

Eksplorasi Jamu Pahitan, Minuman Pahit Tradisional Asli Jawa, Indonesia: Kajian Etnofarmakologi dan Bukti Ilmiah

[Exploring of Jamu Pahitan, a Traditional Bitter Drink Originating from Java, Indonesia: Ethnopharmacological Studies and Scientific Evidence]

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ABSTRACT

Jamu is a traditional Indonesian drink that has been recognized worldwide, and is usually drunk by Indonesians, especially Javanese, as a health drink. Jamu pahitan is a type of jamu that is made from one, two, or a mixture of herbal ingredients like Andrographis paniculata and Tinospora cordifolia, with or without adding other herbal ingredients. In Indonesia, jamu pahitan has long been used by local communities, particularly Javanese, as a blood purifier, an anti-allergy, and even a treatment for skin conditions. On another hand, Jamu pahitan could potentially be used to diabetes mellitus management, based on recent studies. Nevertheless, there are still few thorough and scientific investigations on the composition, processing, public health perception, and efficacy of jamu pahitan and its herbal constituents, particularly with regard to diabetes management. Therefore, the formula composition, processing, societal health perception, and pharmacological clinical evidence of jamu pahitan and its constituent herbal ingredients, particularly for the control of diabetes, are all covered in this review. This study's methodology was a narrative literature review, using 1992 - 2023 data as foundational information on the subjects covered. In vitro and in vivo investigations have demonstrated that the herbal ingredients contain a variety of bioactive chemicals, and the aqueous extract of the herbal ingredients composed of jamu pahitan and jamu pahitan alone has pharmacological action as antidiabetic agent.

Keywords: anti-diabetic, bioactive compound, formula composition, jamu pahitan, traditional medicine

ABSTRAK

Jamu adalah minuman tradisional Indonesia yang telah dikenal di seluruh dunia, dan biasanya diminum oleh orang Indonesia, terutama orang Jawa, sebagai minuman kesehatan. Jamu pahitan adalah jenis jamu yang dibuat dari satu, dua, atau campuran bahan herbal seperti sambiloto (*Andrographis paniculata*) dan brotowali (*Tinospora cordifolia*), dengan atau tanpa menambahkan bahan herbal lainnya. Di Indonesia, jamu pahitan telah lama digunakan oleh masyarakat lokal, khususnya masyarakat Jawa, sebagai pembersih darah, anti alergi, dan bahkan sebagai pengobatan untuk penyakit kulit. Di sisi lain, jamu pahitan juga berpotensi untuk digunakan sebagai pengobatan diabetes melitus, berdasarkan penelitian terbaru. Namun demikian, masih sedikit penelitian yang dilakukan secara menyeluruh dan ilmiah mengenai komposisi, proses pengolahan, persepsi kesehatan masyarakat, dan khasiat jamu pahitan dan konstituen herbalnya, terutama yang berkaitan dengan manajemen diabetes. Oleh karena itu, komposisi formula, proses pengolahan, persepsi kesehatan masyarakat, dan bukti klinis farmakologis jamu pahitan dan bahan-bahan herbal

penyusunnya, terutama untuk pengendalian diabetes, semuanya tercakup dalam tinjauan ini. Metodologi penelitian ini adalah tinjauan literatur naratif (TLR), menggunakan data tahun 1992 - 2023 sebagai informasi dasar tentang subjek yang dibahas. Penelitian *in vitro* dan *in vivo* telah menunjukkan bahwa bahan herbal mengandung berbagai bahan kimia bioaktif, dan ekstrak air dari bahan herbal penyusun jamu pahitan dan jamu pahitan memiliki efek farmakologis sebagai agen antidiabetes.

Kata kunci: anti diabetes, jamu pahitan, komposisi formula, obat traditional, senyawa bioaktif

Introduction

Jamu is an Indonesian traditional drink passed down from generation to generation based on ancestral recipes. It has many health benefits and has recently been recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage of Indonesia (Masduki, 2024). This drink is a concoction made from several combination ingredients from various parts of herbal plants such as rhizomes, leaves, stems, roots, barks, or their combinations, which are in the yard of the house, better known as "*TOGA*" (*tanaman obat keluarga*) or family medicinal plants and can be made independently at home, so it is also known as "*obat rumahan*" or a home remedy (Army, 2018). In Indonesia, the oldest documentation of herb plants as raw materials for making *jamu* can be found in several relief panels at the Borobudur Temple (Aprilistyawati, 2014; Metusala et al., 2020).

