



Biomolecular Mechanism of Herbal Medicine on Muscle Atrophy in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Rats: Systematic Review

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Abstract

Elevation in proinflammatory phenotype, oxidative damage, and advanced glycation end products are brought on by musculoskeletal atrophy and can result in both micro- and macrovascular problems. Sarcopenia may result from this loss of skeletal muscle mass, strength, and function. Herbal remedies have the capacity to build skeletal muscle mass and have been shown to be effective in treating a variety of human ailments. Herbal remedies have been shown to stimulate a number of different genes to stop muscular atrophy in chronic illnesses. The molecular processes by which herbal remedies prevent chronic disease-related muscle atrophy must be explained. In T2DM mice, the routes of inflammation, protein synthesis, apoptosis, autophagy, and glucose uptake are used to investigate the biomolecular mechanisms of each herbal remedy. The findings of the study indicate that 81 gene expressions may be triggered by herbal medicine in T2DM animals, thus avoiding muscular atrophy.

Keywords: Biomolecular, Herbal medicine, Musculoskeletal atrophy, Type 2 diabetes.

Mekanisme Biomolekular Obat Herbal terhadap Atrofi Otot pada Penyakit Diabetes Melitus Tipe 2: *Review*

Abstrak

Atrofi muskuloskeletal menyebabkan peningkatan produk akhir glikasi lanjut, fenotip proinflamasi dan stres oksidatif, yang dapat menyebabkan komplikasi mikro dan makrovaskular. Hal ini dapat menyebabkan hilangnya massa, kekuatan, dan fungsi otot rangka, yang berpotensi menyebabkan sarkopenia. Obat-obat herbal telah terbukti mampu mengatasi berbagai penyakit pada manusia, obat herbal mempunyai potensi untuk meningkatkan massa otot rangka. Ada berbagai gen yang telah diinduksi oleh obat herbal untuk mencegah atrofi otot pada penyakit kronis. Perlu dijelaskan mekanisme molekuler peran obat herbal dalam mencegah atrofi otot akibat penyakit kronis. Studi ini mengeksplorasi mekanisme biomolekular masing-masing obat herbal berdasarkan jalur inflamasi, sintesis protein, apoptosis, autofagi, dan ambilan glukosa pada tikus diabetes melitus tipe 2 (DMT2). Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa obat herbal berpotensi mengaktifkan 81 ekspresi gen yang dapat mencegah terjadinya atrofi otot pada model tikus DMT2.

Kata Kunci: Biomolekular, Obat herbal, Atrofi muskuloskeletal, Diabetes tipe 2

ABBREVIATIONS :

2-DG	: 2-deoxyglucose	Grb2	: Growth factor receptor-bound protein 2
4-HNE	: 4-hydroxy-2-neonatal	GS	: Grb2–SOS complex
Ache	: acetylcholinesterase	GSH	: Glutathione
Akt	: Protein kinase	GSH-Px	: Glutathione peroxidase
ALT	: Alanine transaminase	GSP	: Glycated serum protein
AMP	: Adenosinemonophosphate	GST	: graphene-silica-trypsin
AMPK	: AMP kinase	HbA1C	: Glycated hemoglobin
AP	: Activator protein	HDAC2	: Histone deacetylase2
APS	: Astragalus polysaccharide	HDL	: High density lipoprotein
AST	: Aspartate transaminase	HFD	: High fat diet
ATG	: Antithymocyte globulin	HK	: Hexokinase
ATP	: Adenosinetriphosphate	HOMA-IR	: Homeostasis model assessment insulin
AUC	: Area under the curve	HRP	: Horseradish peroxidase
BALF	: Bronchoalveolar lavage fluid	IFM	: Intermittent fibrillar mitochondria
BAX	: Bcl2- associated X protein	IGF-IR	: Insulin-like growth factor-1 receptor
BCL-XL	: B-cell lymphoma extra large	IL-6	: Interleukin-6
BG	: Blood glucose	IPGTT	: intraperitoneal glucose tolerance test
BNIP	: BCL2/adenovirus E1B 19 kDa interacting protein	IRS1	: Insulin receptor substrate 1
CCK-8	: Cell counting kit-8	ITT	: Insulin tolerance test
CD	: Chow diet	LC3B	: Light chain 3B
C/EBP	: CCAAT/enhancer-binding protein	LDLc	: Low density lipoprotein cholesterol
CKD	: Chronic kidney disease	LDL	: Low density lipoprotein
COPD	: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	LKB1	: Liver kinase B1
DMT2	: diabetes mellitus type 2	LWDH	: Liuwei dihuang
DNM	: Deoxynojirimycin	MAFbx	: Muscle atrophy F-box
DPPH	: 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl	MAPK15	: mitogen-activated protein kinase15
DTNB	: 5,5-dithiobisnitrobenzoic acid	MCT	: Medium-chain triglyceride
DRP1	: Dynamin-related protein 1	MDA	: Malondialdehyde
F6P	: Fructose-6-phosphate	MG	: Methylglyoxal
F-1,6-BP	: Fructose-6-phosphateinterfructose-1,6-bisphosphate	MEP	: Molecular electrostatic potential
FBG	: Fast blood glucose	MHC	: Myosin heavy chain
FBPase	: Fructose-1,6-Bisphosphatase	MIP	: Macrophage inflammatory protein
FM	: Fermented maize	MSK	: mitogen and stress-activated protein.
Fbxo32	: F-box only protein 32	MQC	: Mitochondrial quality
Fn-14	: Fibroblast growth factor-inducible 14	mTOR	: Mammalian target of rapamycin
FoxO	: Forkhead box protein O	mtTFA	: Mitochondrial transcription factor A
GADPH	: Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	MuRF1	: Muscle RING finger 1
GAE	: Galic acid equivalent	MWM	: Morris water maze
GLUT-4	: Glucose transporter type4		
GOD	: Gegen qinlin decoction		
GPx	: Glutathione peroxidase		

