

The Potential of Phenolic-Rich Medicinal Plants as Antioxidants, Diabetic and Hypertension Inhibitors

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ABSTRACT

Both Turkish and Traditional Chinese Herbal Medicine (TCM) make extensive use of Veronica (Plantaginaceae) and Schoenoplectus due to their distinctive chemotaxonomic and photochemical importance in the treatment of tonics, incense, diuretics, expectorants, restoratives, and respiratory diseases. They are also both very useful in the treatment of infectious and metabolic disorders. Is Research analysis of the two medicinal plant species Veronica biloba and Schoenoplectus triqueter (L.?) Palla; extraction was done by means of Determination of free and bound phenolics, using Soxhlet and maceration techniques. Extracts from the biological screening evaluation Type 2 diabetes (alpha-glycosidase and alpha-amylase), angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE), phenolic antioxidants, and angiotensin-I converting enzyme modified assays were used to measure potential. 50% Inhibition of Angiotensin Converting Enzyme (ACE) in Veronica Biloba was found to have an IC50 of 210.68 g/mL, whereas Schoenoplectus triqueter (L.) Palla had an IC50 of 229.40 g/mL. Meanwhile The bound phenolics of Veronica biloba (IC50 219.66 g/mL) and its water block alpha-amylase by 50%, which is indicative of type II diabetes. The -glycosidase activity by free phenolics was measured to be most effective at an extract IC50 of 110.09 g/mL.

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Introduction

God-given natural resources, such as plant extracts with a wide range of physiologically active chemicals, may be purified, characterized, and isolated to provide useful building blocks for the synthesis of a new medicine with chemical diversity [1, 2]. Ten percent to twenty percent of all plants studied in the pharmaceutical industry several other potentially fatal illnesses were detected photochemical that have been shown to inhibit cancer growth [3] many bioactive molecules, each of which is responsible for a unique bioactivity [4]. Biological Experts Say research show that there are several negative effects associated with using synthetic Whether it's a proprietary blend, an off-the-shelf extract, to use, produces efficient outcomes with no or little adverse effects, and is generally favoured [7–10]. The genus *Veronica* may be found in the plant family (Plantaginaceae), and it includes 79 species. Species out of a total of 450, with 26 of them being indigenous present in the hemisphere's temperate zones as well [8, 9]. In addition to it widespread use in Turkish and Iranian medicine, the genus is of significant chemotaxonomic and photochemical value. TCM, or Traditional Chinese Medicine, is an alternative medical system the common cold, the flu, diuretics, expectorants, restoratives, and respiratory illnesses [10]. We have already shown that *Veronica* had powerful antibacterial and antifungal properties. In *Ginkgo biloba* extracts [11], in addition to photochemical and antioxidants on par with conventional acarbose potential [12]. Fibrous halophytic characteristics are typical of the Cyperaceous family of plants. plants; *Schoenoplectus* is one genus in the family that may be found in the continental river systems of Pakistan, India, Africa, Morocco, and Towards the western end of the Mediterranean, Spain [13, 14]; about 49 Chemicals are isolated from the *Schoenoplectus* species. *lacustris* in an effort to detect eutrophic areas; a bioindicator was examined using *Selenastrum capricornutum*, a green algae shown superior efficacy to that of copper sulphate algaecide [15]. The 4231 chromosomes in the Cyperaceae family are useful for many things, but they are only present in around 16 percent of the family's species. Functions of life [16]. We have previously established that extracts of *Schoenoplectus triqueter* (L.) Palla exhibit antibacterial and antioxidant activity against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacterial strains [17, 18]. Type-II The majority of elicit reactions are caused by diabetes mellitus. Diabetes in both under- and over-developed nations. At now, it is estimated that 382 million people are

afflicted diabetics in every continent, and experts believe that number will rise to about 471,000,000 by the year 2035 [19]. Postprandial the development of hyperglycemia has been mired in among the early studies on insulin resistance [20] free glucose homeostasis marker [21]. Furthermore, it's been associated to high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetic neuropathy [22, 23].

