

## GCMS Analysis of Anti-Diabetic and Antioxidant Metabolites from *Penicillium Javanicum* NZ JNTU

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The most promising sources of possible secondary metabolites with biological and pharmacological characteristics are fungi. Biological uses of soil fungus are less studied than those of marine and endophytic fungi. The soil fungus *Penicillium javanicum* was isolated and examined for antioxidant and anti-diabetic properties in the current study. Optimal growing conditions were used to develop the fungus on a wide scale, and serial solvent extraction was used to extract the crude metabolites. Amid *P. javanicum* extracts ethyl acetate extract presented the highest anti-diabetic activity conforming to 73.24%  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition activity at 400 $\mu$ g/ml to IC50 value of 261.52 $\mu$ g/ml compared to 15.47 $\mu$ g/ml of standard Acarbose. Chloroform extract of *P. javanicum* inhibited 53.33% amylase activity in contrast to 24.94% and 8.69% anti-diabetic activity of 400 $\mu$ g/ml of ethanol and petroleum ether extracts. Further, ethyl acetate extract evaluated for free radical scavenging potential indicated 70.14% antioxidant activity at 300 $\mu$ g/ml with IC50 value of 166.17 $\mu$ g/ml. The secondary metabolites of *P. javanicum* in all the extracts analyzed by Gas Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy (GCMS) revealed three dominant peaks corresponded to 1-Hexadecanol, 9,12-Octadecadienyl chloride, (Z,Z)-, and 2-Methyl-1-undecanol in the ethyl acetate extract. Whereas, chloroform and ethanol extracts contained 17-Octadecynoic acid and Z,Z-3,13-Octadecadien-1-ol along Nonadecane respectively as dominant metabolites. These metabolites have been reported for antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, anti-malignancy activities, and biocontrol agents against plant pathogens. However, the anti-diabetic and antioxidant activity of metabolites of *P. javanicum* are scarce and being reported for the first time in the present study. The biological activities of secondary metabolites of *P. javanicum* reported currently are other than soil fungi such as plants and other sources. Hence there is a huge scope to study these metabolites exclusively to discover a novel anti-diabetic drug.

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Genomic research in fungal species indicated a huge potential for secondary metabolite biosynthesis in which about 80% of fungal secondary metabolites are yet to be discovered and

only 20% is known<sup>1</sup>. This is because the majority of secondary metabolites are synthesized against genetic signals in coordination with numerous genes organized in the biosynthetic gene cluster

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(BGCs) in which only a small fraction is encoded for currently available pharmaceutical and antibiotic compounds. Hence presently, the study of these gene clusters is a major challenge in research as they are known to be cryptic or silent when cultured under laboratory condition and these unexplored inactive genes are the large reservoir of secondary metabolites<sup>2</sup>. Several ways of gene organization in BGCs are a basis for encoding a core or tailoring enzyme responsible for the biosynthesis of various backbones of secondary metabolites<sup>3,4</sup>. Therefore, intense research in fungal genomics and secondary metabolites plays a substantial role in the drug discovery process.

A review of scientific articles published in 2023 revealed the majority of fungal metabolites *i.e.*, 1/3rd (39%) are of plant origin, only a few amounts of metabolites are derived from marine (31%), soil (12%), animals (6%), and others (12%)<sup>1</sup>. Henceforward, there is a huge scope to explore these soil fungi in the production of various secondary metabolites for various scientific applications. Among the fungi, the genus *Penicillium* is one of a versatile group representing more than 300 species with different habitats, and lifestyles, and ubiquitous. The study of large-scale genome among 24 *Penicillium* species revealed the majority of the core genome is encoded for chemically and structurally diverse secondary metabolites. For instance, the cytochrome P450 genes variation is associated with a wide diversity of secondary metabolites, and about 1317 putative BGCs, non-ribosomal peptide synthetase, and polyketide synthase have been mapped and identified<sup>5</sup>.

The genus of *Penicillium* has been proven for its diverse production of bioactive metabolites with potential medical applications such as antimicrobials active against various bacteria, fungi, and viruses, antioxidant, anticancer, anti-diabetic, anti-inflammatory and other activities<sup>6,7</sup>. As far as the anti-diabetic potential of genus *Penicillium* is concerned many  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitor molecules have been reported since 2010. Some of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibiting compounds include Benzomalvin A, Benzomalvin B, Quinolactacins A1, Quinolactacins B1, Asperphenamate isolated from *Penicillium spathulatum*, Chrysines B, C, Methyl-30-methoxy-3,5-dichloroasterric acid, Methyl chloroasterrate, Mono-chlorosulochrin

synthesized from *Penicilliumchrysogenum* and Bacillisporin A, Bacillisporin B isolated from *Penicilliumaculeatum*<sup>8-10</sup>.