MyHC	: Myosin heavy chain
NAC	: N-acetyl-L-cysteine
NADPH	: Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
NE	: No effect
NF	: Nuclear factor
NF-K β	: Nuclear factor kappa B
N-FM	: Non-fermented maize
NO	: Nitric oxide
Nox	: NADPH oxidase
NRF	: Nuclear respiratory factor
Nox	: NADPH oxidase
OCR	: Oxygen consumption rate
OGTT	: Oral Glucose tolerance test
OSI	: Oxidative stress index
PA	: Palmitic acid
Pax	: peptide-antimicrobial-Xenorhabdus
PBS	: Phosphate-buffered saline
PFK	: phosphofructokinase
PFK-1	: Phosphofructokinase-1
PGC-1 α	: Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- α coactivator control 1- α
PI3K	: Phosphoinositide 3-kinase

causes, including lack of activity, old age, type 2 diabetes mellitus, and chronic disease causing difficulty in movement, such as stroke, and paralysis.¹ Muscle atrophy gene expression in chronic diseases such as diabetes involves several factors including FoxO, ubiquitin-proteasome, and autophagy changes categorized by amplified LC3-3, and increased stages of phosphorylated ULK1, Fbxo32 (Atrogin1), Trim63 (MuRF1), Bnip3L, and LC3.¹ Musculoskeletal atrophy causes T2DM due to insulin resistance, increased advanced glycation end-products, a proinflammatory phenotype and oxidative stress, which can lead to micro- and macro-vascular complications. These can lead to losses in skeletal muscle mass, strength, and function, potentially leading to sarcopenia.²

The first line of treatment for muscle atrophy in chronic disease is synthetic drugs such as metformin. However, there are several obstacles, including a long period of time that can lead to glucose intolerance. Prevention of systemic complications cannot be controlled due to failure to maintain blood sugar levels. Synthetic drugs have some adverse side effects for patients such as diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting with a prevalence of 2%-63%.³

1. Introduction

Muscle atrophy occurs due to various

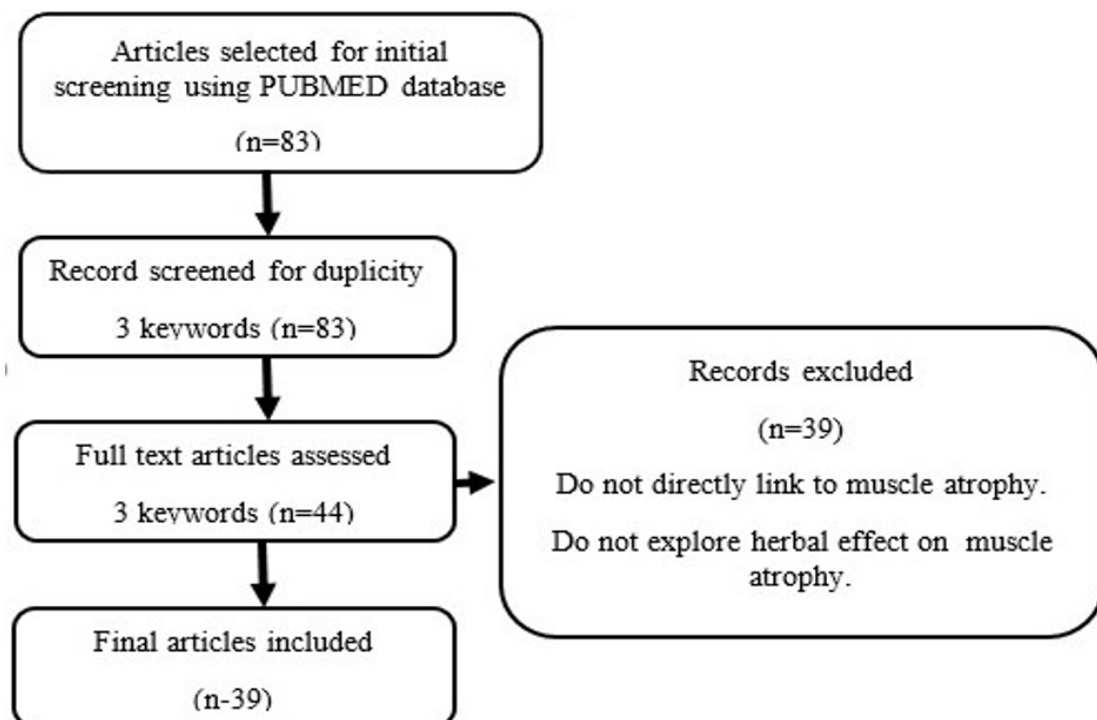


Figure 1. Flowchart of the article screening procedure via PRISMA Diagram. Out of 83 articles screened, only 39 articles were included in this review.

