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# The Potential Of *Artocarpus Lacucha Linn* In Alleviating Depressant & Anxiety Disorder Effects: A Review

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#### **Abstract:**

Artocarpus lacucha Linn is a traditional herbal medicine used for different diseases and they have a good anti-oxidant nature to help treat neuroinflammation and protect the potential of anti-depressants, anti-anxiety. Commonly known as Monkey Jack or Monkey Fruit, is a tropical fruit-bearing tree found in Southeast Asia. This review article aims to explore the potential mechanisms and evidence supporting the role of Artocarpus lacucha in combating antidepressant and antianxiety effects, and increase the GABA, GABAA&B levels and improving mental health, shedding light on its pharmacological properties, and highlighting avenues for further research. The findings indicate that while mitochondrial protection was difficult to achieve, both of the substances studied Artocarpus lacucha Linn —improved cell survival, particularly in relation to ROS and lipid peroxidation. Because of the effectiveness of the redox-sensitive expression of antioxidant enzymes and its pharmacokinetic properties, oral Artocarpus lacucha Linn may offer useful protection against acute neurodegenerative diseases.

Keywords: Anti-depressants, Anti-anxiety, GABA, Antioxidant, Neurotransmitter Modulation, Anxiety

#### Introduction:

Over 700 million individuals worldwide are thought to be affected by mental health illnesses, making them one of the main sources of both health problems and financial losses. (1). Psychotropic medications like antidepressants and anxiolytics are useful and frequently suggested as first-line treatments for a range of mental health conditions. Antidepressant and anxiolytic drug use has increased over the past few decades worldwide, especially in highly industrialized nations. (2). The rising incidence of pertinent mental health conditions, broader prescription indications, and the release of generic substitutes into the market could all be contributing factors to this rise.(3).

From 2008 and 2019, there were significant differences in the use of psychotropic drugs between over 65 areas globally, with high- and middle-income countries having the highest use.(4).

Scandinavian nations used anxiolytics less frequently than other nations in 2020, yet they remain among the top 10 antidepressant users in Europe.(5). Despite having similar cultures, economies, and rates of prevalent mental health conditions like depression, current research indicates that over the last twenty years, there have been disparities in the use of antidepressants & anxiolytics across Scandinavia in terms of both total and age-specific usage.(6).

To place Blonanserin in a definitive relationship with other antipsychotic medications, further thorough research is needed. There was no definitive research on its demonstrated anxiolytic and depressive properties. Some meta-analyses have suggested a potential anxiolytic effect, but we were unable to locate any planned or completed studies with Blonanserin alone as a group.(7).



Figure 1 impact of health in human being

#### Mechanism of action anti-depressant & antianxiety:

Important modes of action for ketamine, TCA, & SSRI antidepressants. Because MAOIs disrupt the metabolism of nerve endings, they increase the amount of NE and 5-HT stored in vesicles, which raises brain amine levels(8). Stimulating

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nerve activity produces vesicles that increase neurotransmitter activity and hence increase amine levels. By obstructing the reuptake pathway that causes the brain's synaptic termination of NE and 5-HT, tricyclic antidepressants directly affect neurotransmitter activity at post-synaptic receptors. SSRIs have very specific acute effects on the serotonin transporter (SERT)(9). Through their binding to locations other than serotonin, SSRIs allosterically inhibit the transporter (Figure 3). They might not significantly inhibit the NE transporter or obstruct cholinergic and adrenergic receptors. SNRI binds to the NE and SERT transporters (NET), improving the actions of both neurotransmitters. In contrast to TCA, SNRI does not significantly inhibit peripheral receptors including muscarinic, adrenergic, or histamine H1 receptors(10).

Antianxiety drugs are those that reduce anxiety by preserving the body's and the brain's natural state of calm. By acting on the GABA receptor, anxiety-relieving drugs open a chloride channel or increase its penetration through it. The chloride channels are what give a cell its negative charge; over time, the presence of potassium ions causes negativity to balance, maintaining the body's physiological state through ongoing polarization and depolarization.(11). However, the polarization that is produced is much longer than typical polarization, which is why it is also known as hyperpolarization.(12). (Figure. 2). The postsynaptic potential is moved away from the action threshold and is inhibited in the hyperpolarized situation because the depolarization stage is delayed. In Addition to their ability to reduce anxiety, benzodiazepines also exhibit additional properties that are related to their assessment. Additional actions include anterograde amnesia, drowsiness and hypnosis, anticonvulsant action, and muscle relaxant action.(13).