*P.javanicum* isolated from various sources has been reported to produce various important bioactive metabolites. Among seven indole-diterpenes and two polyketides isolated from marine-derived *P. javanicum*, no significant activity was noticed by all indole diterpenes, and moderate to significant antibacterial activity was observed when polyketides were tested<sup>11</sup>. *P. javanicum*MSC-R1 an endophyte from *Millettiaspeciosa Champ* synthesis an acid polysaccharide which showed no toxicity towards RAW 264.7 cells and indicated strong anti-inflammatory activity<sup>12</sup>. Two novel unsaturated fatty acids and a sesquiterpenoid isolated from soil fungus *P. javanicum*HK1-22 were evaluated for antifungal activity in which a sesquiterpenoid indicated strong antifungal activity against four plant pathogens<sup>13</sup>. However, metabolites of *P.javanicum* active against diabetes are not been reported in either crude or pure form. Therefore, the present study is undertaken to investigate the anti-diabetic and antioxidant activities of crude metabolites of *P.javanicum*.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Media, Enzyme, and Chemicals Potato dextrose broth, Petroleum ether, Chloroform, Ethyl acetate, Ethanol, 0.02 M Sodium Phosphate Buffer, Sodium chloride (NaCl), Starch, Dinitrosalicylic acid (DNSA) reagent, Acarbose,  $\alpha$ -Amylase, 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH), Methanol, Ascorbic acid Conc. Sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), Sodium hydroxide (NaOH), 70% Ethanol, Disodium hydrogen phosphate (Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O), Sodium dihydrogen phosphate (NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O), Sodium Chloride (NaCl), Potassium sodium tartrate tetrahydrate, Sodium hydroxide (NaOH), and Dextrose were purchased from Hi Media company from Bangalore.

### Mass production, extraction, and anti-diabetic activity of *P. javanicum*NZ JNTU extracts

The secondary metabolites of *P. javanicum* are rarely explored for scientific applications. Hence in the current investigation, *P. javanicum* is cultivated in optimum growth conditions using optimum inoculum concentration

of spore suspension. The fungus was grown until maximum anti-diabetic secondary metabolites were produced in potato dextrose broth and the fungal mat was separated from the medium and extracted using petroleum ether, chloroform, ethyl acetate, and ethanol solvents successfully. The ethyl extract which showed the highest anti-diabetic activity was further evaluated for various biological applications.

#### Anti-diabetic activity

All the extracts of *P. javanicum* were evaluated for anti-diabetic potential using a slightly modified  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition assay<sup>14</sup>. To 100 $\mu$ l of different concentrations of all extracts of *P. javanicum* i.e., 12.5, 25, 50, 100, 200, and 400 $\mu$ g/ml, 200 $\mu$ l of  $\alpha$ -amylase prepared at 0.5mg/ml in 0.02 M sodium phosphate buffer (pH 6.9) with 0.006M NaCl was added. All the tubes were incubated for 20 minutes at 37°C and 250 $\mu$ l of 1% starch prepared in 0.02 M sodium phosphate buffer with 0.006M NaCl (pH 6.9) was added. The tubes were incubated for 15 minutes at 37°C and 2ml of DNS reagent was added to all the tubes and incubated at 100°C in a water bath for 10 minutes. The absorbance was recorded at 540nm using a blank solution (buffer and amylase) in a spectrophotometer. The absorbance of positive control containing acarbose in place of the extract was also measured. The percentage of inhibition of  $\alpha$ -amylase activity was calculated using the below-mentioned formula.

$$\alpha\text{-Amylase inhibition (\%)}: \left[ \frac{A_{\text{control}} - A_{\text{sample}}}{A_{\text{control}}} \right] \times 100$$

Where,

A control - absorbance of the control and A sample - absorbance of the sample

#### Antioxidant activity

Free radical scavenging capacity of ethyl acetate extract of *P. javanicum* was established by DPPH radical scavenging assay<sup>15</sup>. Ethyl acetate extract of *P. javanicum* was prepared at different concentrations i.e., 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, and 300 $\mu$ g/ml in methanol. DPPH solution was prepared by dissolving 24mg DPPH in 100 ml. Both solutions were mixed at a 1:1 ratio and incubated for 15 minutes at room temperature.

Ascorbic acid was used as a positive control. Post incubation, absorbance was recorded at 517nm using a spectrophotometer using methanol as blank.

#### GCMS Analysis of *P. javanicum* extracts

The secondary metabolites present in all extracts of *P. javanicum* except petroleum ether extract showing moderate to significant anti-diabetic were further investigated by analyzing extracts by GCMS and matching the chromatogram peak with the NIST library. All the extracts except petroleum ether extract were dissolved HPLC grade methanol and resultant solutions were filtered using 0.22 $\mu$ m pore size filters. The total run time of the samples was set for 30 minutes and 1 $\mu$ l of each extracted sample was injected through auto-injection mode at a temperature of 250°C using 10:1 split mode. All the extract samples of the fungus were run with a flow rate of 1ml/minute. The oven temperature of the gas chromatography (GC) was initially maintained at 60°C for 2 minutes and further increased at 10°C/minute until its attained temperature of 300°C for 6 minutes of holding time. Elite-5MS column with an internal diameter of 250 $\mu$ m was used and the carrier gas used was Helium. The molecular mass of metabolites present in each extract was detected in the mass spectrum using mass condition of 230°C source temperature and transfer temperature of 230°C with 2 minutes solvent delay. Metabolites of the extracts were scanned from 50 – 600 Daltons in the Mass spectrum and the electron impact method was used as the detection system. After running each extract for a total run time the chromatogram was obtained. The peaks present in the chromatogram of each fungal extract were interpreted by matching with possible compounds present in the NIST library and the first ten possible compounds that matched with peaks were identified along with their mass.