As a result of these side effects, approximately 5% of the patients discontinue their treatment in the world.⁴ Therefore, herbal medicines for long-term chronic disease treatment are crucially needed. Herbal medicine such as phytomedicine or botanical medicine, is a treatment using various plant parts including flowers, fruits, seeds, leaves, stems, and roots.⁵ The advantages include minimal side effects, adaptability of the body, and safety if used in the long term.⁶

This review article aims to describe several types of herbal medicine that focus on muscle atrophy in diabetes mellitus using experimental animal media to see various gene expressions that are activated in skeletal muscle.

2. Method

This review's literature material was obtained from Scopus, PubMed, and Google Scholar using the keywords "herbal", "diabetes", "atrophy", and "metabolic". Articles that do not match the review title and/or keywords, review journal articles are excluded. The article that was the inclusion criteria was an original article regarding herbal medicines for T2DM mice with musculoskeletal atrophy. The article selection process uses PRISMA screening. The procedure flow diagram is shown in Figure 1.

3. Result and Discussion

3.1. Signal of Atrophy in Skeletal Muscles

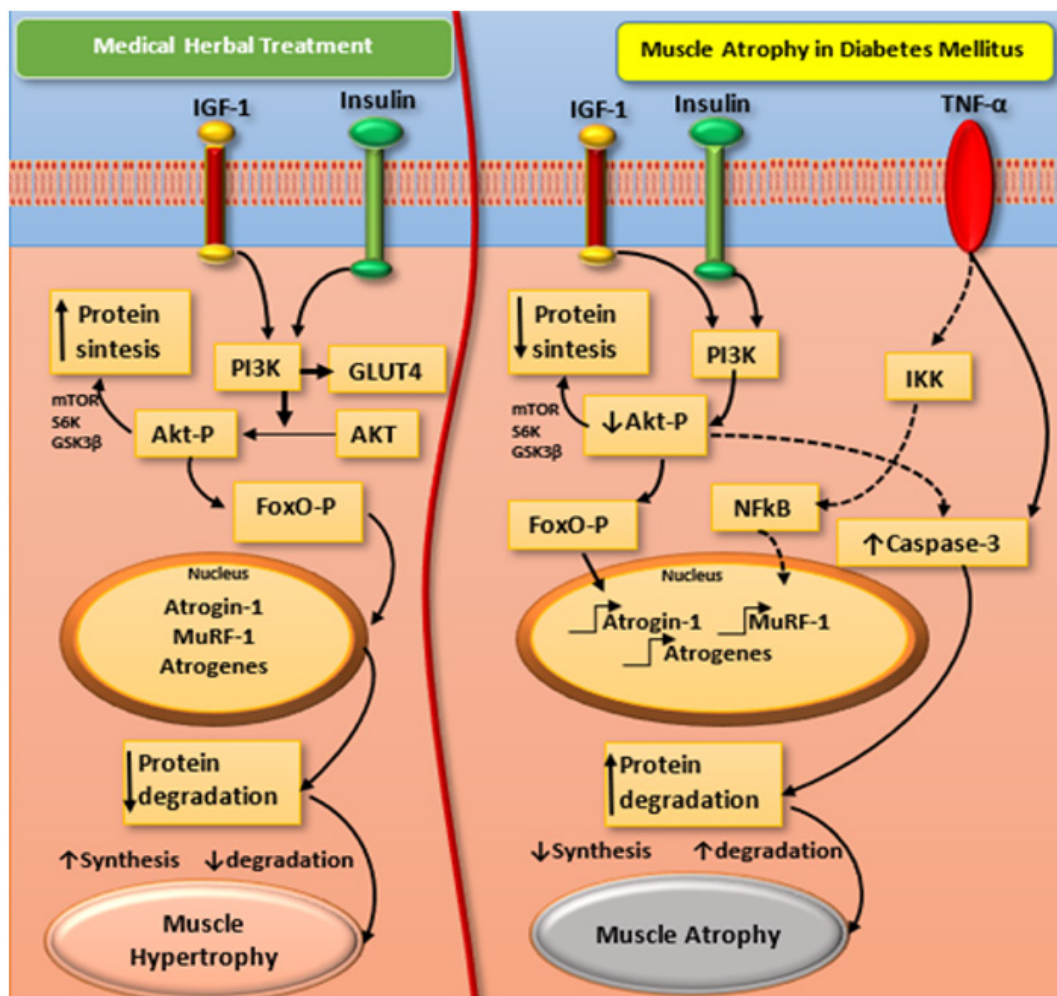


Figure 2. Differences in muscle gene expression that received medical herbal treatment versus those without medical herbal treatment in diabetes mellitus conditions. PI3K (phosphoinositide 3-kinase); GLUT4 (glucose transporter 4); AKT-p = protein kinase P; FOXO (forkhead box transcription factors); MuRF (muscle-specific RING finger-1); IGF-1 (insulin-like growth factor 1); TNF- α (tumor necrosis factor- α); IKK (IkappaB kinase); NF- κ B (nuclear factor kappa B).

