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# Antidiabetic Activity and Phytochemical Screening of Extracts of the Leaves of *Colocasia esculenta* on Alloxan-Induced Diabetic Mice

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**ABSTRACT**
*In India, the number of people suffering from diabetes is believed to be rising steadily and the current antidiabetic therapies are frequently reported to have adverse side effects. Ethno medicinal plant use has shown promise for the development of cheaper, cost-effective antidiabetic agents with fewer side effects. Te aim of this study was to investigate the antidiabetic activity and mechanism of action of aqueous leaf extract prepared from Colocasia esculenta. Since this claim has not been investigated scientifically, the aim of this study was to evaluate the antidiabetic effect and phytochemical screening of alloxan-induced diabetic Mice. The leaves of Colocasia esculenta (Araceae) have been used in traditional health systems to treat diabetes mellitus. However, the antidiabetic activity of this medicinal plant is not scientifically validated and authenticated. The present study aimed to investigate the in vitro and in vivo anti-diabetic activity of flower crude extract and solvent fractions of Colocasia esculenta. The in vitro α–amylase inhibition of the crude extract and solvent fractions of Colocasia esculenta. Blood glucose lowering activity of 80% Ethanolic crude extract and solvent fraction was studied in animal models: Hypoglycemic mice model, oral glucose loaded mice model, dose-treated Alloxan -induced diabetic mice model. The effect of the crude extract on diabetic lipid profile was studied. The acute toxicity study of Colocasia esculenta leaves extract did not show mortality in the animals at the limit dose during the observation period. The result of α–amylase enzyme inhibition activity was found in a dose-dependent manner, the strongest activity was shown by Crude extract fraction (89.60 % inhibition at 1000 µg/mL) compared to the standard acarbose having 97.19% inhibition at 1000 µg/mL. The crude extract of Colocasia esculenta showed significant blood glucose-lowering effect on hypoglycemic mice and oral glucose loaded mice. In Alloxan-induced diabetic mice model, the crude extract fraction significantly decreased the fasting blood glucose level after 14 days of treatment. The result demonstrated the beneficial biochemical effects of Colocasia esculenta extract by inhibiting α–amylase improving serum lipid profile levels. The leaves crude extract are effective in lowering blood glucose levels in diabetic and hypoglycemic mice. The claimed traditional use as antidiabetic has scientific ground.*
***Key words:*** *Diabetes mellitus, Herbal medicine, Colocasia esculenta, Alloxan, Anti diabetic activity.*

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## INTRODUCTION

Diabetes is one of the most common non-communicable diseases and a serious life-long condition appearing worldwide. The etiology of diabetes is a complex interaction of genetic and environmental factors. It is a heterogeneous group of metabolic disorders characterized physiologically by dysfunction of pancreatic beta cells and deficiency in insulin secretion or insulin activity and clinically by hyperglycemia or impaired glucose tolerance and other manifestable disorders. It is an endocrinological syndrome abnormally having high levels of sugar in the blood [1-7]. This may be either due to insulin not being produced at all, is not made at sufficient levels, or is not as effective as it should be.

Diabetes is still a serious health problem all over the world since it is associated with increased morbidity and mortality rate. When compared with the general population, mortality and morbidity increase in diabetes is mainly due to the associated chronic complications both specific (microvascular) and nonspecific (macrovascular). Since the disease prevails in both genders and in all age groups, the general public has a concern about its control and treatment [1].

Diabetes is classified by underlying cause. The most common forms of diabetes are categorized as

**Type 1** or insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM) - an autoimmune disease in which the body's own immune system attacks the pancreatic beta cells, rendering it unable to produce insulin and
**Type 2** or non - insulin - dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM) - in which there is resistance to the effects of insulin or a defect in insulin secretion.
Type 2 diabetes commonly occurs in adults associated with obesity. There are many underlying factors that contribute to the high blood glucose levels in these individuals. An important factor is the resistance to insulin in the body essentially ignoring its insulin secretions. A second factor is the decreased production of insulin by the cells of the pancreas. Therefore, an individual with Type 2 diabetes may have a combination of deficient secretion and deficient action of insulin. In contrast to Type 2 diabetes, Type 1 diabetes most commonly occurs in children and is a result of the body's immune system attacking and destroying the beta cells. The trigger for this autoimmune attack is not clear, but the result is the end of insulin production [2].