## RESULTS

Novel biological applications particularly the anti-diabetic activity of a rare species *P. javanicum* isolated from soil are investigated in the current investigation. The fungus isolated from soil was cultured in mass scale in an optimized medium and metabolites were extracted using different solvents. All the fungal extracts were tested for anti-diabetic activity and the ethyl acetate extract

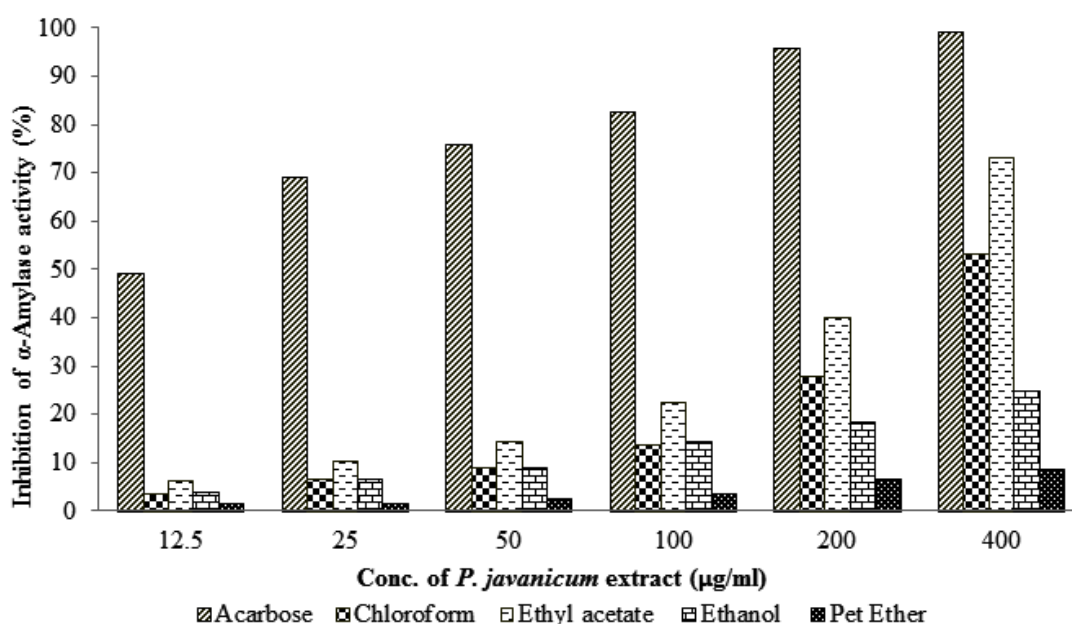
of the fungus revealing substantial anti-diabetic activity was further evaluated for various other biological applications

#### **$\alpha$ -Amylase inhibition activity of *P. javanicum* extracts**

All the extracts of *P. javanicum* investigated for anti-diabetic activity showed increased  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition activity with increased concentration of all fungal extracts tested (dose-dependent manner) and the results of anti-diabetic activity are indicated in Figure 1. Amid fungal extracts, the highest anti-diabetic activity was observed in the ethyl acetate extract of the fungus which inhibited 73.24% of  $\alpha$ -amylase activity at 400 $\mu$ g/ml of extract. Following this, the

same concentration of chloroform extract of fungus showed 53.33%  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition activity being the second most anti-diabetic crude metabolites.

The IC<sub>50</sub> values of crude metabolites of ethyl acetate and chloroform extracts of the fungus were 261.52 $\mu$ g/ml and 374.67 $\mu$ g/ml respectively compared to the IC<sub>50</sub> value of 15.47 $\mu$ g/ml of acarbose standard (Figure 2). However, the ethanol extracts of the fungus showed moderate anti-diabetic potential indicating 24.88%  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition activity compared to the least activity of petroleum ether *i.e.*, 2.24%. Hence in current research, ethyl acetate extract of *P. javanicum* showed significant anti-diabetic activity *i.e.*, 73.24% against 99.14% ant-diabetic activity



**Fig. 1.**  $\alpha$ -Amylase inhibition potential of *P. javanicum* extracts

**Table 1.** Antioxidant potential and IC<sub>50</sub> value of *P. javanicum* extract

Conc. of Extract/ Ascorbic C ( $\mu$ g/ml)	Antioxidant activity (%)	
	Ethyl acetate	Vitamin C
50	32.83 $\pm$ 0.030	47.13 $\pm$ 0.032
100	39.92 $\pm$ 0.030	57.09 $\pm$ 0.025
150	49.25 $\pm$ 0.010	70.52 $\pm$ 0.015
200	54.10 $\pm$ 0.015	81.81 $\pm$ 0.032
250	62.31 $\pm$ 0.010	92.43 $\pm$ 0.015
300	70.14 $\pm$ 0.020	96.59 $\pm$ 0.020
Control	00.00 $\pm$ 0.020	00.00 $\pm$ 0.020
IC <sub>50</sub> value ( $\mu$ g/ml)	166.17	62.53

of a positive control acarbose tested at same concentration.