Muscle atrophy occurs due to several factors, including the absence of muscle activity, old age and chronic diseases including diabetes mellitus.⁷ In catabolic situations, muscle degenerate can reduce its ability to live, the quality of life and may lead to death.⁸ The ubiquitin-proteasome, autophagy-lysosome and caspase-3-mediated proteolytic paths are responses due to protein deprivation (Figure 2). Deprivation of healthy muscle is necessary in maintaining cellular homeostasis.⁹ Inactive muscles in chronic disease will increase muscle atrophy¹⁰ which then causes reduced protein production and skeletal muscle inactivity and declined activation of the mammalian target of rapamycin pathway (Figure 2).^{11,12}

Musculoskeletal atrophy due to T2DM can be treated with herbs containing a combination of vitamins C, D and E with the mechanism of increasing insulin secretion, and herbs containing zinc can increase the sensitivity of insulin receptors.¹³ Both conditions of increasing insulin secretion and increasing receptor sensitivity to insulin can improve the condition of hyperglycemia on T2DM.

The dynamism of this mechanism can increase IRS-1, increase PI3K signaling, activate AKT and activate mTor so that protein synthesis occurs, so muscle mass increases.¹⁴ Herbs as shown in table 1 are proven to be able to activate genes that can increase gene expression to increase muscle mass and lower blood glucose levels biomolecularly.

3.2. Herbal Medicine

Herbal medicine is a substance derived from natural plants to treat a disease. Recently, people have been consuming more and more herbal medicines compared to synthetic medicines. This is because the advantages of herbal medicines are that they have minimal side effects, the body is more adaptable, safe for long-term use and can biomolecularly increase the genes needed to prevent T2DM and reduce blood glucose levels.¹⁵ Table 1 shows various herbs that play an important role in preventing or treating T2DM and musculoskeletal atrophy. Based on the results

of the review, it was found that these herbs have an effect on blood glucose, repair pancreatic beta cells, improve musculoskeletal atrophy in chronic diseases and lower cholesterol, and so on.¹²

3.3. Potential Role of Herbal Medicine for Muscle Atrophy

The results of research related to herbal medicine have been proven to be able to treat musculoskeletal atrophy in the gastrocnemius muscle. For example, *Tinospora cordifolia* extract can prevent musculoskeletal atrophy by biomolecular mechanisms by reducing TNF- α , IL-6, MuRf-1, Atrogen-1, Beclin-1, and Foxo. Meanwhile, *Tinospora cordifolia* can increase PI3K gene expression.¹² Other herbs that can increase muscle mass include: *Jamu Jian-Pi-Yi-Shen*¹⁶, *Schisandra chinensis* (SC), *Lycium chinense* Mill and *Eucommia ulmoides* Oliv (EU),¹⁷ *Catalpol* extract, *Hot water Extract of juzentaihoto*,¹⁸ *Hot water Extract of juzentaihoto*,¹⁹ *Dioscorea nipponica* extracts (DNM),²⁰ *Resveratrol*,²¹ *tomato*,²² *whole grain cereal*,²³ *Brazilian propolis*,²⁴ *Rhodiola rosea*,²⁵ *extract annatto* and *green tea polyphenol*,²⁶ and *red bean extract*.²⁷ These herbs can be considered given to patients who have a high risk of musculoskeletal atrophy due to lying down too much in cases of chronic diseases, for example T2DM.

3.4. Anti-inflammatory potential of herbal remedies for muscle atrophy

Herbals works by inhibiting pro-inflammatory genes (34%) that prevent protein degradation and increase protein synthesis. Protein deprivation is facilitated by ubiquitin proteasome pathway.⁵⁴ The appearance of MAF-box/ atrogen-1 and MuRF1 is controlled by FOXO family.⁵⁵ FOXO plays a role in proliferation, cell cycle, and cellular defense, and is expressed in all human cells.⁵⁶ FOXO in skeletal muscle contributes to muscle size by regulating the production of atroggenes, such as muscle-specific ligase E3 ligases.⁵⁷ Overexpression of FOXO1 or FOXO3a can cause muscle atrophy in vivo.⁵⁸

Systemic inflammation is the cause of muscle disorders due to amplified appearance

of pro-inflammatory cytokine genes such as TNF- α , IL-1 β , and IL-6 which contribute to a decrease in skeletal muscle mass and function. Several research had shown that increased levels of TNF- is caused by limb immobilization or denervation. Inflammatory cytokine mRNA levels were increased after immobilization for 14 days.⁵⁹

3.5. Protein synthesis potential of herbal medicine

Muscle atrophy consist of the AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK) pathway and the Akt pathway⁶⁰. Genes that act as activators of protein synthesis include: mTOR, Myo D, Myogen, p70, AKT, PI3K, IRS1, IGF-IR, PGC-1 α , and vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). mTOR is the main signalling pathway that stimulates muscle hypertrophy and protein synthesis.⁶¹ It can be initiated by herbal medicine leading to an increase protein synthesis.

