

## Nutrient and Phytochemical profile of Aqueous Gummy Extracts of *Allium sativum* and *Annona muricata* leaves use in Diabetes Mellitus Management

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Diabetes mellitus (DM) is one of the most prevalent diseases globally. The current mode of treatment of DM, which is based on synthetic drugs is expensive and causes genetic and metabolic alterations. However, safe mode of treatment involving use of materials and/or extracts of plant origin is needed to mitigate the disease development and progression, which will also constitute a cost-effective strategy in DM treatment and management. Thus, the study was aimed to determine nutrient and phytochemical profiles in aqueous gummy extracts of *A. sativum* and *A. muricata* leaves use in DM management. Methodology: Experimental study design was adopted for the study. Fresh leaves of *A. sativum* and *A. muricata* were harvested, sorted, washed and dried at room temperature. The leaves were processed into aqueous gummy extracts using standard method. About 100mg/mL each of the extracts was used to profile nutrients and phytochemicals using standard methods. One-way analysis of variance was used to analyze data. Result: *A. muricata* and *A. sativum* leaves had 3.42% and 2.02% of protein, 0.35% and 0.03% of fibre, 2.17% and 0.97% of ash, respectively. Iron and calcium contents were 4.12% and 14.82% in *A. muricata*; and 0.87% and 4.63% in *A. sativum*, respectively. Vitamin B1 and C contents were 0.23% and 2.08% in *A. muricata*; and 0.33% and 52.40% in *A. sativum*, respectively. The aqueous extracts contained alkaloids, flavonoids and terpenoids. Conclusion: The study showed that the aqueous gummy extracts of the leaves were rich in vital nutrients and bioactive compounds that could exhibit anti-hyperglycaemic effects in DM.

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