concentration were reported in table 6. Levels of serum glucose (mg/dL) in control at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> days were 104±5.6, 105±6.2 and 102±5.9 respectively; diabetic control 242±22.5, 240±25.8 and 243±26.5 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day samples respectively; diabetic with glibenclaimide treated samples 240±20.9, 106±7.2 and 102±8.9 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E01 mycelia extract 241±19.4, 160±12.8 and 150±11.6 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day correspondingly; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E01 mycelia extract 239±21.3, 128±10.2 and 120±10.5 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E02 mycelia extract 244±20.8, 148±10.6 and 145±12.1 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day correspondingly ; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E02 mycelia extract 235±19.8, 121±09.2 and 117±11.6 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E03 mycelia extract 239±20.7, 152±12.4 and 148±10.6 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day correspondingly; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E03 mycelia extract 229±20.3, 124±10.3 and 118±10.9 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E04 mycelia extract 238±19.5, 147±11.8 and 139±12.4 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day correspondingly; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E04 mycelia extract 231±18.9, 118±11.4 and 109±12.7 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E05 mycelia extract 241±20.1, 162±12.9 and 151±11.9 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day correspondingly; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E05 mycelia extract 239±21.8, 131±13.1 and 121±13.5 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively. Haemoglobin level in Control, diabetic control, diabetic treated with glibenclaimide and treated with different mycelia extracts of isolated fungi with 250 mg/kg and 500 mg/kg concentration were reported in table 7. Levels of haemoglobin (gm/dL) in control at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and  $60^{\text{th}}$  days were  $15.80\pm0.85$ ,  $15.20\pm0.80$  and  $15.40\pm0.86$  respectively; diabetic control  $10.10\pm1.00$ ,  $09.52\pm0.95$  and 07.15±0.98 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day samples respectively; diabetic with glibenclaimide treated samples 10.25±0.95, 12.60±0.88 and 13.20±0.92 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E01 mycelia extract 09.95±0.94, 10.92±0.91 and 12.05±1.00 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day correspondingly ; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E01 mycelia extract 10.05±0.98, 11.56±0.94 and 13.00±1.10 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E02 mycelia extract 10.10±1.00, 10.95±0.93 and 12.00±0.98 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day correspondingly; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E02 mycelia extract 10.16±0.85, 11.02±0.85 and 12.90±0.99 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E03 mycelia extract 09.90±0.97, 10.00±0.88 and 11.15±0.95 at 0th, 30th and 60th day correspondingly; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E03 mycelia extract 10.15±0.86, 11.45±0.87 and 12.55±0.89 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E04 mycelia extract 10.00±0.92, 10.25±0.91 and 11.10±0.82 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day correspondingly; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E04 mycelia extract 09.80±0.87, 11.10±0.88 and 12.15 $\pm$ 0.95 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg E05 mycelia extract 10.05 $\pm$ 0.93, 10.85 $\pm$ 0.86 and 11.90 $\pm$ 0.98 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day correspondingly; diabetic treated with 500mg/kg E05 mycelia extract 09.85 $\pm$ 0.99, 11.30 $\pm$ 0.83 and 12.70 $\pm$ 0.93 at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> day respectively; diabetic treated with 250mg/kg.

# DISCUSSIONS

Morphological characters of E01 isolated fungi were olive brown colour, dark brown pigment and un-branched spore arrangement and shows positive enzyme activities for protease, cellulose and lipase with 1.22, 0.25 and 0.16 U/ml production. Isolated endophytic fungi with these characters were earlier reported as species of Cladosporium (Ogorek et al., 2012; Braun et al., 2003). Morphological characters of E02 isolated fungi were white colour of mycelia, black pigmentation and unbranched spore arrangement and shows positive enzyme activities for lipase only with 0.25 U/ml productions. Similar result was reported by Abbas and Mohammad in 2014 and confirms the isolated endophytic fungi with these characters were a species of Nigrosporaoryze. Endophytic isolate E03 was reported white colour, brown pigment and spherical spore arrangement morphological characters but not shown any enzymatic activities. Farr et al. reported in year 2002 that isolate species having similar characters were a member of Phomopsis. Morphological characters of E04 isolated fungi were white colour of mycelia, whitish green pigmentation and branched filamentous spore arrangement and shows positive enzyme activities for amylase, protease and cellulose with 2.31, 1.63 and 0.45 U/ml production. Isolated endophytic fungi with these characters were earlier reported as species of Streptomyces (Tadai et al., 2006). Morphological characters of E05 isolated fungi were green colour, colourless pigment and highly branched spore arrangement and shows positive enzyme activities for amylase, protease and cellulose with 2.60, 1.45 and 1.32 U/ml productions. Similar result was reported by Tiwari et al., 2011 and confirms the isolated endophytic fungi with these characters were a species of Penicillum. Mycelia extract of Penicillum, Streptomyces, Rhizopus, Cladosporium, Nigrospora oryze and Alternaria species isolates were reported best inhibition ranging 15 to 38%  $\alpha$ -amylase and sucrose. Isolates of Acremonium, Phomopsis, Curvularia and Fusarium species were showed low potency to inhibit  $\alpha$ -amylase and sucrose. Similarly Penicillum, Streptomyces, Rhizopus, Cladosporium, Nigrospora oryze and Alternaria species chronically gives best results as compare to isolates of Acremonium, Phomopsis, Curvularia and Fusarium species in glucose diffusion test. Ushasri and anusha worked on *in-vitro* anti-diabetic properties in 2015 and reported that the endophytic extracts have good potency to α-amylase and sucrose inhibition with up to 23.7% inhibition. Wan et al., (2013) also reported that swartia extract resulted best result for reducing diabetes. Blood functions tests (% haemoglobin and White blood cells count) and Body weight studies were performed at 0<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> days for *in-vivo* anti-diabetic activities determinations. Yuan and associates (2014) worked on effect of Actinida extract in diabetic induced mice and reported that alpha-glucosidase inhibitory activity test, ethanol extract of roots showed the best inhibitory activity (74.2%, 6 mg/ml). Ushasri and Anusha (2015) previously reported the effect of endophytic extract on allexon induced diabetic mice that showed highest glycosidase inhibition in treated mice. In this study serum glucose level was decrease from 240gm/dL to 102gm/dL in 60 day administration.

## CONCLUSIONS

Mycelia extract of Penicillum, Streptomyces, Rhizopus, Cladosporium, Nigrospora oryze and Alternaria species isolates were reported best inhibition ranging 15 to 38%  $\alpha$ -amylase and sucrose. Isolated endophytes have good potency in anti-diabetic ailment. This is need to extend identification of novel compound present in these isolates, who gives antidiabetic activities.

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