Herbal medicine ameliorate muscle atrophy by stimulating the extracellular-signal-regulated kinase 1/2 (ERK1/2) and PI3K-Akt-mTOR pathways which further activate muscle mTOR complex 1 (mTORC1).^{61,62} The mTORC1 pathway activates the phosphorylation of proteins vigorous for continued protein production and hypertrophy, such as ribosomal S6 kinase 1 and 4E-BP1.⁶³ Chronic disease patients is associated with inhibition of protein synthesis by inhibition of 4E-BP1 phosphorylation in the muscle in reaction to protein and insulin intake.⁶⁴ This condition causes insulin and protein resistance that can increase ubiquitin-proteasome activation resulting a decreased muscle mass in chronic disease.⁶⁵ Herbal medicines can activate mTORC1 and prevent muscle atrophy. mTOR activates Akt, hence the ubiquitin-proteasome system is activated as well.⁶⁶

3.6. Apoptotic potential of herbal medicine

Apoptosis is a highly programmed process of cell death. It is important for replacement of damaged cells, improved immune system growth and function, hormone-dependent atrophy, embryonic

growth and biochemical induction of cell death.⁶⁷ Apoptotic disorders could be a factor in human disturbances in the form of neurodegenerative disease, ischemia, autoimmune and cancer. Therefore, it must be controlled in the body.⁶⁸

Control of apoptosis can be performed by pharmacological and non-pharmacological management. Pharmacologically, it can be done using herbal medicines that have been tested both in vivo, in vitro and clinically. The herbal medicine having synergistic properties in controlling apoptosis presented in Table 1 are catalpol extract, rattan tea, dokhwalgisaeng-tang, nigella sativa oil, brazilian propolis, and moringa concanensis. Herbal medicines have active compounds that can maintain balanced apoptosis with apoptotic gene expression pathways. Gene expressions activated by these herbal medicinal compounds include Bax, BCL (B-cell lymphoma), BCL-XL, GSH (glutathione) and BCL-W, p50-p105, TGF- β 1 (transforming growth factor beta 1), TSP-1 (thrombospondin-1), and SREBPs (Sterol regulator element binding proteins) (Table 1). Activation of these genes can prevent muscle atrophy by destroying dead cells.⁷⁰

Bax/Bcl gene expression is a ratio that determines the prognosis of a disease such as cancer. Several studies showed an increase in the Bax/Bcl ratio after given the herbal medicine: catalpol, rattan tea, and dokhwalgisaeng-tang. The proapoptotic expression gene SREBPs, which play a role in cell growth, can be activated with moringa herbal medicine. The TGF- β 1 gene plays a role in the apoptotic process, especially in terms of muscle granulation. The gene can be activated by the herbal medicine pterostilbene, and resveratrol.⁷¹

3.7. Autophagy potential of herbal medicine

The autophagy or 'self-eating', is a process to removes unwanted molecules and non-functioning parts and recycle it into new components.⁷² At the cellular level, autophagy remove toxic proteins and recycled residual proteins, that will provide energy and building materials for cells.⁷³ Autophagy can be maintained with regular exercise and by

Table 1. Several names of herbs that work biomolecularly and their musculoskeletal effects