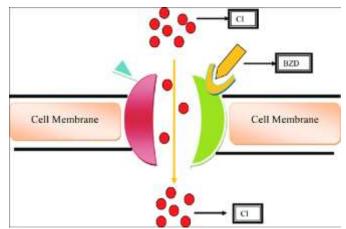


Figure 2 MOA of antianxiety (14)

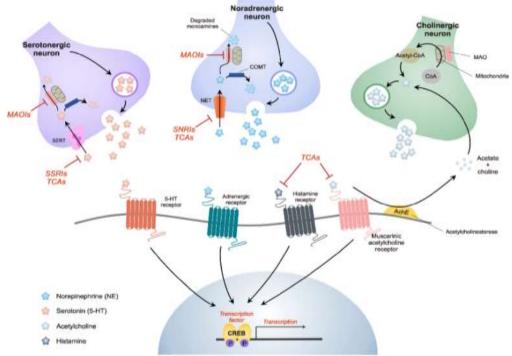


Figure 3 MOA of anti-depressant(8)

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#### **Symptoms:**

#### Depression:

Lack of interest or pleasure, sadness, guilt or low self-worth, restless nights or restless eating, exhaustion, and difficulty concentrating, are signs of depressive disorders, which can result in suicide. These can be further classified as dysthymia, major depression, or depressive phases. Depressive mood, diminished interest and enjoyment, and low energy are all signs of major depressive illness. Similar symptoms that are less severe but persist longer are seen in dysthymia.(15).

#### **Anxiety:**

Different symptoms of anxiety like fatigue, tiredness, difficulty of concentration, increased irritation, tension or acne, feeling of control, etc. The severity of the symptoms varies, but they are usually persistent.(16).

#### **Treatments for anxiety:**

In medical care, drugs that have not been approved for a specific illness are often employed "off-label," despite these designations. Similar to the FDA, other European countries are given indications as to how SNRIs & SSRIs are to treat anxiety disorders.(16). A list of anxiety drugs that are both FDA-approved and off-label can be found in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Latest drugs used in anxiety.

Class	Use		Volume (mg/day)	Mechanism	Approval by FDA
Anti-psychotics					· · ·
Trifluoperazine	G.A.D, PD,	S.A.D	2–6	$D_2$ antagonist (23)	NA
Olanzapine	Anxiety,	G.A.D	5–15	$D_2$ , 5-HT <sub>2</sub> H <sub>1</sub> antagonist (24)	Nervousness
Quetiapine	Anxiety, G.A.D		50-300	D <sub>2</sub> , 5-HT <sub>2</sub> H <sub>1</sub> antagonist(24)	NA
Anti-histamines					
Hydroxyzine	G.A.D, PD, S.A.D		25-100	H <sub>1</sub> antagonist(26)	Anxiety
TCAs:					
Clomipramine	G.A.D, PD,	S.A.D	100-250	NE and an inhibitor of 5-HT	NA
Imipramine	G.A.D, PD, S.A.D		100-300	reuptake(17)	NA
Desipramine			100-200		NA
Nortriptyline			50–150		NA
Mixed anti- Depre	ssants				
Mirtazapine	Mirtazapine Anxiety, G.A.D, PD, S.A.D		15-45	5-HT <sub>2</sub> , 5-HT <sub>3</sub> , α <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>1</sub> antagonist (20)	NA
β-blockers:				•	
Propranolol	Anxiety, PD, S.A.D		60–120	β-1, β-2 antagonist(25)	NA
GABAergic drugs:	:			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Pregabalin	S.A.D G.A.D, PD	, S.A.D,	150-600	Unclear, may modulate Ca channels	NA
Gabapentin	G.A.D		600–2,400	(21)	NA
SSRIs					
Citalopram	S.A.D, PD, S.A.D, G	.A.D, PD	20-40	specific 5-HT reuptake inhibitor (17)	NA
Paroxetine ER	G.A.D		27-75		G.A.D
Paroxetine	S.A.D		20–60		PD, S.A.D,
Escitalopram			10-20		G.A.D
Fluvoxamine			100-300		PD, S.A.D
MAOIs					
Phenelzine G.A.D, PD, S.A.D		30–90	MAO inhibitor (19)	NA	
SNRIs:					
Duloxetine	PD,	S.A.D	30–60	DA, 5-HT, and NE reuptake	G.A.D
Venlafaxine (XR)	PD,	S.A.D	75–300	inhibitors(18)	G.A.D
Desvenlafaxine	G.A.D, PD, S.A.D		50-100		NA

# **Novel Treatments for Anxiety:**

Research on the use of pharmacological treatments for anxiety disorders has moved from the GABA, norepinephrine, & serotonin systems to additional neurotransmitters and pathways, such as glutamate and neuropeptides. A summary of current and ongoing research on drugs for PD, S.A.D, & G.A.D is given below.(28). **Table 2** presents an overview of the results.