**Antioxidant activity of ethyl acetate extract of *P. javanicum***

Ethyl acetate extract of *P. javanicum* assessed for antioxidant activity showed significant free radical scavenging capacity with an increased amount of fungal extract when tested by DPPH assay as shown in Figure 3. The antioxidant activity was increased with an increased concentration

of ethyl acetate in which the highest activity was observed at 300µg/ml of ethyl acetate corresponding to 70.14% of antioxidant activity. The IC<sub>50</sub> value of ethyl acetate extract was found to be 166.17µg/ml compared to the IC<sub>50</sub> value of 62.53 µg/ml of the standard vitamin C. The IC<sub>50</sub> values of ethyl acetate and vitamin C are mentioned in Table 1. Therefore, the crude metabolites of ethyl acetate extract of *P. javanicum* revealed considerable free radical scavenging potential in tested concentration.

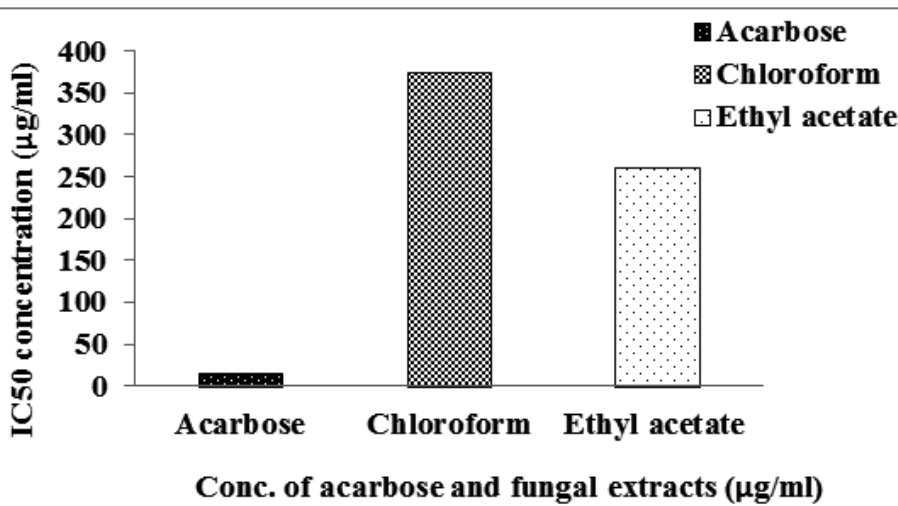


Fig. 2. The IC<sub>50</sub> values of ethyl acetate and chloroform extract of *P. javanicum*

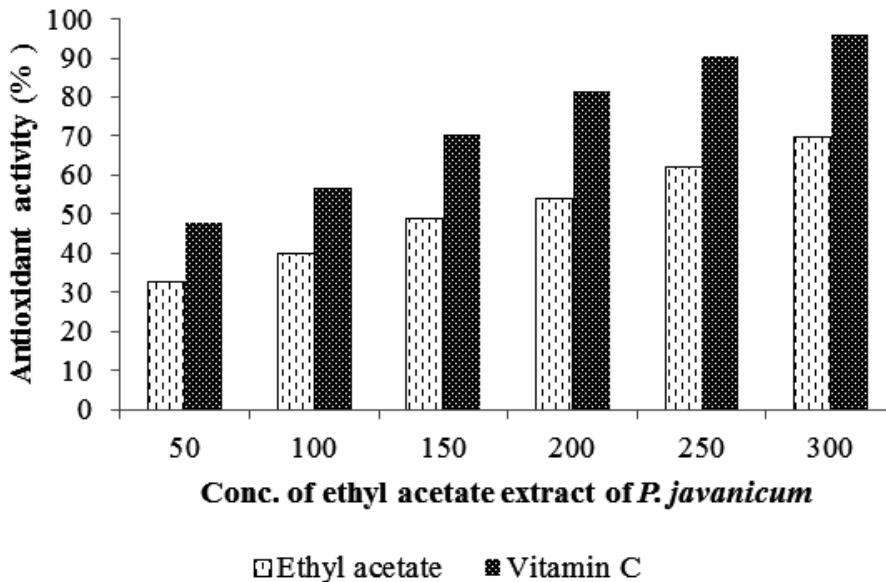


Fig. 3. Free radical scavenging capacity of *P. javanicum* extract by DPPH assay

Table 2. Secondary metabolites of *P. javanicum* extracted using different solvents