NO	HERBALS NAME	BIOMOLLECULAR MECHANISM	EFFECTS	REF.
1	Tinospora cordifolia Extract	Target: gastrocnemius muscle. TNF- α ↓, IL-6↓, MuRf1↓, Atrogin-1↓, Level of Beclin-1↓, PI3K↑, Akt ↑, FoxO↓.	FBG ↓. Regenerated pancreatic islets. Reversed the skeletal muscle atrophy in chronic disease, TC↓	12
2	Jian-Pi-Yi-Shen decoction.	Target: quadriceps muscles ubiquitin ↓, Atrogin-1↓, MuRF1↓, FoxO3a↓.	BW loss↓, muscle loss↓, muscles fiber decline↓, muscles protein deprivation↓, and muscle protein synthesis↑.	16
3	Rehmannia glutinosa	Target: gastrocnemius tissue. MuRF1↓, FoxO↓, SOD↑, CAT↑, MDA↓.	inhibition of FOXO-mediated ubiquitin-proteasome pathway.	28
4	Schisandra chinesis (SC), Lycium chinense Mill and Eucommia ulmoides Oliv (EU).	Target: gastrocnemius, soleus. TNF- α ↓, Myo D ↑, Myogen ↑, Akt ↑, .Mtor ↑, Ubiquitin- protesum ↓	BW ↑, muscle mass↑ hold power↑, muscle strength mass↑, muscle fiber type atpase stain↑	17
5	Methanol extract of Centella asiaticabax	Target: gastrocnemius. Muscle glycogen↑, HK↓ PFK↓, FBPase↑, GS↑, GP↑	Blood glucose↓, polyphagia↓, polyuria↓, polydipsia↓, body weight↑, ALT↓, AST↓	29
6	Catalpol extract	Target: gastrocnemius, AChE↑, MEP↑, LC3II↓, Bax/BCL-2↑, LC3II/LC3I↑, -mTOR ↑	Muscle atrophy↓.	18
7	Hot water Extract of juzentaihoto	Target: Gastrocnemius muscle, liver, spleen and thymus gland, SIRT1↑, SOD↑.	Juzentaihoto can prevent atrophy by decreasing oxidative stress.	19
8	Liuwei dihuang water extracts	Target: skeletal muscle, Nox↓, ROS↓, IGF-1R↑, Akt↑, mTOR ↑, FoxO3↓, Atrogin-1↓, Murf-1↓, acetyltransferase↑	Body weight↑, muscle strength↑, insulin muscle↑, grip strength↑	30
9	Rattan tea	Sample: gastrocnemius muscle. MDA↓, PGC-1 α ↑, Atrogin-1↓, MAFbx↑, MuRF1 (not affected). Bax/BCL-2↑, AMPK-2 ↑, SIRT1↑, Akt↑	Fiber diameter of gastrocnemius muscle↑ Dose 100 mg/ kg bw is better than 200 mg/k g bw	31
10	Water extract of Dokhwalgisaeng-tang (DGT).	Sample: gastrocnemius muscle. Bax/BCL-2↑	Protecting special effects against neglect muscle atrophy, potentially through changed bax and Bcl-2 protein appearance in the gastrocnemius muscle.	32
11	Astragalus polysaccharide	Sample: gastrocnemius muscle. Atrogin-1↓, Ubiquitin↓	Delay the development of muscle cell atrophy related with starvation in CRF, possibly by targeting the UPP and its downstream effector atrogin 1	33

NO	HERBALS NAME	BIOMOLLECULAR MECHANISM	EFFECTS	REF.
12	Dioscorea nipponica extracts (DNM)	Sample: gastrocnemius muscle. MyoD \uparrow , MyiG \uparrow , TNF α \downarrow , MuRF1 \downarrow , Atrogin-1 \downarrow , MAFbx \downarrow , NF-kB \downarrow	DNM significant for preventing and treating the various causes of muscle atrophy	20
13	Resveratrol	Sample: gastrocnemius muscle. MuRF-1 \downarrow , LC3-II/ LC3-I \downarrow , Cleaved caspase-3 \downarrow , PGC-1 α \uparrow , NRF-1 \uparrow , mtTFA \uparrow , E3 ubiquitin \downarrow , MAFbx \downarrow	Muscle mass \uparrow , Physical activity \uparrow UPS \downarrow , Blood glucose, reatinine not affected, Ureum NA, Albumin NA, ALT NA, AST NA	21
14	Licorice flavonoid oil.	Sample: femoral and soleus muscle. mTOR \uparrow , P70 S6K \uparrow , P38/FoxO3a \uparrow , Akt/FoxO3a \uparrow , MuRF1 \downarrow , Atrogin-1 \downarrow	Femoral muscle \uparrow Prevent muscle atrophy	34
15	Wushenziye formula	Sample: soleus muscle. p-IRSI \uparrow , p-Akt \uparrow , GLUT4 \uparrow , PTPIB \downarrow	FBG \downarrow , Glycosylated serum protein \downarrow , HbA1C \downarrow . Insulin concetration \downarrow , Insulin resistance index \downarrow .	35
16	Cassia occidentalis L	Sample: gastrocnemius muscle. Atrogin-1 \downarrow , MuRF-1 \downarrow , IL-1 β (no effect)	CSE-BUF prevented muscle atrophy caused by metiprednislon.	36
17	Formononetin, Soybean, katuk leaves, red clover	Sample: gastrocnemius SIRT1 \uparrow	Plasma glucose \downarrow at 40 mg/kg bw. Glucose acceptance \uparrow , Insulin HOMA-IR \downarrow , Fat profile, Hepatic glycogen content \uparrow . HbA1C \downarrow	37
18	Nutmeg extract	Sample: gastrocnemius muscles, Pax \uparrow , MyoD \uparrow , Myogenin \uparrow , MHCI \uparrow , IGF1 \uparrow .	Soleus mass \uparrow , Gastrocnemius mass \uparrow	38
19	Nigella Sativa Oil ³⁹	Sample: blood, skeletal muscle, pancreas, liver. Pancreatic catalase \uparrow , Hepatic catalase \uparrow . Pancreatic GSH \uparrow Hepatic GSH \uparrow , AMPK \uparrow	Blood glucose \downarrow , Serum insulin \uparrow , Hepatic glycogen \uparrow , Gluconeogenesis \downarrow .	40
20	Carica papaya seed extract	Sample: gastrocnemius muscle. GLUT4 \uparrow , mTOR \uparrow , PI3K \uparrow , Akt \uparrow	Sample: soleus and gastrocnemius, GLUT4 \uparrow , AMPK \uparrow , SIRT1 \uparrow , PGC- α \uparrow .	41
21	Berberin	Sample: soleus and gastrocnemius, GLUT4 \uparrow , AMPK \uparrow , SIRT1 \uparrow , PGC- α \uparrow .	Cholesterol \downarrow , TG \downarrow ATP \uparrow , ROS \downarrow .	42
22	Hot water extract of Juzentaihoto (JTT)	Sample: gastrocnemius muscle. TNF- α \downarrow , IL-6 \downarrow , mRNA Atrogin1 \downarrow MuRF1 \downarrow , Sirt1 \uparrow , IGF-1 \uparrow .	Muscle mass \uparrow	43