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**Table 2**: Innovative drugs for anxiety disorders

Class	MOA	FDA approvals	Past RCTs in anxiety	In Trial
Glutamate:		1 Dir approvais	1 ust 10 15 in unatety	111 111111
LY354740	mGluR2-3(46)	_	PD (46)	_
LY544344	mGluR2-3 (47)	-	G.A.D (47)	-
JNJ40411813		-	Mental disorder (48)	-
	mGluR2 (+)(48)			
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ClNO	Antagonist of NMDA (49)	M.D.D	S.A.D (50)	-
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>5</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS	Stop glutamate release (51)	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	G.A.D (51)	-
C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S (BHV-4157)	Decrease glutamate (NCT03829241)	-	G.A.D (NCT03829241)	-
$C_3H_6N_2O_2$	NMDA partial agonist (52)	ТВ	PD, S.A.D and specific phobias (53)	-
$C_{12}H_{21}N$	Antagonist of NMDA (54)	dementia Alzheimer	G.A.D (54)	-
N <sub>2</sub> O	Antagonist of NMDA (55)	Inhaled anesthetic	-	-
GABAergic		I .		
AZD7325	Alpha-2-3 modulator of GABA-A (NCT00808249)	-	G.A.D (NCT00808249)	-
PF-06372865	GABA-A (+) allosteric modulator (56)	-	G.A.D (56)	-
BNC-210	Ach(-) allosteric modulator α7, GABA modulator (57)	-	G.A.D (57)	-
Neuro-peptides:		I .		
Oxytocin	Unclear	Labor induction	SP (60) S.A.D (61)	Anxiety + depression (NCT03566069)
<u>LY686017</u>	Neurokinin-1 antagonist (62)	-	S.A.D(62)	-
L-759274	Neurokinin-1 antagonist (63)	-	G.A.D (63)	-
SSR-149415	antagonist (V1b) (66)	-	M.D.D + G.A.D (66)	_
SRX246	V1a antagonist(67)	-	-	Experimental anxiety (NCT02922166)
Pexacerfont (BMS-562086)	CRF-1 antagonist(68)	-	G.A.D (68)	-
Verucerfont (GSK561679)	CRF-1 antagonist (NCT00555139)	-	G.A.D ( <u>NCT00555139</u> )	-
Emicerfont (GW876008)	CRF-1 antagonist (NCT00555139)	-	G.A.D ( <u>NCT00555139</u> )	-
Cannabinoids:		l .	1	
Delta-9-	CB1, CB2 partial	-	_	_
tetrahydrocannabinol	agonist(73)			
Dronabinol	CB1 agonist (73)	Chemo-related nausea/vomiting	-	-
Nabilone	CB1, CB2 agonist(73)	Chemo-related nausea/vomiting	G.A.D, "Anxiety neuroses" (75)	-
Natural remedies:	I		I .	1
Kava	Activity of Na Indistinct, Ca channels or GABA-A receptor (76)	-	G.A.D (77)	-
Galphimine-B (G-B)	Inhibit DA neurons in (ventral tegmental area) (78)	-	G.A.D (78)	Anxiety (NCT03702803)
Chamomile	Unclear, modulates GABA receptors (79)	-	G.A.D (79)	-

# Herbal drugs used in anxiety and depressants:

Many people who suffer from anxiety or depression turn to herbal medicines. Therefore, it's critical to determine whether they produce more benefits than drawbacks. The motivations for people's use of herbal remedies are varied. It has been

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shown that British customers anticipate self-help guidance, knowledge, a holistic approach, and symptom alleviation when speaking with alternative therapists. **Table no. 3** shows different herbal medicines are used in anti-anxiety & anti-depression symptoms of these disorders (82).