Peak	RT	Molecular formula, Mass	Secondary metabolites present in the extracts of <i>P. javanicum</i>	Ethanol
			Chloroform	Ethyl acetate
1	11.50	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>32</sub> , 212	Dodecane, 2,6,11-trimethyl-	-
2	11.57	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>24</sub> , 156	-	Undecane
3	14.82	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>38</sub> O, 270	-	Decyloctyl ether
4	15.73	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>19</sub> NO, 173	-	Hydroxylamine, O-decyl-
5	16.03	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , 312	-	2-Methyl-1-undecanol
6	16.08	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , 312	Pentadecanoic acid, 2,6,10, 14-tetramethyl-, methyl ester	Pentadecanoic acid, 2,6,10, 14-tetramethyl-, methyl ester
7	16.62	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>31</sub> ClO, 298	-	9,12-Octadecadienoyl chloride, (Z,Z)
8	16.63	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O, 184	Oxirane, decyl-	-
9	16.65	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>42</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S, 346	-	Di-n-decylsulfone
10	16.90	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , 280	17-Octadecynoic acid	-
11	16.91	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O, 266	-	Z,Z-3,13-Octadecadien-1-ol
12	16.96	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O, 242	-	-
13	17.86	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>42</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S, 346	-	1-Hexadecanol
14	17.87	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> , 222 and C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> , 222	1,4-Bis(trimethylsilyl)benzene	Cyclotrisiloxane, hexamethyl-
15	18.91	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>54</sub> O <sub>4</sub> , 502	Didodecyl phthalate	-
16	18.92	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>54</sub> O <sub>4</sub> , 502 and C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>45</sub> AsO <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> , 468	-	Didodecyl phthalate
17	19.42	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>40</sub> , 268	Nonadecane	Tris(tert-butyltrimethylsilyloxy) arsane
18	20.61	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>42</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S, 346	-	Nonadecane
19	23.87	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>45</sub> AsO <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> , 468	-	Di-n-decylsulfone
20	23.88	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>27</sub> AsO <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> , 342	Arsenous acid, tris(trimethylsilyl) ester	Tris(tert-butyltrimethylsilyloxy) arsane
21	23.89	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>45</sub> AsO <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> , 468	-	Tris(tert-butyltrimethylsilyloxy)arsane

### GCMS-based secondary metabolites detection in *P. javanicum* extracts

The extracts showing anti-diabetic activity were analyzed by GCMS and results indicated various bioactive compounds in all the extracts. The list of possible secondary metabolites present in the extracts of *P. javanicum* which were detected using the NIST library available with GCMS. The chromatogram of ethyl acetate extract of *P. javanicum* indicating several peaks with different retention time (RT) values is shown in Figure 4. On the whole, 11 peaks were noticed in the chromatogram of ethyl acetate extract corresponding to various compounds eluted at 11.57, 14.82, 15.73, 16.03, 16.62, 16.96, 17.86, 18.92, 19.42, 19.88, 20.61, and 23.89 minutes. Matching peaks of RT values 11.58 and 14.82 with NIST library attributed to the compounds Undecane and Decyloctyl ether with a molecular

mass of 156 and 270 respectively. The peaks with RT values 15.73 and 16.03 were found due to the presence of Hydroxylamine, O-decyl- and 2-Methyl-1-undecanolin ethyl acetate extract of the fungus. The fungal secondary metabolites detected in all extracts of *P. javanicum* with their elution time (RT), mass, and molecular formula are shown in Table 2. Although, both chromatograms of chloroform and ethanol extracts of the fungus showed similar peaks as found in the ethyl acetate with the same RT values they corresponded to different metabolites in the NIST library except peak values 16.03, 18.92, and 19.42 which are due to the presence of Pentadecanoic acid, 2,6,10,14-tetramethyl-, methyl ester, Didodecyl phthalate, and Nonadecane respectively Figure 4. However, ethyl acetate extract of *Penicillium* species also revealed similar peaks as noticed in chloroform extract along with two additional peaks detected at 14.8 and 15.7 minutes.