NO	HERBALS NAME	BIOMOLLECULAR MECHANISM	EFFECTS	REF.
23	Zanthoxylum alkylamides	Sample: skeletal muscle and liver. Insulin receptor \uparrow , IGF1 \uparrow , PI3K \uparrow . Insulin like growth \uparrow factor 1 receptor \uparrow . PKB \uparrow , mTOR \uparrow , atrogen-1 \downarrow , muscle ring finger1 \downarrow , FoxO \downarrow	Muscle weight \uparrow , BUN \downarrow , Total protein \uparrow , Albmin \uparrow .	44
24	Leucin supplementation	Sample: soleus muscle.. Just histopathological study : leucine supplemented rats showed an increase in mean cross-sectional area.	Soleus muscle mass \uparrow	45
25	Silybum marianum L. Gaertn	Sample: serum, liver. MDA \downarrow , TOS \downarrow , OSI \downarrow , TAC \uparrow , TTM \uparrow , In liver : PGC-1 α \uparrow , FNDC5 \uparrow , Serum : Irisin \uparrow	Bw \uparrow , FBG \downarrow , Insulin level, HOMA-IR \downarrow , ALT \downarrow , AST \downarrow , ALP \downarrow . Billrubin total \downarrow	46
26	Mangiferin	Sample: soleus muscle, plasma, IFN- α \downarrow , IL-6 \downarrow , IL-10 \downarrow	Body weight \uparrow , LDLc \downarrow , FGF21 \downarrow , HDLc \uparrow	47
27	Resverartol	Sample: soleus, gastrocnemius and tibialis aterior muscle. PKA \uparrow , LKB1 \uparrow , AMPK \uparrow , PGC-1 α \uparrow , ROS \downarrow , mTOR \uparrow , FoxO3a \uparrow , MHC \uparrow .	Bw \uparrow , Grip strength \uparrow	48
28	Tomato	Sample: blood, gastrocnemius and soleus. C2C12 \uparrow , MyHC I \uparrow , MyHCIIb \downarrow , MyHC I \downarrow	Skeletal muscle mass \uparrow Fiber-type composition \uparrow , TG \downarrow	22
29	Aqueous extract of Syzygium paniculatum Gaertn	Sample: liver, kidney, muscle. Thiobarbituric acid reactive substrate (TBARS) \downarrow , Malondialdehyde (MDA) \downarrow GPx \uparrow , SOD \uparrow , GST \uparrow .	FBG \downarrow , Muscle glycogen \uparrow , HbA1C \downarrow , TC \downarrow , TG \downarrow , HDL \uparrow , AST \downarrow , ALT \downarrow , ALP \downarrow , TP \uparrow , Vitamin C \uparrow , GSH \uparrow , Repair in the exocrine acinar cell, silets of langerhand and cellular of β -cell in pancreatic cells.	49
30	Panax notoginseng saponins	Sample: skeletal muscle, IRS1 \uparrow , GLUT4 \uparrow , PI3K \uparrow , AKT \uparrow .	TC \downarrow , LDL \downarrow , FBG \downarrow .	50
31	Whole grain cereal	Sample: gastrocnemius. PI3K \uparrow , Akt \uparrow , mTOR \uparrow , MyoD \uparrow , Myogenin \uparrow , FoxO3a \uparrow , Atrogen-1 \uparrow , MuRF1 \uparrow	Muscle mass \uparrow , Muscle strength \uparrow , LDL \downarrow , TG \uparrow	23
32	Pterostilbene and resveratrol (PTS)	Sample: gastrocnemius muscle and bloods. SIRT1 \uparrow , TGF- β 1 \downarrow , Acetyl histone H3 \downarrow	Mix dose more effective for blood glucose and bw. 40 mg/ kg bw more efektif for decreasing MDA level.	51
33	Brazilian propolis	Sample: soleus muscle. P53 \downarrow , TSP-1 \downarrow , VEGF \uparrow	Body weight \uparrow , Muscle weight \uparrow .	24