Table 3. Herbal drugs are used in anxiety & anti-depression with MOA

Herbal drug	Part Used	MOA				
St. John's	Flowering	Increases serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine levels, and modulates GABA				
Wort	tops	receptors, alleviating symptoms of anxiety and dopaminergic activity (83)				
Ashwagandha	Root	Regulates cortisol levels, enhances GAB-Aergic activity, and supports				
		neurogenesis, promoting relief from depression (84)				
Passionflower	Aerial parts	Boosts GABA levels, reducing anxiety symptoms, and exhibits serotoninergic				
	(flowers)	activity, alleviating depressive symptoms, Benzodiazepine receptor partial				
		agonist(85)				
Lavender	Flowering	GABA modulation (based on volatile constituents) and anxiolysis shown in animal				
	tops	models (elevated plus maze and open field tests)(86)				
Valerian	Root	Enhances GAB-Aergic transmission, promoting relaxation and mitigating anxiety				
		symptoms, aiding in depression relief(87)				
Rhodiola	Root	Modulates serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine levels improving mood an				
		reducing stress-related symptoms (88)				
Chamomile	Flower	Binds to GABA receptors, exerting anxiolytic and antidepressant effects, promoting relaxation and sleep(89)				
Lemon Balm	Leaf	Increases GABA levels, reducing anxiety symptoms, and enhancing mood, providing relief from mild depression(90)				
Kava	Root	Enhances GABAergic activity, inducing relaxation and reducing anxiety symptoms, potentially easing depression(91)				
Holy Basil	Leaf	Modulates cortisol levels, exerting adaptogenic effects and enhancing				
(Tulsi)		neurotransmitter balance, relieving anxiety(92)				
Artocarpus	Leaf	Binds to GABA receptors, exerting anxiolytic and antidepressant effects, promoting				
lacucha Linn	cucha Linn relaxation and sleep(93)					

#### Artocarpus lacucha: -

A growing variety of plant-based medications are utilized in Indonesia, a country home to several ethnic groups. Documenting the applications of Indonesia's unknown variety of medicinal plant species is crucial. Due to the economic downturn, which has decreased people's ability to afford expensive modern medications, as well as the growing popularity of a return to nature philosophy, the use of natural compounds as medications, has increased. Natural remedies rarely have side effects. Local knowledge enables rural societies to use plants as remedies. (94).

Plant-based remedies have been utilized for thousands of years. Medicinal plants are popular because they not only keep people fine but may be utilized as decorative plants, food seasonings, and nutritional supplements. Indonesia has a fantastic chance to create novel medication candidates using medicinal plants.(95).

The active compounds of herbal remedies possess are what give them their potency. Medicinal plants with the proper soil & climate are known to have these therapeutic chemicals. This natural medicine or substance has been used traditionally for many thousands of years and is still gone (96). It has been demonstrated that a number of extracts of herbs reduce the number of germs that cause oral cavities. A. lacucha family Moraceae (Figure 4) with a high content of phenolics, including flavonoids and phenolic acid. Phenolic derivatives, phenolic acids, & flavonoids are examples of phenolic substances anti-plasmodial, anti-atherosclerotic, anti-fungal, anti-diarrheal, anti-diabetic, wound healing, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer are among the biological characteristics of A. lacucha plants. This plant has so many other chemicals like flavonoids and phenols & alkaloids etc.

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Figure 4 Artocarpus lacucha Linn plant, leaf

#### **Active chemical component:**

The A. lacucha possesses anti-bacterial, and anthelmintic, qualities, according to the findings of the literature review (Table.4). People think it benefits the digestive system, blood, and liver. Overall, eating this fruit is a lot of fun and has a distinct sweet-and-sour taste. Eat the ripe A. lacucha fruit fresh for maximum health benefits. It's frequently used to produce sauces, pickles, chutneys, curries, and medications. Frequent tropical fruit-eating may lower the risk of developing non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and neurological conditions. (97). They are also rich in pharmacological components and phytochemicals. These isolates' capacity to inhibit herpes simplex virus types one & two were evaluated using the inactivation technique. An excellent origin of the Alzheimer's disease-related acetylcholinesterase, or AChE, agent is the chemical 2-Arylbenzofurans (98).