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### a) Plant collection

The leaves s of *Colocasia esculenta* was collected from Local market.

### b) Preparation of coarse powder and Extraction technique

The leaves were shade dried at room temperature for 10 days. Then these were milled into powder by mechanical grinder. This powder was sequentially extracted to their increasing polarity with Petroleum ether, Ethyl acetate, Ethanol respectively. About 500gm of powdered leaves was uniformly packed into a thimble in a Soxhlet apparatus and extracted with 1000ml Petroleum ether, Ethyl acetate and Ethanol, respectively. Constant heat was provided by Mantox heater for recycling of the solvent. The process of extraction continues for 1-2 hours for each solvent. The excess solvent was evaporated and the dried extracts were kept in refrigerator at 4ºC for their future use in phytochemical analysis and pharmacological screenings.

### *Invitro* antidiabetic activity of *Colocasia esculenta* leaves extracts

### Alpha-amylase inhibition assay [5]

The a-amylase inhibition assay was performed using the 3,5-dinitrosalicylic acid (DNSA) method.50 The crude and solvent fractions of *Colocasia esculenta* were dissolved in buffer ((Na2HPO4/ NaH2PO4 (0.02 M), NaCl (0.006 M) at pH 6.9) to give concentrations ranging from 50 to 1000 mg/mL. A volume of 200 mL of a-amylase solution (Molychem) (2 units/mL) was mixed with 200 mL of the extract and was incubated for 10 minutes at 30 C. Thereafter, 200 mL of the starch solution (1% in water w/v) was added to each tube and incubated for 3 minutes. The reaction was terminated by the addition of 200 mL DNSA reagent (12 g of sodium potassium tartrate tetrahydrate in 8.0 mL of 2 M NaOH and 20 mL of 96 mM 3,5-DNSA solution) and was boiled for 10 minutes in a water bath at 85°C. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and was diluted with 5 mL of distilled water, and the absorbance was measured at 540 nm using a UV-visible spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies). The blank with 100% enzyme activity was prepared by replacing the plant extract with 200 mL of the buffer. A blank reaction was similarly prepared using the plant extract at each concentration in the absence of the enzyme solution. A positive control sample was prepared using acarbose (Bayer) and the reaction was performed similarly to the reaction with plant extract as mentioned above. The inhibition of a-amylase was expressed as percentage of inhibition and was calculated by the following equation: Inhibition (%) ¼ [(Ac -Acb) (As Asb) / (Ac - Acb)] × 100, where Ac is the absorbance of control; Acb is the absorbance of control blank; As is the absorbance of sample; and Asb is the absorbance of sample blank. The % a-amylase inhibition was plotted against the extract concentration and the IC50 values were obtained from the graph.

### Preliminary phytochemical screening of Ethanolic leaves extract of *Colocasia esculenta* [6-10]

The Ethanolic leaves extract of *Colocasia esculenta* was used for testing preliminary phytochemical screening in order to detect major chemical groups.

### Test for carbohydrates

**Molisch's test:** Dissolved small quantity of 300mg alcoholic and dried leaves extract powder of Pimenta dioica separately in 4ml distilled water and filtered. The filtrate was subjected to Molisch's test.
**Fehling's test:** Dissolve a small portion of extract in water and treat with Fehling's solution.
**Phenols test:** The extract was spotted on a filter paper. A drop of phosphomolybdic acid reagent was added to the spot and was exposed to ammonia vapours.

### Test for flavanoids

**Shinoda test**: To 2 to 3ml of extract, a piece of magnesium ribbon and 1ml of concentrated HCl was added.
**Lead acetate test:** To 5ml of extract 1ml of lead acetate solution was added.