Materials and Methods

Plant naming and collection procedure 2.1. Botanical sources revealed that two distinct medicinal plant species, *Schoenoplectus triqueter* (L.) Palla and *Veronica biloba*, exist. Surveying the literature, comparing plant database floras, and a Government Postgraduate Botanical Export in the Botany Department of College Mardan. The Honorable Muhammad Professor *Veronica biloba* (ID :) was verified as a voucher specimen by Israr. The species *Schoenoplectus triqueter* (ID: 22-VB.PMI-PGCM) and 19-VB.PMI-PGCM Plant of the *Veronica biloba* (A-VB) species (ST.PMI-PGCM) was the whole plant used for this experiment. Completely new and unprocessed Sang-emar mar, located near Par Hoti District Mardan, as well as Surkh, were scouted for blooming plants. Dheri, Rustam, and Mardan. Plants were collected. Between the months of February and March. Plants in good health are gathered from a rich region However, *Schoenoplectus* as a species Palla (B-ST)*triqueter* (L.)Stem is the only portion of the plant that is gathered date range of January-February Latitude: East 72° 4' 49" Longitude: KatlangAsia Mardan 23200 Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan, north 34° 21'38" from river regions.

To prepare the plant for use, step 2.2 involves drying and grinding.

After collecting both plants, we used regular tap water and then distilled water to gradually inject A-VB and B-ST for surface cleaning. To get rid of the dirt and dust that may have accumulated literal meaning, on the surface. Plants were pruned and shaped with shears and knives. Be stored in an airtight, dust-free environment after being chopped into smaller pieces safeguarding the setting for the next three weeks to prevent contamination kept at ambient temperature and out of the light. After when both species were completely dried, they were ground using a standard grinder to expand the exposed area and acquire particles of a consistent size for more efficient extraction time that pays off in spades

Extractions: 2.3.

Soxhlet Extraction, Version 2.3.1 (e Soxhlet Hot Continuous Extraction) extracting technique was used, as stated in the reports For both plants, see [11, 12], [17], and [18]. First, two porous bags were made by hand, with 20 grammes in each. Percentage-wise, based on the total weight of the powdered plant. It was determined that 250 ml of ethanol positioned at the bottom of a Soxhlet R.B flask. Secondly, the Soxhlet was used to store porous cellulose bags. The top half of a thimble. Excessive runoff is another issue. the top of the condenser for cooling the order of extraction and condensation of liquid; a maintained a consistent temperature of 35°C45°C thanks to Montoux's heating system. In 14-18 hours, a transparent fluid will emerge from Obtaining the Soxhlet siphon arm was accomplished without resulting in any residue. Riding a bike. An n-hexane, dichloromethane, water, and ethyl acetate fraction were recovered from each plant extract using a temperature-controlled water bath. Dried fraction was preserved and utilized for subsequent biological analysis.

2.3.2. Maceration Extraction.

Maceration technique of Extractions was performed as described in the literature [11, 12, 17, and 18]. Both plants' benefit. Both of the Pyrex containers have been cleaned and are ready for use. Were utilized, in which each has 30 grammes by weight of the completely ground plant; 300 mL of ethanol was employed as a solvent for many extractions. In the cool shade, at room temperature positioned jars with airtight caps for 22 days, turning them at least twice 10–15 minutes, daily shaking with stirring was undertaken to shift metabolites with limited solubility to solvent. After filtering, each plant extract obtained was fractionated into the use of n-hexane, dichloromethane, water, and liquid chromatography of ethyl acetate fractions; each fraction was analyzed in a temperature- and pH-controlled water bath. Dried fraction was preserved and utilized for subsequent biological analysis.

Alpha-amylase or 2.8. Using a variety of phenolics (free and bound) and the A-VB fraction, the potential for -amylase inhibition was determined, as shown by Yousaf et al. [44]. Extraction solution volumes between 5 and 150 L. Let's start with alpha-amylase. (From pigs' pancreases)

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500 mL buffered 0.5 mg/mL solution Mix Sodium Phosphate (M 0.02) to a pH of 6.90.02 with water. An incubation period of 15 minutes at 37 degrees C was performed on a solution of sodium chloride (M 0.006). 1% starch solution (500 L) was heated to 25 °C (en) (each) (singly) added to the sodium phosphate (M 0.02) and sodium chloride buffer (pH 6.9 0.02) Again, the mixture (M = 0.006) was incubated for 15 minutes. At 25° 1 milliliter of dinitrosalicylic acid (DNS) is used for counteracting adding ((acidic)) to the mix. Subsequently, the reactants for an adjustable water bath were used for 15 minutes. (With deionizer water) in the ambient temperature $22 \pm 4^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eventually, 10 cc of sterile water was used to dilute the sample. Added, and the absorbance measured at a wavelength of the wavelength is 540 nm when measured using a UV spectrophotometer. This information is shown Carbone was ranked first in terms of inhibition percentage [45, 46].