**Table 4.** Chemical constituent is actively present in *Artocarpus lacucha* 

S.	Formula	Name	Activity	Reference
No.				
1.	$C_{30}H_{50}O$	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O Cycloartenone Used in Hypolipidemic & Anti-		(99)
2.	$C_{32}H_{52}O_2$	$_{2}\mathrm{H}_{52}\mathrm{O}_{2}$ $\alpha$ -amyrin acetate		(100)
3.	$C_{32}H_{52}O_2$	$_{32}H_{52}O_2$ $\beta$ -amyrin acetate It used as Anti-inflammatory radical scavenging		(100)
4.	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Oxyresveratrol Used as skin care Antiviral, cytotoxic, anti-l		Used as skin care Antiviral, cytotoxic, anti-HIV	(102)
5.	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>4</sub> &	Lakoochin A & B	It used Anti-mycobacterial, breast cancer,	(103)
	$C_{26}H_{30}O_4$		cytotoxic	
6.	$C_{26}H_{28}O$	Artocarpin	For special used in lungs of Anti- cancer	(105)
7.	$C_{29}H_{32}O_4$	Artolakoochol	Herpes simplex virus (HSV-1 & 2)	(106)
8.	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO	NO 4-hydroxyartolakoochol Anti- acetylcholinesterase		(106)
9.	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Cycloartocarpin		antiplasmodial & antitubercular anti- cancer	(107)
10.	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Diethyl phthalate Antioxidant		(108)
	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	3,4 Dihydroxymandelic acid	Antimicrobial & antioxidant	(108)

# Artocarpus lacucha profile in pharmacological activity:

In vitro, cytotoxic agents are toxic to tumor cells & may also be harmful to quickly proliferating normal cells. These medications have anticancer properties if the harm spreads in cancer cells in vivo.(109). A. lacucha plant cytotoxicity is one of its biological activities (Figure.5). According to the previous studies we find the comparison between different dose volume variation & they show very effectful (10, 20, 40, 60, 80, and 160 µg/mL) was carried out & identify the activity of antioxidant LD50 value analyzed used the pericarp extract of methanol at doses of 10–1000 µg/ml. It was discovered that the way in which *A. lacucha* extract killed brine shrimp varied depending on the dosage. The extract may have contained cardiac glycosides, alkaloids, and saponins, which would account for the brine shrimp's death(110).

When A. lacucha leaf extract and methanol are combined, When the dosage is increased, the anti-inflammatory benefits become significant (p < 0.05). Domethacin was not as actual in reducing inflammation as A. lacucha, at 200 mg/kg (64.90%). The writhing response was decreased by A. lacucha leaf ME at a dosage of 28.71% and 58.25%, respectively (p < 0.05). (Table 5).(111)

One consequence of arachidonic acid breakdown is something that might induce inflammation. Fatty acids with 20 carbon atoms and no saturation are called arachidonic acid. (112).

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Medications known as analgesics, or pain blockers, reduce or eliminate pain without causing unconsciousness. Hydromethanolic *A. lacucha* wood extract has been demonstrated to have a potent anti-pain effect at dosages ranging from 50–200 mg/Kg b.w. (**Table 4**), and it did not cause any damage to the test animals. The injured area of the body is healing, nociceptive pain goes away. Both acute and chronic pain can be effectively treated with opioid-containing painkillers. Drug properties are employed instead of opioid medicines to reduce the adverse effects of pain.(113)

The plant *A. lacucha* (leaf) (100 mg/kg) has a modest antidiarrheal effect. This is predicated on the gathered data. However, at 200 mg/kg, it was halted (68.11%), which is comparable to the efficacy of loperamide, the conventional medication, which is 71.1%). Thus, the extract in question prevented diarrhea by acting as an antisecretory mechanism(114). The fact that there were less moist stools in the experimental test group further demonstrated this. The objectives of treating diarrhea include correcting the diet, preventing excessive water and electrolyte loss, correcting acid-base imbalances, treating the symptoms, treating the underlying identifying the root causes of the diarrhoea and managing any underlying illnesses that make the GI illness worse(115).

Additionally, *A. lacucha* plants have other pharmacological actions that include liver and nerve cell protection (116). Even while the two medications under investigation—paughaad and oxyresveratrol—improve cell survival, particularly the neuroprotective effects of A. lacucha wood extract indicate that mitochondrial protection is difficult to detect due to ROS levels and lipid peroxidation.(116). Oxyresveratrol's impact on the pharmacokinetics & levels of redox-sensitive antioxidant enzymes indicates that taking puaghaad orally might be a fantastic approach to guard against neurodegenerative illnesses that come and go. Using the Thin layer chromatography densitometric approach & QNMR technique, various investigations have quantitatively evaluated the amounts of oxyresveratrol(117).