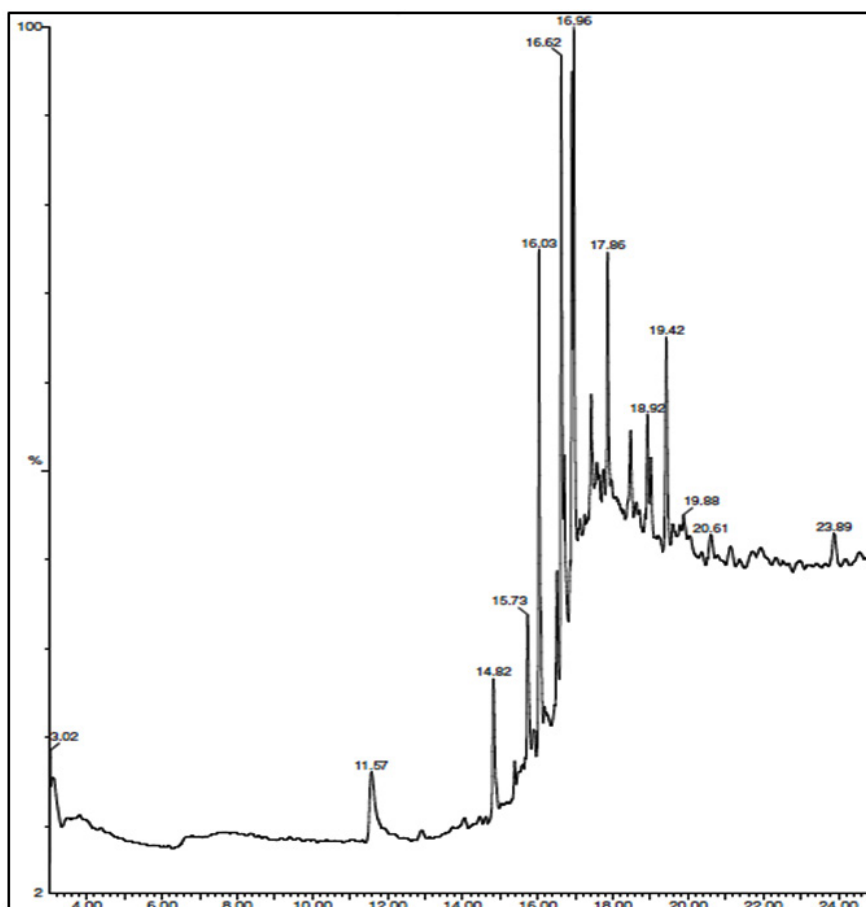


Fig. 4. Chromatogram of ethyl acetate extract of *P. javanicum* containing anti-diabetic metabolites

In total, 18 compounds have been detected in all the extracts of *P. javanicum* in which the majority of compounds *i.e.*, 10 metabolites have been detected in ethyl acetate extract. The peaks with RT values 16.90, 16.91, and 16.96 in chloroform, ethanol, and ethyl acetate extracts matched with the fungal metabolite 17-Octadecynoic acid, *Z,Z*-3,13-Octadecadien-1-ol, and 1-Hexadecanol respectively were dominantly found in the fungal

extracts. In chloroform and ethanol extract of *P. javanicum* total of eight and seven metabolites were detected out of which two metabolites as Pentadecanoic acid, 2,6,10,14-tetramethyl-, methyl ester, and Nonadecane are detected in all the extracts. The structures of all the metabolites of *P. javanicum* detected in all the extracts are shown in Figure 5.