Procedure for IC50 Value Calculation (2.11). Software packages like Excel, Prism, and Origin were used to calculate the median inhibitory concentration (IC50) for 50% suppression of biological activity for -amylase, -glycosidase, and angiotensin-I converting enzyme, respectively.

Results and Discussion

Phenolics (free and bound phenolics), angiotensin-I converting enzyme (ACE), alpha-amylase, and beta-glycosidase were measured in both the crude and fractionated extracts. Both the Veronica biloba (A-VB) and Schoenoplectus triqueter (St) plants According to the reports of (L.) Palla (B-ST), Total Phenolic Content Determination) [11, 12, 17, 18, 40-48]. Table 1 summarizes the findings. 62.02 5.2 are the numbers of bound phenolics in Veronica biloba. Bound phenolics in Schoenoplectus triqueter were 41.6 2.5 times higher. Meanwhile, with regard to phenolics that are not bound, 81.340.5, for Veronica biloba, and those, 54.111.5, for Mean and standard deviation for gallic acid mg/100 g of schoenoplectus triqueter (with a probability less than 0.05). That which (at resembles preceding works [40, 49-52]. The results of the determination of the total antioxidant potential or capacity are shown in Table 1. With the use of a conventional trolox millimoles per one hundred grammes; Veronica biloba whether unrestrained or restricted, has more potential both phenolics and flavonoids than Schoenoplectus, with 12.21 1.5 and 16.09 1.2 triqueter, where the two means (9.8 0.05 and 11.03 0.1) both had P

0.05, with the higher mean A plant's phenol content determines its antioxidant capacity. (e) determining the power reduction using a standard in terms of mean and standard deviation of ascorbic acid (P 0.05) are shown in Table 1, with increasing values If we focus on Veronica biloba's free phenolics solely, Schoenoplectus triqueter was 14.08 1.5 and the other was 9.08 2.05. Polyphenols are natural plant antioxidants that fight free radical damage by disabling peroxides and neutralizing more reactive oxygen species. Neutralizing both singlet and triplet oxygen radicals by absorbing them oxide of oxygen [53]. Conjugated phenolics and other phenolic compounds the presence of glucose glycosides in free aglycones in various tissues [54] Nearly all plant life has water, minerals, or other molecular components.

Figures 3 and 4 compare the levels of bound phenolics to those that are free in both Veronica biloba and Schoenoplectus triqueter, demonstrating that bound phenolics are more effective in inhibiting -amylase activity in both plants. Compares well to Veronica biloba, which, at 219 mcg/mL, has 50% activity. Greater and more powerful potential was seen with concentration shift. For Veronica biloba, free phenolics were the active ingredient in -glycosidase inhibition. Schoenoplectus triqueter at a concentration of 469.56 g/mL (50%) and 673.05 g/mL, which is statistically significant at the P 0.05 level (as indicated in). Antihypertensive effects that vary with dose are shown in Figures 5 and 6. Considering the bound and free phenolics present in the extracts of both species conducted in both crops by blocking ACE activity. Bound Compared to free phenolics, phenolics proved to be more effective. Veronica biloba phenolics (50%) = 210.68 g/ Schoenoplectus triqueter 50% in mL > 229.40 g/mL as Figures 7 and 8 and Table 2 reveal the results; in both instances,

Table 1: (e total antioxidants and phenolics potential in medicinal plants A-VB and B-ST

Samples extracts	Total phenolics	Total antioxidants	Reducing power
Bound phenolic ^(A-VB)	62.02 ± 5.2	12.21 ± 1.5	10.66 ± 2.0
Bound phenolic ^(B-ST)	41.6 ± 2.5	9.8 ± 0.05	7.2 ± 1.5
Free phenolic ^(A-VB)	81.34 ± 0.5	16.09 ± 1.2	14.08 ± 1.5
Free phenolic ^(B-ST)	54.11 ± 1.5	11.03 ± 0.1	9.08 ± 2.05

Table 2: Inhibitory potential of medicinal plants A-VB and B-ST.