Which A. lacucha extract to study

# Cytotoxic Cytotoxic Cytotoxic Reduced paw edema in mice at 200 mg/kg dose Hepatoprotective Prevented liver damage in paracetamol-induced mice Prevented liver damage in paracetamol-induced mice Cytotoxic Neuroprotective Protected SH-SY5Y cells from H2O2-induced oxidative stress

Figure 5 Pharmacology activity of A. Lacucha

**Table 5:** A. lacucha's pharmacological efficacy according to scientific evidence.

Plant part	Activity	pathway	Results	Ref.
Methanol extract (leaf)	Analgesic	Through acetic acid	Positive	(118)
	Anti- diarrhoeal	Through castor oil	Positive	
	Cytotoxic	Bioassay of brine shrimp	They are high toxic	
	Anti- inflammatory	Induced through the carrageenan paw edema in mice.	Positive	
Methanol extract (Fruit)	Liver protection	Induced with paracetamol (In-vivo method)	Positive.	(119)
Aqueous extract (heart wood)	Neuro-protective	Oxidative stress in SH-SY5Y cells.	Positive	(110)
Methanol extract (heart pericarp)	Cyto-toxic	bioassay of Brine shrimp	Hight Toxic (negative)	(120)
Aqueous extract (Crude)	Schistosomicidal	Schistosoma mansoni infection in vivo in rodents	Positive	(121)
Hydro-methanolic extract (bark)	Anti-nociceptive	Induced through the carrageenan paw edema	Positive.	(122)
Methanol extract (leaf)	Anti-cholesterol	In-vivo, hyperlipidaemia	Positive	(123)
Aqueous extract (heart wood)	Anti-glycation	Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)	Positive	(124)
Ethanol extract (leaf)	Pro-liberative & Wound healing	Assay of MTT and in vivo, mouse NIH-3T3 cell	Positive	(124)

Moreover, A. lacucha plants have the ability to heal wounds, control cholesterol, eradicate schistosomes, and reduce discomfort. They can even prevent diabetes. The overall blood cholesterol, triglyceride, and low-density lipoprotein

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(LDL) levels declined in the healthy group while the levels of serum high-density lipoprotein (HDL) rose(125). An excessively high blood fat level is known as hyperlipidemia, also known as hypercholesterolemia. As more individuals consume meals high in saturated fat, which is frequently present in fast food, the prevalence of cholesterol-related disorders is rising(126). In addition to diet, other factors that might raise blood cholesterol include inactivity and depression. In vivo schistosomicidal activity tests were conducted on mice, while mature were cultured containing different volume 250, 500, & 750 mg/ml. Results indicated that 250 mg/mL of *A. lacucha* water extract might have an impact on Schistosoma mansoni. One of the parasite illnesses that has the greatest impact on public health is schistosomiasis. This illness causes financial losses and health issues for many underdeveloped nations. (127).

Several active chemicals found in *A. lacucha* plants have been covered in this article. The anti-aging properties of oxyresveratrol, which has a high phenol content and acts as a free radical scavenger and antiglycation agent, are among them. Compounds containing oxyresveratrol may function as antioxidants and prevent B16 melanoma cells from producing melanin.(128).

# Traditional uses of Artocarpus:

Several species from the species Artocarpus is are further used in South-East Asian traditional folk medicine to relieve inflammation, malaria, ulcers, abscesses, and diarrhea. Jackfruit pulp and seeds are used as a cooling tonic and pectorial; roots are used to treat fever and diarrhea; leaves are used to activate milk in women and animals; leaf ash is applied to wounds that have ulcers; or heated leaves, when pasted on wounds, have healing properties(129). The latex combined with vinegar helps to treat swellings in the glands, bites, and abscesses. The stem barks and leaves have been used as an expectorant and to cure anaemia, dermatitis, asthma, diarrhea, and coughing. The wood's pith is claimed to trigger abortions, as it has a calming effect on convulsions(129). The root is used as a treatment for skin conditions, asthma, & diarrhea and fever (ICUC, 2003). Its extract is also used for those reasons. Monks in rural northeastern Thailand's Forest Tradition monasteries dye their garments using the heartwood of Artocarpus heterophyllus. Actually, monks adhering to this custom never wash their garments(130). The robes are re-boiled in jackfruit dye and allowed to dry in the sun once a week. When maintained this way, robes never smell unpleasant and offer protection against fungi and skin conditions(131).

Parker's Artocarpus altilis. The small Fosberg tree is widely grown in the tropics as a staple crop, building material, & animal feed. Its leaves have long been used to cure liver cirrhosis, hypertension, and diabetes. Fresh lakocha fruits are typically consumed. The pulpy fruit may be eaten, and it's said to have liver-tonic properties. Chutneys and pickles are made from the uncooked fruits and the tannic and acidic spikes of the male flowers. In Thailand, this type of drug has been used as a traditional antibiotic drug to treat tapeworm infections(132).