NO	HERBALS NAME	BIOMOLLECULAR MECHANISM	EFFECTS	REF.
35	Extract annatto and green tea polyphenol	Sample: soleus, gastrocnemius muscle, pancreas, and blood. IRS-1↑, Akt↑, GLUT4↑.	Muscle mass↑, Body weight↑ Blood glucose↓, Lipid peroxidation↓.	26
36	Extract of synsepalum	Sample: blood, liver, pancreas, kidneys Catalase↑, SOD↑, GST↑, GPx↑.	Blood glucose↓, Total protein↑, AST↓, ALT↓, TG↓, HDL↑.	26
37	Red bean extract	Sample: gastrocnemius and soleus, tibialis anterior, and extensor digitorum longus muscle. MuRF1↓, FoxO3↑, Atrogin-1↓, PI3K/Akt↑, mTOR↑, NF-kB↓, TNF-α↓, IL-6↓.	Grip strength↑, Running time↑, Running distance↑, Muscle mass↑	27
38	Moringa concanensis	Sample: Gastrocnemius muscle. PPAR-γ↑, C/EBP-α↑, t-SREBPs↑, FAS↑ GLUT-4↓, Adipogenin↑, DAG↑, LPL↑, Akt↑.	Bw↑, Insulin level↓, BG↓, HbA1c↓, amylase↓, cholesterol↓, TG↓, HDL↑, LDL↓, VLDL↓.	52
39	Extract rambutan peels phenolic	Sample: liver, kidney, pancreas. Hepatic glycogen↑, SOD↑, GSH-Px↑, MDA↓.	Bw↑, BG↓, FBG↓, TC↓, TG↓, Total protein↑, creatinin↓, HbA1c↓.	53

↑ : increase; ↓ : decrease.

eating foods containing herbal medicine, it can activate normal autophagy.⁷⁴

There are several herbal medicines that can activate autophagy and gene expression of the autophagy pathway preventing muscle atrophy. Such gene expression pathways includes: MAPK15 (mitogen-activated protein kinase15), ULK1,2 (UNC-51-like kinase 1 and 2), AMPK (AMP protein kinase), Beclin1, and ATG (autophagy-related proteins 7).⁷⁵

3.8. Antioxidant potential of herbal medicine

Antioxidants are molecular substances that can neutralize free radicals or prevent the oxidation of other components. Besides, it can prevent fats and oils in food via oxidative degradation. Some herbal medicines can

activate anti-oxidant enzymes, thus avoiding oxidative stress that leads to muscle atrophy.⁷⁶

Food ingredients with high levels of antioxidants (Table 1) include: Catalpol Extract, Rattan tea, Dokhwalgisaeng-tang, Nigella Sativa Oil, Brazilian propolis, and Moringa concanensis. It can be induced by herbal medicines include SOD (superoxide dismutase), catalase, MDA (Malondialdehyde), NADPH (Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate) GST (Glutathione-S-Transferase), GPX (glutathione peroxidase).⁷⁷

3.9. Glucose utilization potential of herbal medicine

GLUT-4 is the central glucose carrier, located in muscle and fat cells. GLUT-4 is

different from other glucose carriers because it is generally located at the intracellular which is lack of insulin stimulation.⁷⁸ Furthermore, there is a decrease in glucose transport into cell. Intracellular movement of GLUT-4 begins with sufficient insulin in the blood to the transmembrane insulin receptor and sufficient GLUT-4 translocatoan to the cell membrane for glucose uptake into the cell.⁷⁹

GLUT-4 translocation to cell membranes can be activated by herbal medicines other than exercise.^{80,81} Drugs that significantly activate glucose utilization include *Centella asiatica/ gotu kola extract*, *wushenziye formula*, *carica papaya seed*, *berberine*, *panax ginseng*, *saponins*, *extract annatto and green tea polyphenols*, and *moringa concanensis*. These herbal medicines have target genes such as HK (Hexokinase), GLUT4, PFK (phosphofructokinase), HK (hexokinase) FBPase (fructose 1,6-bisphosphatase), GS (glycogen synthase) and GP (glycogen phophorylase).⁸² Activation of glucose utilization can improve muscle atrophy, and insulin concentration in the blood, which is followed by an increase in GLUT-4. Herbal medicine can activate IRS-1 and Akt in chronic disease. In addition, these herbal medicines can increase mitochondrial biogenesis by activating SIRT1, SIRT3 and AMPK in diabetic muscle.⁸³

5. Conclusion

Herbal medicine significantly improved muscle strength and muscle mass in chronic diseases, especially T2DM. Pharmacologically, these herbs suppressed inflammation, increased protein synthesis and apoptosis, activated antioxidants, suppressed autophagy, and increased glucose utilization. Therefore, this review demonstrates that herbal medicine is suitable as adjuvant therapy for muscle atrophy conditions in various chronic diseases.

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