Extracts	50% median inhibitory potential (IC ₅₀ µg/mL)		
	ACE	α-amy	α-glu
Bound phenolic ^(A-VB)	210.68	219.66	608.31
Bound phenolic ^(B-ST)	229.40	741.19	>749.35
Free phenolic ^(A-VB)	249.05	573.39	469.56
Free phenolic ^(B-ST)	319.59	>749.52	673.05
Water ^(A-VB)	—	110.25	78.65
Ethyl acetate ^(A-VB)	—	121.09	97.03
n-Hexane ^(A-VB)	—	148.01	>149.71
Dichloromethane ^(A-VB)	—	123.68	139.93
Acarbose	—	138.79	88.73

The statistical data in triplicate (n = 3) are represented as mean ± standard deviation (having P = < 0.05), calculated by software. (A-VB) = *Veronica biloba*; (B-ST) = *Schoenoplectus triqueter* (L.) Palla; ACE = angiotensin-I converting enzyme; α-amy = α-amylase; α-glu = α-glucosidase.

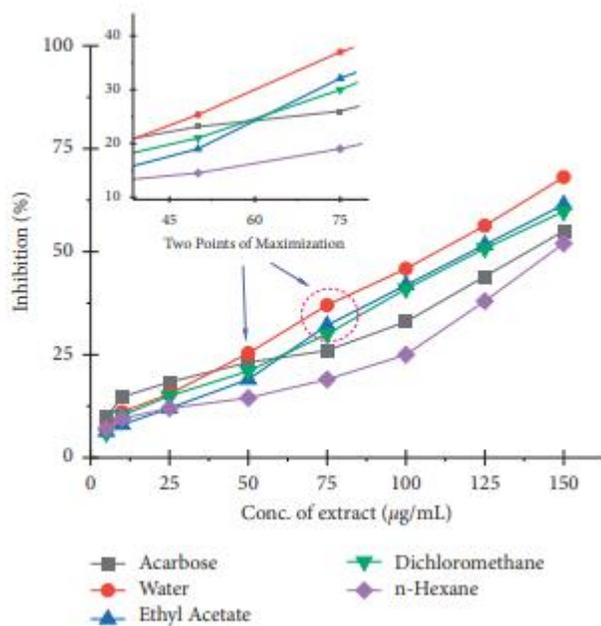


Figure 1: α-Amylase median inhibitory potential of Veronica biloba extracts.

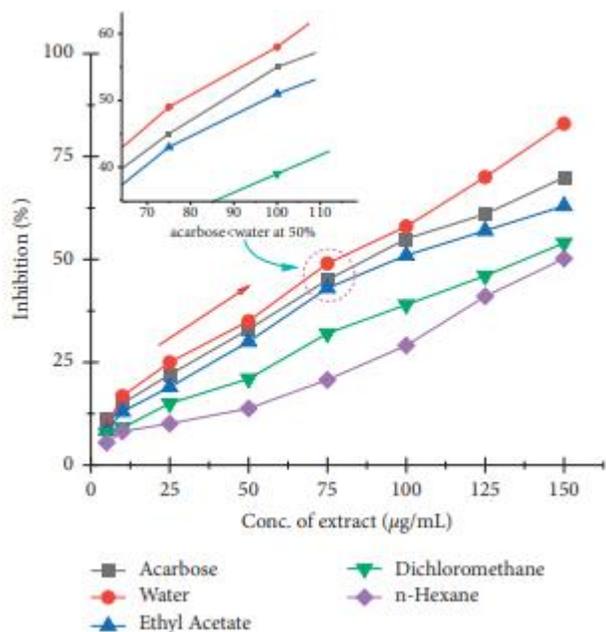


Figure 2: α -Glycosidase median inhibitory potential of *Veronica biloba* extracts.

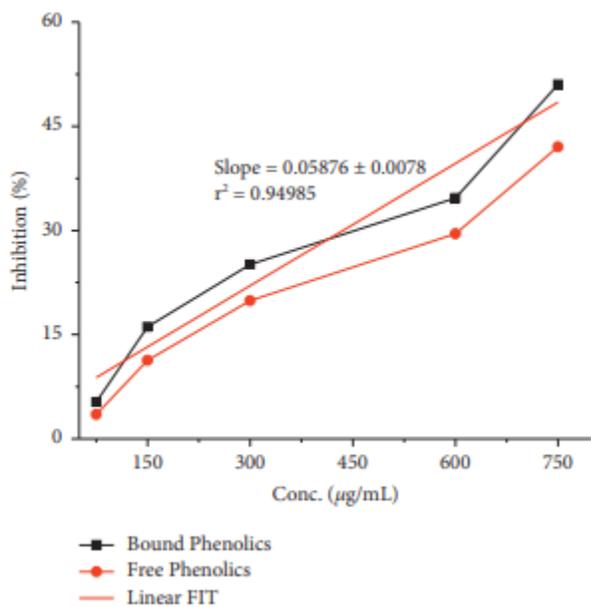


Figure 4: α -Amylase median inhibitory potential of *Schoenoplectus triqueter* phenolics.