**Test for tannins**
Braemer's test: To a 2 to 3ml of extract, 10% alcoholic ferric chloride solution was added.
**Test for steroid/terpenoid**
**Liebermann-Burchardt test**: To 1ml of extract, 1ml of chloroform, 2 to3ml of acetic anhydride and 1 to 2 drops of concentrated Sulphuric acid are added.
**Test for alkaloids**
**Draggendorf's test:** A drop of extract was spotted on a small piece of precoated TLC plate and the plate was sprayed with modified Draggendorf's reagent.
**Hager's test:** The extract was treated with few ml of Hager's reagent.
**Wagner's test:** The extract was treated with few ml of Wagner's reagent.
**Tests for Glycosides**
Legal's test: Dissolved the extract [0.1g] in pyridine [2ml], added sodium nitroprusside solution [2ml] and made alkaline with Sodium hydroxide solution.
**Test for Saponins**
**Foam test:** 1ml of extract was dilute with 20ml of distilled water and shaken with a graduated cylinder for 15 minutes.
**Test for Anthraquinones**
**Borntrager's test**: About 50 mg of powdered extract was heated with 10% ferric chloride solution and 1ml of concentrated HCl. The extract was cooled, filtered and the filtrate was shaken with diethyl ether. The ether extract was further extracted with strong ammonia.
**Test for Amino acids**
Ninhydrin test: Dissolved a small quantity of the extract in few ml of water and added 1ml of ninhydrin reagent.
**Test for fixed oils and fats**
Press small quantity of the petroleum ether extract between two filter paper.
Note: the results for the above experiments can be noted as follows.

- If the response to the test is high it can be noted as +++ which indicates that the particular group is present as the major class.
- If the response is average then note it as ++ indicates the presence in moderate quantity.
- If the response is very small then note it as + indicating the presence of only in traces.
- If no response is then negative.

**g) Acute toxicity study**
In a research study when a drug is administered to a biological system there will be some interactions may happen .In most case these are desired and useful, but many effects are not advantageous. Acute, sub acute and chronic toxicity studies are performed by the manufacturers in the investigation of a new drug. Acute toxicity is involved in estimation of LD50 (It is the lethal dose (causing death) to 50% of tested group animals).
**LD50 (median lethal oral dose)**
LD 50 (median lethal oral dose) is a statistically derived oral dose of a substance that can be expected to cause death in percent of animals when administered by the oral route. The LD50 value is expressed in terms of weight of test substance per unit weight of animal (mg/kg).
In this study acute toxicity study was carried out in Mice. The procedure was followed by using OECD 423(Acute toxic class method).The Mice are fasted overnight, prior to dosing. The three dose levels are administered by the help of oral feeding needle over the prior of 24 hours. After the drug has been administered, food may be with held for a further 3-4 hours in Mice. The purpose of sighting study is to allow selection of the appropriate starting dose for main study.
The test substance is administered to a single animal in a sequential manner following from the fixed dose levels of 5, 50, 300 and 2000mg/kg. The interval between dosing of each level is determined by the mortality/onset, duration and severity of toxic signs over the period of 24 hours, special attention given during the first 4 hours. Four hours after the drug administration, provide the food and water for 14 days and daily observed some parameters such as food intake, water intake, mortality, onset, Duration and severity of toxic signs. The animal weight is recorded on weekly once. On the day fourteen all the animals are sacrificed, to isolate the organs and observe the histopathological changes. Based on the mortality result of sighting is decided and carried out with five animals per dose level (5 or 50 or 300 or 2000mg/kg).Based on the mortality result on 14th day of observation, the doses for *in vivo* study are selected.

***In vivo* antidiabetic activity of *Colocasia esculenta* leaves extract in Alloxan induced diabetic Mice.**

Prior to the experiment the rats were housed in a clean polypropylene cages (6 Mice/ cages) for a period of 7 days under standard temperature (25 - 30$^{o}$C), relative humidity (45 – 55%), dark / light cycle (12 /12 hrs). The studies were performed with the approval of Organizational Animal Ethics Committee (OAEC) (DAEC/TNA/965/345/16). The animals were put in overnight fasting were deprived of food for 16 hrs but allowed free access of water.