# Effects of Artocarpus lacucha as Anti-depressant:

# **Neurotransmitter Modulation:**

It's probable that changes in neurotransmitter systems connected to the etiology of mood disorders is an aspect of Artocarpus lacucha's effects on depression. Studies on Artocarpus lacucha extracts, for example, have revealed that they may have an impact on the brain's levels of serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine, all of which are critical for mood regulation(133).

#### **Neurogenesis and Neuro-plasticity:**

By encouraging neurogenesis and neuroplasticity in brain areas linked in mood regulation, such the hippocampus, *Artocarpus lacucha* may have antidepressant benefits. Results from animal studies using extracts from *Artocarpus lacucha* have shown enhanced neurogenesis and synaptic plasticity, pointing to possible processes behind the plant's antidepressant effects(134).

# **Antioxidant effect:**

Using the DPPH free radical test, the antioxidant activity for different doses of a methanolic extract of the pericarp of Artocarpus lacoocha fruit and ascorbic acid was assessed. By scavenging the free radical DPPH and converting it into DPPHH, the extract demonstrated strong antioxidant activity. It was discovered that the activity was dosage dependant. Ascorbic activity had a higher scavenging activity than methanolic extract. Ascorbic acid and extracts were found to have IC<sub>50</sub> values of 06.09 µg/ml and 49.42 µg/ml, respectively(135).

#### **Interaction with neurotransmitter systems:**

# Dopaminergic system and potential sites where depressive symptoms may arise:

Since the creation and popularity of SSRIs, there has been a great deal of study on the function of serotonin in M.D.D. But many SSRI users for depression do not fully recover, and this may be due in part to a greater loss of happy affect than an increase in negative affect. Therefore, medications that operate on the dopamine and noradrenergic receptors may be beneficial to them. Even though research on nor-adrenergic activity began in the 1960s when TCAs were introduced, only recently has the connection between dopamine and reduced happy emotion been studied(136). One method to assist doctors in prescribing symptom-specific antidepressants for patients is to connect the neuroanatomy of the brain's

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dopaminergic systems with certain depressive symptoms. The striatum, the nucleus accumbens (ventral striatum), and the prefrontal cortex are the three primary projection regions of the mid-brain dopamine system(137). While projections from the substantia nigra provide the majority of the dopamine in the striatum, projections from the ventral tegmental region are responsible for the dopamine found in the nucleus accumbens and the prefrontal cortex. A loss of dopamine in the striatum is a typical pathologic finding of Parkinson's disease, which is well documented to cause damage to the substantia nigra. The energy depletion and slowness that those with Parkinson's experience—symptoms of sadness—are thought to be signs linked to a kind of dopamine problems in the striatum.(138). The ventral tegmental region innervates the nucleus accumbens, which is linked to pleasant reward sensations. Thus, a faulty reaction to usual benefits may be linked to a malfunctioning dopamine system. Decreased dopamine activity in the nucleus accumbens may contribute to depression by reducing the worth of certain tasks that are not normally gratifying. This might lead to a lack of interest or pleasure(139).

In the frontal cortex, dopamine plays a special role for influencing behavior and focus. Though there isn't much data to support it, it's thought that a relative dopamine malfunction in the prefrontal cortex plays a role in the weariness, lack of motivation, and mental apathy that are frequently associated with depression. Disfunction of the brain's reward system, located in the nucleus accumbens, and motivational system, located in the prefrontal cortex, is likely to be a contributing factor to the loss of interest experienced by depression sufferers(140).

#### Model of Two Dimensions for Neurotransmitter Functions in Depression:

An increase in negative affect and a decrease in positive affect are the two components of depression, according to a well-known psychological notion. Perceiving the world as unfriendly, unpleasant, unsettling, and menacing is known as negative affect. Being unable to reap the benefits of regular pursuits like hobbies, family, or employment is known as loss of positive affect. There is some overlap between these two aspects when it comes to depressed and melancholy emotions(141). Psychological research indicates that these two components are present in many types of depression. Thus, might be applied to characterize the type of depression. For instance, certain individuals may have particularly resistant depression with a greater loss of positive affect, whereas other individuals may undergo depression with a greater rise in negative affect, such as anxiety symptoms(142). return to normal functioning(143). A medication with a dopaminergic and/or nor-adrenergic component can help patients with symptoms of loss of benefit return to normal functioning. This medication treats loss of motivation, interest, and enjoyment(144).

#### **Antianxiety Effects of Artocarpus lacucha:**

However, based on its pharmacological profile and traditional use, there is potential for *Artocarpus lacucha* to exhibit antianxiety effects(144).