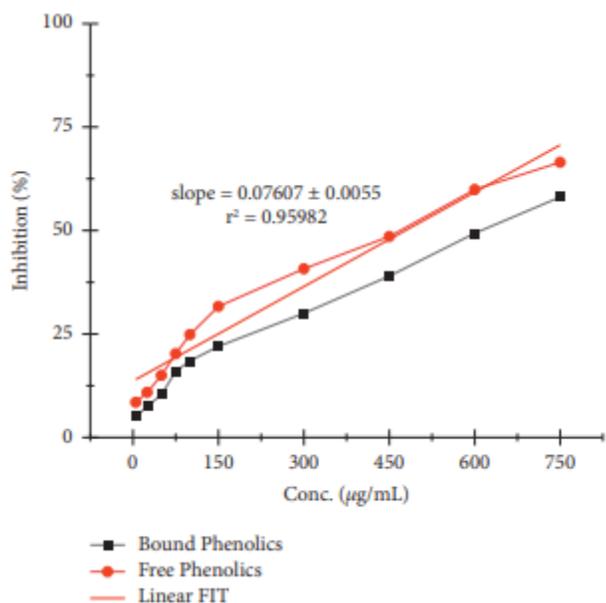


Figure 5: α -Glycosidase median inhibitory potential of *Veronica biloba* phenolics.

decreased phenolics. The α -amylase inhibition of photochemical is lower than that of α -glycosidase inhibition, according to earlier research [49, 50, 70, and 71]. Drugs that lower blood sugar levels; insulin antagonists; have elevated levels of α -amylase inhibition, and acarbose does as well would stay away from any negative repercussions [72]. (We, phenolics found in plants) strong α -glycosidase inhibitory activity and low α -amylase inhibition have been proposed as viable alternatives to the medical professional synthesized inhibitors with a similar structure [67] Furthermore, the ability of phenol extracts to lower blood pressure studied by preventing ACE activity. According to

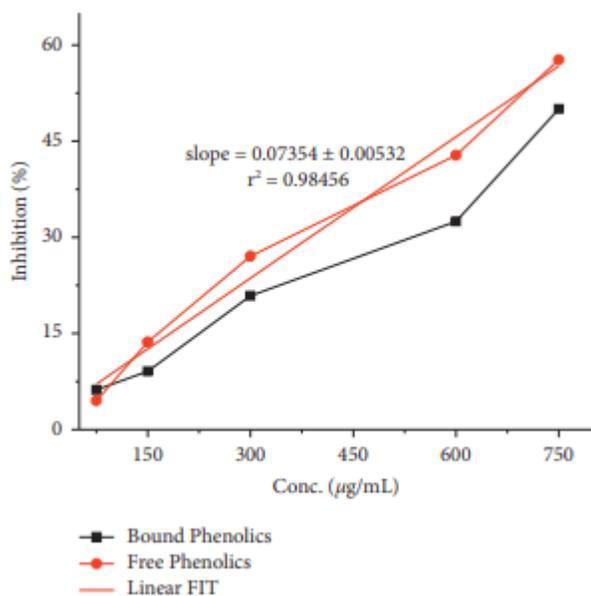


Figure 6: α-Glycosidase median inhibitory potential of Schoenoplectus triqueter phenolics.

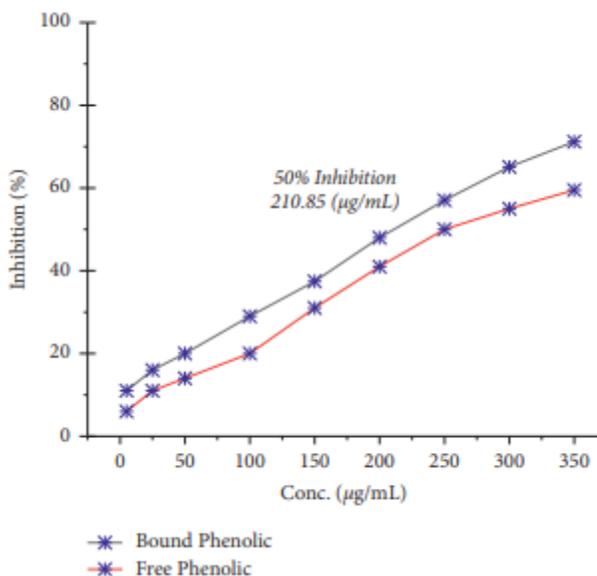


Figure 7: ACE (angiotensin-I converting enzyme) median inhibitory potential of Veronica biloba phenolics.