**Chemicals:**

Alloxan from Loba Chemie. Standard Glibenclamide (Daonil) from Aventis Pharma. Ethanol (Analytical grade) and 5% Dextrose solution Glucose Estimation Kit from Gluco Dr Super sensor.

**Hypoglycemic Test Groupings were done as follows:**

Group I served as control – Carboxy Methyl Cellulose (CMC) 0.5% (0.3ml\100g Mice)
Group II served as Positive control – Glibenclamide (2mg /kg)
Group III served as aqueous ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* – (200mg/kg)
Group IV served as aqueous ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* – (400mg/kg).

Blood samples were collected by the tail nipping method and glucose level checked by glucometer. After drug Administration blood samples have been collected different time intervals at 30, 60 and 120.

**Oral Glucose Tolerance Test Groupings were done as follows**:

Group I served as control – Carboxy Methyl Cellulose (CMC) 0.5% (0.3ml\100g Mice)
Group II served as Positive control – Glibenclamide (2 mg /kg)
Group III served as aqueous ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* – (200mg/kg)
Group IV served as aqueous ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* – (400mg/kg).

All the groups of animals were fasted for 24h and blood samples were collected before drug or solvent treatment. The drug, extract and solvent, have been administered to different groups and 30mins later all the groups of Mice were treated with glucose orally at dose 10gm/kg body weight by using oral feeding needle. Blood samples were collected by the tail nipping method and glucose level checked by glucometer. After drug Administration blood samples have been collected different time intervals at 30, 60 and 120.

**Induction of diabetes to animals**

A single dose (100 mg/kg b.w., i.p.) of Alloxan dissolved in sodium citrate buffer was used for the induction of diabetes in Mice after overnight fasting. After 1 hr of Alloxan administration, the animals were given feed and libitum and 5% dextrose solution was also given in feeding bottle for a day to overcome early hypoglycaemic phase. The animals were stabilized for a week and animals showing blood glucose level more than 200 mg/dl were selected for the study.

**Experimental design**

Five groups of Mice six in each groups received the following treatment schedule for 14 days.
GROUP I - Normal control (normal saline 10 ml /kg, P.O)
GROUP II - Alloxan treated control (100 mg/kg, I.P)
GROUP III - Alloxan (100 mg/kg, I.P) + Standard drug Glibenclamide (2 mg/kg, P.O).
GROUP IV - Alloxan (100 mg/kg, i.p.) + EECE.(200 mg/kg, P.O)
GROUP V - Alloxan (100 mg/kg, i.p.)+ EECE. (400 mg/kg, P.O)

Plant leaves extract, standard drug and normal saline were administered with the help of oral feeding needle. Group I serve as normal control which received normal saline for 14 days. Group II to Group V were diabetic control Mice. Group IV and Group V (which previously received Alloxan 100mg/kg) were given fixed doses of ethanol leaves extract (200 mg/kg, P.O, 400 mg/kg, P.O) of *Colocasia esculenta* and group III received standard drug Glibenclamide (2 mg/kg,P.O) for 14 consecutive days. (EECE- Ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* Leaves).

**Collection of blood samples**

Fasting blood samples were drawn from retro orbital puncture of Mice at weekly intervals till the end of the study 1, 7, and 14 days.

**Estimation of biochemical parameters Serum blood glucose [11]**

On 1, 7, and 14 days fasting blood samples were collected and analyzed the blood glucose.

**Blood glucose level**

The blood glucose level test measures the amount of glucose in the blood sample obtained from the animals. The test is usually performed to check for elevated blood glucose levels which can be an indication of diabetes or insulin inhibition.

**Statistical analysis**

Statistical analysis was done by using GRAPHPAD PRISM 5.0.All the values of Biochemical parameters and body weight were expressed as Mean ± Standard Error Mean (SEM). The values were analyzed for statistical significance using one- way analysis of variance (ANOVA), comparison was done by using

Dunnett's t test. P values < 0.05 were considered as significant, P values < 0.01 were considered as very significant, P values < 0.001 were considered as highly significant and ns were considered as not significant.