# **Neurotransmitter Modulation:**

When concern develops, an array of neurotransmitter-based neural pathways combine & are affected through proximal & distant synaptic inputs. Long believed to be important in the regulation of stress is the neurotransmitter that inhibits GABA. Treatments for anxiety disorders that target this neurotransmitter system include benzodiazepines and related drugs. (145). However, it should be mentioned that the amygdala is also involved in the regulation of anxiety reactions in response to a number of other neurotransmitters, including serotonin, opioid peptides, endocannabinoids, neuropeptide Y, oxytocin, and corticotropin-releasing hormone. These important neurotransmitter pathways are too complex for us to discuss in-depth in this review.(146).

#### Role of GABA & GABA receptor:

The principal inhibitory neurotransmitter in the central nervous system (CNS), while at least one-third of CNS neurons are thought to use GABA as their primary neurotransmitter. The balance between neuronal excitation and inhibition, precise temporal and geographical regulation of transsynaptic transmission, temporal modulation of neuronal excitability, and the maintenance of rhythmic "pacemaker" activity in various brain areas are all dependent on GABAergic inhibition(147). While certain main projection routes, particularly those emerging in the thalamus and cortex, are GABAergic, the majority of GABA-containing neurons are interneurons, which control the excitability of local circuits within a particular brain area(148).

GABA inhibits neurons through two different kinds of GABA receptors. Metabotropic GABA<sub>B</sub> receptors are indirectly connected via G-proteins to either calcium or potassium channels, resulting in sluggish and sustained inhibitory responses. Ionotropic GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors, on the various hand, are fast-acting ligand-gated chloride channels that are responsible for rapid inhibition. Although the exact nature of their role in neurological & mental health is still unknown, baclofen, a chemical that mimics GABA's activity at these GABA<sub>B</sub> receptors, has strong myorelaxant effects and has been suggested as a potential therapy for alcohol dependency(149).

#### Conclusion:

In conclusion, mental health issues are a significant worldwide health concern that have resulted in a rise in the usage of psychotropic drugs including anxiolytics and antidepressants. The fact that these drugs are used differently in different

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parts of the world emphasizes how crucial it is to comprehend cultural and economic influences on mental health care. Plant-based medicines hold great promise for natural and affordable therapies, especially when they come from medicinal plants like *Artocarpus lacucha* Linn in Indonesia. It contains strong medicinal substances such artocarpin, oxyresveratrol, phenols, and flavonoids. A. lacucha, exhibit a variety of possible pharmacological uses, such as anti-inflammatory, antinociceptive, anti-anxiety, and antidiarrheal qualities. Recent advancement showed *A. lacucha* is a good candidate for the creation of new antidepressant drugs due to its distinct modes of action, which include boosting neurogenesis and neuroplasticity, demonstrating antioxidant properties, and regulating neurotransmitter systems. Targeting different neurotransmitter like GABA Anergic, Metabotropic GABA, these developments provide a wider range of more potent therapeutic alternatives, which eventually enhance patients' quality of life and treatment outcomes. In general, investigating the potential of medicinal plants such as *A. lacucha* is a significant chance to create novel, all-natural, and culturally appropriate remedies for mental health issues.

The antioxidant nature of *Artocarpus lacucha* extracts of leaves is a useful for mental health disorders. Finally, we may state that more research is need to perform *in-vivo* antioxidant activity. Also, identify more novel moieties in extract of *Artocarpus lacucha* leaves' primary to increase its potential therapeutics profile for mental health disorders.

#### **Abbreviation:**

5-HT 5-hydroxytryptamine

AGP Agoraphobia

BSA Bovine Serum Albumin

DA Dopamine

DPPH 2,2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl

ER, XR Extended Release

FDA Food and Drug Administration
GABA gamma-aminobutyric acid
G.A.D Generalized anxiety disorder
HDL High-density lipoprotein

IC50 Half-maximal inhibitory concentration ICUC International Centre for Underutilised Crops

kg Kilogram

LC Lethal Concentration

LUC Lacucha LD50 Lethal Dose

MAO Monoamine Oxidase
MAOIs monoamine oxidase inhibitors
M.D.D major depressive disorder

mg Milligram
mL milliliter
NE norepinephrine

NET norepinephrine transporter

PD Panic Disorder

QNMR Quantitative Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

ROS reactive oxygen species SAD Social Anxiety Disorder

SERT Specific acute effects on the serotonin transporter SNRI serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor SSRIs selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors

TCA tricyclic antidepressants
TLC Thin-layer chromatography

μg microgram

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