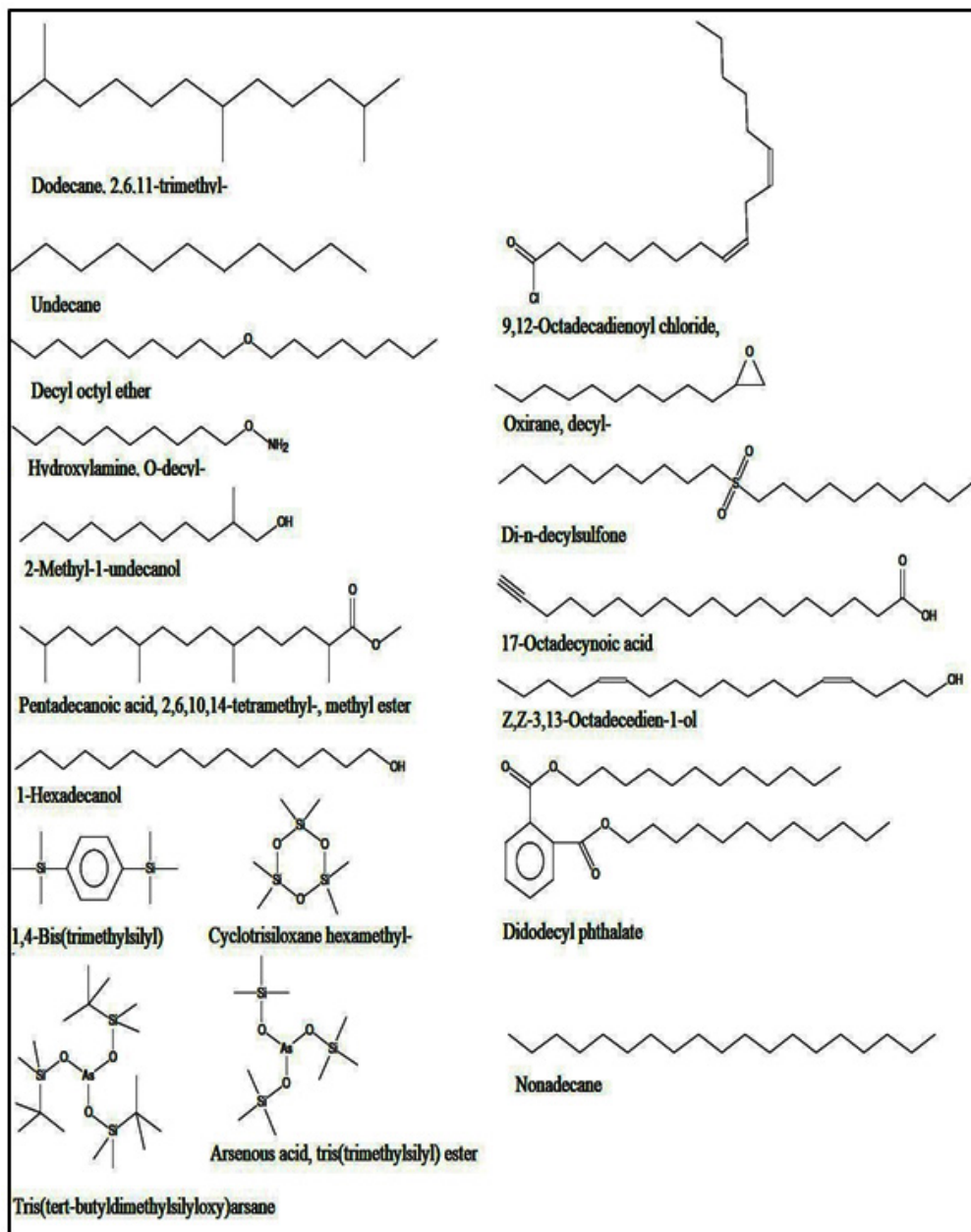


Fig. 5. Structures of secondary metabolites of *P. javanicum* detected using GCMS library

## DISCUSSION

The prevalence of diabetes across the world is worsening every year in terms of morbidity and mortality as evidenced by World Health Organization (WHO) Report 2024. Incidences of diabetes escalated from 200 million to 830 million from 1993 to 2022, particularly in low and middle-income nations. The percentage of adults aged 18 or older suffering from diabetes doubled from 1990 to 2022 ranging from 7% to 14% respectively. In addition, more than 50% of total diabetic cases aged 30 or more are still not under medications due to being unaware of the diseases. Alongside, the death rate associated with diabetes or its complications mainly cardiovascular, kidney, chronic respiratory diseases, and malignancies also intensified globally by 20% from 2000 to 2019<sup>17</sup>. In 2021, 1.6 million deaths were directly contributed by diabetes (47% are of those aged 30-70 years) about 11% of deaths were due to cardiovascular problems and 5,30,000 were attributed to high blood glucose and kidney diseases<sup>17,18</sup>.

Through the already residing global burden of the diabetic, a global rise in the prevalence of adolescent and young diabetes among the age 10-24 years from 56.02 per 1,00,000 to 123.86 per 1,00,000 from 1990 to 2021 is further posed a challenge to public health<sup>19</sup>. Consequently, there is a need for an emergency measure to tackle the rising incidence of diabetes in all age groups across the globe. Besides the perilous upswing in diabetes cases, increased literacy, wakefulness about diabetes, and awareness programs driven by modern literature, and media have led to increased demand for the novel drug for complete uprooting of diabetes. Hence, in the current research, soil fungi were tried to explore for anti-diabetic applications.

Diabetes is a chronic metabolic disorder associated with defective or scarce insulin production attributing subsequently to anomalous carbohydrate metabolism such as a rise in blood glucose and other diabetic-associated problems<sup>20</sup>. Several anti-diabetic resources have been reported in the nature in which plants, marine microflora, and recently endophytic fungi have been extensively studied<sup>21-23</sup>. However anti-diabetic molecules from soil fungi are not much explored. Therefore, in the present investigation, a soil fungus *P. javanicum*

was screened for anti-diabetic and antioxidant activity. Mass production of metabolites was carried out using optimized growth conditions. Metabolites of the fungus were extracted from the fungal mat by successive extraction using different solvents. The crude metabolites of ethyl acetate extract revealed a significant anti-diabetic activity compared to other fungal extracts.

Further, ethyl acetate evaluated for antioxidant capacity showed promising free radical scavenging activity. The crude metabolites present in chloroform, ethyl acetate, and ethanol extracts of *P. javanicum* were analyzed by GCMS, and peaks thus obtained were matched in the NIST library. The library revealed several secondary metabolites of fungi in which dominantly found metabolites were 17-Octadecynoic acid, *Z,Z*-3,13-Octadecadien-1-ol, and 1-Hexadecanol, followed by 9,12-Octadecadienoyl chloride, (*Z,Z*)-, Oxirane, decyl-, Di-*n*-decylsulfone, 2-Methyl-1-undecanol, and Pentadecanoic acid, 2,6,10,14-tetramethyl-, methyl ester. Many of these have been reported for various biological activities. Although methanol extract from the needles of *Abiesmarocana* Trab containing 17-Octadecynoic acid revealed antioxidant activity, the metabolites are widely reported for several medical applications such as development of periapical abscesses, improvement of contractile response, and as a suicide-substrate inhibitor<sup>24-27</sup>, etc.,. The metabolites *Z,Z*-3,13-Octadecadien-1-ol was identified in the isopropanol extract of *Actinidiaarguta* fruit revealed substantial antioxidant and antibacterial activity compared to other reported values<sup>31</sup>. The hydrodistilled oil extracted from the plant *Myricaesculenta* (stem bark) containing *n*-hexadecanol as the major volatile oil indicated potential antibacterial, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory activity<sup>32</sup>.