Jamu has been made and consumed throughout Indonesia's Hindu and Buddhist Kingdoms for hundreds of years. Reliefs from several Indonesian temples, such as those at Tegalwangi, Prambanan, Suku, and Borobudur, which depict scenes from the making or consuming *jamu*, provide considerable validity to this tradition (Aprilistyawati, 2014; Isnawati & Sumarno, 2021; Sukini, 2018). Additionally, artifacts like *cobek* and *ulekan*, which were supposed to have been utilized as mashing instruments for making *jamu*, were discovered and identified at the Liyangan archaeological site on the slopes of Mount Sindoro in Central Java, offered additional archeological convincing evidence of *Jamu's* past existence (Lindayani, 2021). Historically, the term *jamu* first appeared in the 13th century A.D. during the *Mataram* Kingdom Era, which incidentally comes from the two ancient Javanese words, namely "*Djampi*" which means healing, and "*Oesodo*" which means health (Siregar, 2020), and combining words have the meaning of healing using medicinal herbs or "*do'a-do'a*" (Nurbaidah, 2022).

In East Java, the tradition of concocting *jamu* has been carried out since the mid-14th century A.D. when the *Majapahit* Kingdom was in power, which is indicated by the discovery of relief in the *Rimbi* temple depicting an "*acaraki*" (herbal medicine compounder) figure grinding plant-based herbs using simple tools, such as "*lumpang*" (mortar) and "*alu*" (pestle) made of stone (Isnawati & Sumarno, 2021; Waqiah, 2021). In the past, *jamu* was generally only formulated by "*wiku*" or shamans, who had high spiritual power for certain circles (palace circles). Nevertheless, nowadays, *jamu* can be made and produced by everyone with specific recipes and processing methods, both by home-based people, MSMEs, and large industries (Sukini, 2018). One of the most famous *jamu* in the community is *jamu gendong*, which refers to how to sell it by carrying it and is usually done by women in Java (Riswan & Sangat-Roemantyo, 2002). One of *jamu* sold in *jamu gendong* is *jamu pahitan* (Wulandari & Azrianingsih, 2014).

Jamu pahitan is one of the variants of *jamu gendong*, which is widely sold among the public and is generally made from *sambiloto* (*Andrographis paniculata*) leaf and *brotowali* (*Tinospora*

cordifolia) stem as the main herbal ingredients (Husain et al., 2021). However, some make *jamu pahitan* from one type of herbal ingredient only, such as *sambiloto* leaf (Trisusilo et al., 2020) or *brotowali* stem (Purlianto, 2015). Sometimes the composition formula of *jamu pahitan* is commonly substituted with optional other herbal ingredients, such as *babakan pule*, *daun meniran*, *daun papaya*, *kumis kucing*, *serai*, or *empon-empon* to reduce bitterness level, and their additions depend on the *jamu* makers (Aprilistyawati, 2014; Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023; Husain et al., 2019). In society, *jamu pahitan* is believed to have been passed down from generation to generation in local culture as an anti-allergic, blood purifier agent and is also used to treat and cure skin diseases, such as itching (Wulandari & Azrianingsih, 2014). Furthermore, recent scientific studies show that *jamu pahitan* has antidiabetic bioactivity effects on health based on *in-vitro* tests (Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023). Based on the above facts and the author's knowledge, literature studies that discuss and review *jamu pahitan* comprehensively, related to the formula composition, processing, society beliefs and perception, and scientific evidence as an antidiabetic agent, are still limited. Hence, this study aims to comprehensively review the formula composition, processing, society's beliefs and perception, and scientific evidence of *jamu pahitan* as an antidiabetic agent.