ACE inhibitor action was shown to be strong and not dose-dependent in both extracts (Figures 7 and 8). The enzyme-inhibiting activity of bound phenolic extracts was significantly higher than that of free phenolic extracts (P 0.05) extracts. There has to be more research done on the human

body. ACE has provided proof of the existence of a group of Cysteine is one of the amino acids in a protein molecule. Being the cause of disulfide bridge formation [69] that Veronica persica's potential for reducing ACE activity the connections between (bound and free) compounds likes phenolics and disulfide (oxidized cisterns)

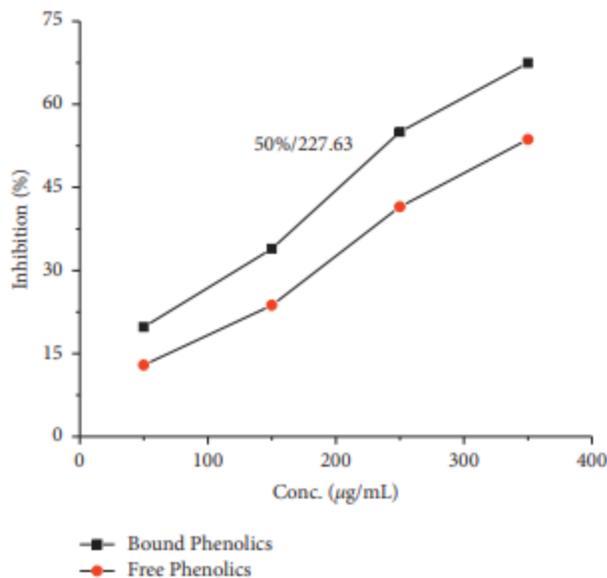


Figure 8: ACE (angiotensin-I converting enzyme) median inhibitory potential of Schoenoplectus triqueter phenolics.

Are related with the cessation of enzyme activity and are found on the outer layers of macromolecules [69]. Findings from the present study corroborate elevated levels of -glycosidase, -amylase, and angiotensin-converting enzyme decreasing actions with confined space, as seen in Figures 1-8 phenolic acid extract vs free-ranging substance extracted from phenolics. E most important cause may be related to the more hydroscopic bound phenolics, which are particularly in the form of glycosides. Contrasted with the liberated phenolics, most of which exist as a-glycones, the medium contains enzymes (alpha-amylase and acetylcholinesterase). Contained in water, which act as inhibitors aimed at a positive value; it heightens the bonding actions of inhibitors on enzymes and vice versa. When compared to phenolics that are not bonded, phenolics are superior. Inhibition action of phenolic compounds was shown in these investigations. Chemical substances that may have a role in constructing bridges. -amylase's disulfide bridges are found on its surface. Thus, the enzyme that affects

modification is role and architecture [68-73]. Aspartic acid-converting enzyme (ACE), alpha-amylase (-amylase), and beta-glycosidase (-glycosidase) inhibitory potential of might be a result of mutuality interactions between both plant species. Enzymes' disulfide bridges and phenolics. In addition, the activity will be verified using extract purification and phenolic separation; more anything to think about.

Conclusions

We conclude that *Veronica biloba* and *Schoenoplectus triqueter* (L.) Palla are useful in the therapeutic exploration of hypertension since they both exhibited a repressive inhibition of in vitro ACE (angiotensin-I converting enzyme), -glucosidase, -amylase, and antioxidant bioactivities. Type II diabetes is associated with hypertension and hyperglycemia. Enzyme hindrance characteristics might be linked to elements with a phenolic group in their chemical structure. Further investigation and study are it is strongly recommended that the fundamental phenolic chemicals be defined. In which free radicals have a moderating role; identifying and Separating the chemical components of plants' clothing might cause implementation in clinical tests.

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