## RESULTS

### a) Appearance and percentage yield of EECE (Ethanolic Extract of *Colocasia esculenta* Leaves)

**Table 1: a-Amylase Inhibitory Activities of the Crude Extract and Solvent Fractions.**

| Percentage inhibition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Concentration (mg/mL)** | **Chloroform fraction** | **Ethyl acetate fraction** | **Aqueous fraction** | **Crude extract** | **Acarbose** |
| **50** | 6.41 + 0.1 | 15.82 + 0.35 | 29.16 + 1.11 | 34.91 + 0.36 | 57.65 + 0.79 |
| **100** | 11.64 + 0.69 | 20.04 + 0.11 | 35.71 + 0.82 | 41.05 + 1.42 | 68.10 + 0.46 |
| **200** | 23.14 + 0.45 | 27.16 + 1.92 | 42.12 + 0.46 | 61.19 + 0.98 | 76.93 + 1.53 |
| **400** | 29.65 + 0.50 | 46.90 + 0.15 | 54.81 + 0.53 | 73.34 + 0.76 | 88.51 + 0.17 |
| **600** | 38.01 + 0.99 | 54.14 + 0.64 | 68.93 + 0.92 | 81.92 + 0.24 | 93.06 + 0.26 |
| **800** | 45.15 + 0.81 | 65.54 + 0.49 | 75.50 + 0.76 | 86.41 + 0.19 | 96.27 + 0.17 |
| **1000** | 53.34 + 0.76 | 74.77 + 0.12 | 83.19 + 0.81 | 89.60 + 0.74 | 97.19 + 0.92 |
| **IC50** | 31.14 + 0.12 | 21.80 + 0.71 | 14.24 + 0.64 | 7.21 + 0.91 | 3.34 + 0.14 |

Abbreviation: IC50, half maximal inhibitory concentration.
Each value of percentage inhibition of a-amylase is presented as means + standard error of the mean (SEM), n ¼ 3.

*In Vitro* a-Amylase Inhibition Activity of Crude Extract and Solvent Fractions *In vitro* a-amylase inhibitory study evaluating the percent of a-amylase inhibition as a function of extract concentrations and the IC50 values were calculated. Concentration dependent inhibitions were observed for various concentrations of the tested extracts and the standard. Among the extracts, the crude extract exhibited the lowest IC50 of 67.21 + 0.91 mg/mL and the IC50 values of water fraction, ethyl acetate fraction, and the chloroform fraction were 14.24 + 0.64, 21.80 + 0.71, and 31.14 + 0.12 mg/mL, respectively. The standard positive control acarbose showed an IC50 of 3.34 + 0.14 mg/mL (Table).
Minimum % Inhibition was found *Colocasia esculenta* leaves which resemblance to %Inhibition of positive control, So Ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* contain active constituents of antidiabetic.

### Phytochemical studies

**Table No 2: Results of Ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* leave**

| Class of compounds | Tests performed | Results |
|---|---|---|
| Carbohydrates | Molisch's test<br>Fehling's test | - |
| Phenols | Phosphomolybdic acid test | + |
| Flavonoids | Shinoda test<br>Lead acetate test | +<br>+ |
| Tannins | Braemer's test | - |
| Alkaloids | Wagner's<br>Mayer's<br>Draggendrof's test | +<br>+<br>+ |
| Glycosides | Legal's test<br>Brontranger's test | +<br>+ |
| Saponins | Foam test | + |
| Sterols | Salkowski's test | - |
| Amino acids | Ninhydrin test | - |
| Terpenoids | Lieberman Burchardt test | + |

+Present in moderate amount
-Absence
The phytochemical studies results revealed that the Molisch's test no characteristic observation indicated the absence of carbohydrates, by phosphomolybdic acid test Blue coloration of the spot indicated the presence of phenols. Shinoda test and Lead acetate test gave pink or red coloration of the solution indicated the presence of flavonoids Flocculent white precipitate also indicated the same. There is no dark blue or greenish grey coloration of the solution indicated the absence of of tannins in the drug. No characteristic observation for steroids and dark pink or red coloration of the solution indicated the presence of Terpenoids. Orange coloration of the spot indicated the presence of alkaloids. Yellow or

reddish brown precipitation indicated the presence of alkaloids. Pink to red colour solution indicates the presence of glycosides. No layer of foam formation indicates the absence of Saponins. If the response to the test is indicated table-1high it can be noted or which indicates that the particular group is present as the major class. If the response is average then note it as indicates the presence in moderate quantity and note it as indicating the presence of only in traces. If no response is then negative.

