

## **Evaluation of Antioxidant and Antidiabetic capacity of plant *Boehmeria rugulosa* Bark**

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**Abstract:** In the present study, phytochemical screening, antioxidant and antidiabetic activities of different solvent extracts of *Boehmeria rugulosa* bark investigated. Successive extraction was carried out with different solvents (petroleum ether, acetone, ethyl acetate and ethanol), using Soxhlet extractor. These extracts were screened for the presence of chemically active compounds by standard methods. The results revealed the presence of saponins, tannins, flavonoids, sugars, terpenoids etc. Among the various extracts acetone has highest Total phenolic content (TPC) ( $709.931 \pm 0.174$  mg GAE/g dw). Results indicates that the acetone extract of bark exhibit the efficient 1, 1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) ( $6.832 \pm 0.677 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ ) and highest Ferric reducing antioxidant power ( $441.21 \pm 1.499 \mu\text{M/ml}$ , FRAP value = 2.157). Acetone extract of *boehmeria rugulosa* bark also possessed the significant inhibition activities on  $\alpha$ -amylase ( $668.547 \pm 0.02 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ ) and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase ( $691.546 \pm 1.466 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ ) enzyme. All extracts exhibited outstanding antidiabetic as well as antioxidant activity. Therefore, the results indicates that the *Boehmeria rugulosa* bark can served as potential antioxidant as well as antidiabetic agent in food and pharmaceutical industries.

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