Dodecane, 2,6,11-trimethyl- detected in the chloroform extract was previously identified in various extracts of *Gymnemasylvestre* plant which have been reported for free radical scavenging activity<sup>33</sup>. The hydrocarbon secondary metabolite, undecane was also synthesized by several *Penicillium* species including by *P. jensei*<sup>28</sup>. 2-Methyl-1-undecanol was isolated from the crude extract of the fungus *Trichodermaharzianum* which is widely reported as a biocontrol agent against various plant pathogens and as a plant growth-promoting fungus<sup>36</sup>. The GCMS analysis

of Oyster mushrooms, *Pleurotus ostreatus* indicated 32 bioactive compounds including 9,12-Octadecadienoyl chloride, (Z,Z)- and other compounds revealed antioxidant, anticancer, and antibacterial activities<sup>38</sup>. The crude extract of dried leaves of *Feronia limonia* containing Oxirane, decyl-, *n*-hexadecanoic acid, and other constituents is antimicrobial and anti-larvicidal<sup>37</sup>.

Ethyl acetate extract of three endophytic fungi such as *Cladosporium cladosporioides*, *Bipolaris australiensis*, and *Graminicolous helminthosporium* containing Tris(tert-butyl dimethylsilyloxy) arsane, Arsenous acid, 1,4-Bis(trimethylsilyl)benzene, 2-Ethylacridine, Cyclotrisiloxane, and other components revealed potential antibacterial, antifungal, and antioxidant activities<sup>39</sup>. Phthalate compounds namely Didodecyl phthalate and Di-*n*-decylsulfone present in the crude extract of *Pleione maculate* and *Cardiospermum halicacabum* L. revealed several biological activities such as larvicidal, antagonistic, antihelminthic, antitumor, and antimicrobial properties<sup>40,41</sup>. Another phthalate substance such as didodecyl phthalate present in the extract of *Mukiamaderaspatana* (Linn.) M. Roem of family *Cucurbitaceae* and *Trigonella foenum-graecum* showed wide therapeutic potential of antifouling, antimicrobial, diuretic, stimulation of excretion of uric acid, antihypertensive, and vasodilator properties<sup>42,43</sup>.

Nonadecane reported earlier in the crude fungal extracts of *P. purpurogenum*, *P. limosum* Strain AK-7, and *Pestalotiopsis neglecta* BAB-5510 possess antioxidant, antibacterial, cytotoxicity against cancer cells<sup>28-30</sup>. The crude extract of leaves of the plant *Sonchus maritimus* containing decyloctyl ether revealed considerable anti-inflammatory activity<sup>34</sup>. The Hydroxylamine, O-decyl- and nonadecane-containing crude extract of endophytic fungi such as *Aspergillus cepii* was found to be active against both Gram-positive and negative bacterial pathogens including antibiotic resistance bacterial pathogens<sup>35</sup>. Therefore, the detailed GCMS analysis confers the immense potential of secondary metabolites of *P. javanicum* as far as their biological activity and their application in medicine as potential therapeutic agents are concerned. Although the metabolites of *P. javanicum* showed wide biological activities as discussed above, studies related to antidiabetic and

antioxidant activity are very scarce, particularly from *P. javanicum*, and probably this is the first report. Moreover, the reported studies are yet in the preliminary stage as they are studied in crude metabolite form which promises enormous and diverse biological activities. Majority of these secondary metabolites have majorly reported other than soil fungi such as plants and other sources. Hence there is a huge scope to study these metabolites individually for the benefit of medical science.

## CONCLUSION

The soil fungus, *P. javanicum* screened for anti-diabetic activity and was cultivated on a mass scale, and secondary metabolites were extracted from the fungal mat. Ethyl acetate extract of *P. javanicum* revealed significant  $\alpha$ -amylase inhibition and antioxidant activity. Analysis of metabolites present in the crude extracts of the fungus by GCMS indicated several bioactive molecules possessing antibacterial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties. However, these metabolites are yet to be explored for their anti-diabetic potential. Moreover, most of these secondary metabolites have scarcely been reported from *Penicillium* species, particularly for anti-diabetic activity. Hence, in the current study anti-diabetic activity of crude metabolites of *P. javanicum* is reported for the first time. Furthermore, a promising biological application of these metabolites at the preliminary stage using crude extract indicated huge hope for a better anti-diabetic drug development process.

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