**TABLE 3: Hypoglycemic Test**

| TREATMENT | DOSE mg/kg | BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL (mg/dl) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0 min | 30min | 1hr |
| CONTROL Carboxyme Thyl Cellulose (CMC) | 0.5% | 69.15±2.451 | 68.14±4.320 | 71.19±2.129 |
| Positive Control Glibenclamide | 2 | 67.24±3.209 | 50.15±1.492** | 30.96±3.298*** |
| Aqueous Ethanolic Extract of *Teramnus labialis* | 200 | 66.87±1.251 | 57.91±3.482* | 55.14±2.101* |
| Aqueous Ethanolic Extract of *Teramnus labialis* | 400 | 66.18±3.420 | 50.19±3.281** | 34.2+±1.921*** |

The glucose levels were analyzed by using glucometer and each value is the mean ± standard error (n= each group consist of 6 animals)($p<0.05$)*, ($p<0.001$)**& ($p<0.0001$)*** as compared to control & positive control group evaluated by one way, ANOVA followed by Dunnet 't' test.
The hypoglycemic test results have shown Table No: which indicated aqueous ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* treated animals 200 & 400, significantly decreased in blood glucose level when compared to control and positive control.

**g) *In vivo* antidiabetic study**

**Table 4: Results of the effects of Ethanolic extract on blood Glucose levels**

| TREATMENT | BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL (mg/dl) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 0 min | 30min | 1hr |
| Normal control 10 ml/kg P.O | 77.29±3.104 | 73.1±3.219 | 72.2± 3.917 |
| Negative control | 261.1±2.91 | 267.2±4.1 | 271.3±2.1 |
| Positive control (Glibenclamide 2mg/kg) P.O | 251.18±3.156 | 136.98±2.4*** | 113±1.1*** |
| EETL 200 mg/kg P.O | 256±2.1 | 245.1±2.154** | 241.2±1.209** |
| EETL 400 mg/kg P.O | 260±1.10 | 170.2±1.72*** | 158.1±2.9*** |

(The values were expressed as Mean ± S.E.M. (n=6 animals in each group).

The experimental results have indicated on Table the negative control group glucose levels were significantly increased when compared to each other groups. All the groups of animals were affected in diabetes, which indicated blood glucose levels were slight changes in the blood glucose level for normal control group at 7th and 14th days. On day 7th glucose levels were significantly decreased Glibenclamide 2mg/kg treated group when compared with control group at 7th and 14th days. The Ethanolic leaves extract of Colocasia esculenta treated groups 200 & 400 mg/kg were dose dependent manner decreased when compared with control group but positive control have more anti diabetic activity at 7th day.
The aqueous Ethanolic leaves extract of *Colocasia esculenta* at the dose level 400mg/kg have equipotent activity when compared with positive control at 7th day. The Ethanolic leaves extract of *Colocasia esculenta* 200 & 400 mg/kg have been expressed dose dependent anti diabetic action when compared to control and positive control. On day 14th, Ethanolic leaves extract of *Colocasia esculenta* treated animals 200 & 400 mg/kg significantly decreased and maintain the blood glucose level when compared to control and positive control.

**Table 5: Oral Glucose Tolerance Test**

| Treatment | DOSE mg/kg | Blood Glucose Level (mg/dl) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0 min | 0.5hr | 1hr | 1.5hr | 2hr | 2.5hr | 3hr |
| Control (CMC) | 0.5% | 65.01±2.164 | 140.1±1.352 | 185.1±2.151 | 170.1±12.41 | 154.2±4.121 | 151.0±1.194 | 130.1±10.81 |
| Positive Control Glibenclamide | 2 | 69.10±0.18 | 102.0±2.181** | 110.1±3.24*** | 91.21±3.287*** | 81.20±1.921** | 75.01±1.259*** | 71.51±2.910*** |
| AEETL | 200 | 68.14±5.101 | 125.1±2.014 | 144.1±2.115* | 134.1±0.181* | 125.1±0.126* | 111.14±0.26** | 105.0±3.214** |
| AEETL | 400 | 68.00±1.159 | 113.1±0.181** | 121±4.142** | 101.1±4.296***a | 91.30±1.365***a | 84.21±2.06***a | 80.21±316***a |

Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT) results have been expressed on Table. Half hour after the glucose treatment, all the groups of animal blood glucose levels were significantly increased. The blood glucose levels were significantly decreased for, aqueous Ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* 200 & 400 mg/kg when compared to control and positive control at 1hour and each and every ½ hour blood glucose levels (200 mg/kg were changes in the dose dependent manner extract treated group of animals compared to control and positive control but 400mg/kg produce the equipotent activity.

## DISCUSSION

*Invitro* study is on the principle of Inhibition of α-amylase, enzyme that plays a role in digestion of starch and glycogen are considered a strategy for the treatment of disorders in carbohydrate uptake, such as diabetes. Pancreatic αamylase is a key enzyme in the digestive system and catalyses the initial step in hydrolysis of starch to a mixture of smaller. Sequential extraction was done according to increasing polarity order. Each extracts were tested for α-amylase inhibition to get the extraction with minimum IC50 value. As per the above mechanism all the extract have concentration dependent affinity towards the inhibition of α-amylase. Finally acarbose extract was observed as more active extract [12-19].

In this present study acute toxicity study was carried out in Mice. The procedure was followed by using OECD 423 (Acute Toxic Class Method). The acute toxic class method is a step wise procedure with three animals of a single sex per step. Average two to three steps may be necessary [20]. The method used to defined doses (2000, 1000, 500, 50, 5 mg/kg body weight, Up-and-Down Procedure). Observe for signs for toxicity and were noted for 14 days. The onset of toxicity and signs of toxicity also noted. Hence, 1/10th (200mg/kg) and 1/5th (400mg/kg) of this dose were selected for further study [21-30]. The principle involved in the Alloxan induced diabetes mellitus in Mice, Alloxan, a cytotoxic, diabetes induced chemical but wide variety of animal species by damaging the insulin secreting cells of the pancreas [32].

Literature sources indicate that the Alloxan induced Mice are hyperglycaemic. The treatment of lower doses of Alloxan (100mg/kg b.w.) produced partial destruction of pancreatic β-cells even though the animals become permanently diabetic. [31, 33, 34]

Thus these animals have surviving β cells and regeneration is possible. It is well known that the sulfonylurea's act by directly stimulating the β-cells of the islets of Langerhans to release more insulin and these compounds are active in mild Alloxan induced diabetes. *In vivo* anti diabetic screening was performed for the confirmation of above mechanism of action was undergone the Ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* biological system (Which was already resulted for α-amylase inhibitory activity [35].
At the end of the Ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* (200 mg/kg p.o, 400 mg/kg p.o.) showed statistically significant decrease in blood glucose levels. So the Ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* showed antidiabetic activity. This work will be useful for further diabetes mellitus and it's related diseases research worker to develop new entity for the treatment of diabetes mellitus.

## CONCLUSION

This study revealed that the crude extract and solvent fractions of *Colocasia esculenta* have showed significant lowering of blood glucose level on diabetic, Hypoglycemic and oral glucose loaded mice and not permitted bodyweight loss of diabetic. The results also verified that inhibition of intestinal α-amylase by the extracts may contribute to the antihyperglycemic activity. The results give scientific support for the use of the plant in folk medicine for the management of diabetes and its associated complications. *Colocasia esculenta* would be promising for further clinical studies in the management of DM. Further studies to find out the mechanism of this plant for its antidiabetogenic effect and there is a need for bioactivity guided investigation to isolate the lead compound responsible for the antidiabetic activity.
The present study suggested that the isolation of active constituents from Ethanolic extract of *Colocasia esculenta* leaf and characterize the compounds by using preliminary phytochemical studies.

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