Materials and Methods

This study used Narrative Literature Review (NLR) approach as research methodology as suggested by (Khabibulloh et al., 2024). The literature reviewed in this study is retrieved from locally published and online journals, national books, and international journals. It is retrieved from open-access resources like Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com/>) and Crossref (<https://www.crossref.org/>), and also from national printed book media sources related to the topics discussed, which are *jamu pahitan* including formula composition, processing, traditional society belief and perception, and also its scientific evidence as the antidiabetic potential. The review also briefly explained the bioactive compounds, traditional uses, and the potential water extract of herbal ingredients composed of *jamu pahitan* as antidiabetic agent. The keywords used for this research include “*jamu pahitan*”, “*Andrographis paniculata* leaf”, “*Tinospora cordifolia* stem”, “*Curcuma aeruginosa* Roxb. Rhizome”, “*Alpinia galanga* rhizome”, “*Orthosiphon aristatus*”, “*Cymbopogon citratus*”, “*Curcuma longa* rhizome”, “*Carica papaya* leaf”, “*Alstonia scholaris* stem bark”, “*Zingiber zerumbet* (L) Roscoe rhizome”, “*Phyllanthus urinaria* leaf”, “*Curcuma xanthorrhiza* rhizome”, “water extract”, “bioactive compounds”, “traditional society belief and perception”, “bioactivity”, “anti diabetic”, and “antidiabetic activity of *jamu pahitan*”. This review study used previous studies from 1992 to 2023 as the literature data, as suggested by earlier research (Paré & Kitsiou, 2017).

Results and Discussion

Formula Composition of Jamu Pahitan and Its Processing

Historically, *jamu pahitan* is one of eight *jamu* served in the *Majapahit* Kingdom, which was drunk by the king and the royal family, apart from seven *jamu*, such as *kunyit asam*, *beras kencur*, *cabe puyang*, *kunci suruh*, *kudu laos*, *uyup-uyup*, and *sinom*, which has fitness, and youthful

functions. Furthermore, *jamu pahitan* symbolizes the next phase of life, which, even though it is bitter, must still be swallowed or endured (Sukini, 2018). The name *jamu pahitan* refers to the taste of the drink, which is bitter (Aprilistyawati, 2014) and has a dark colour, as shown in Figure 1. The bitter taste in *jamu pahitan* comes from the rearrangement formula composition of this drink, which consists of bitter-tasting herbal ingredients, such as *sambiloto*, *brotowali*, *babakan pule*, *daun meniran*, *daun papaya*, *kumis kucing*, *serai* or *empon-empon* (Aprilistyawati, 2014; Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023; Husain et al., 2019). *Jamu pahitan* has a variation formula composition and percentage ratio of herbal ingredients (Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023; Husain et al., 2019) during the manufacturing process between *jamu* makers and manufacturing locations detailed in Table 1.



Figure 1. *Jamu pahitan*. Adapted from (Sukini, 2018)

Based on Table 1, each formula's herbal ingredients composition for making *jamu pahitan* was different. The main herbal ingredients for making all formulas of *jamu pahitan* were the *sambiloto* (*Andrographis paniculata*) leaf and the *Brotowali* (*Tinospora cordifolia*) stem. Moreover, other herbal ingredients are added to *jamu pahitan* to give a unique taste or flavor to this *jamu*. The herbal ingredients composed of *jamu pahitan* are shown in Figure 2, and bioactive compounds and traditional uses of herbal ingredients composed of *jamu pahitan* are detailed in Table 2.

Table 1. Detailed formula composition of *jamu pahitan* from several authors

Herbal ingredients	Formula 1 ¹⁾	Formula 2 ²⁾	Formula 3 ³⁾	Formula 4 ⁴⁾	Formula 5 ⁵⁾	Formula 6 ⁶⁾
<i>Sambiloto</i> (<i>Andrographis paniculata</i>) leaf	√	√	x	√	√	√
<i>Brotowali</i> (<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>) stem	√	x	√	√	√	√
<i>Kumis kucing</i> (<i>Orthosiphon aristatus</i>)	√	x	x	√	x	x
<i>Pepaya</i> (<i>Carica papaya</i>) leaf	√	x	x	√	x	x
<i>Temu hitam</i> (<i>Curcuma aeruginosa</i> Roxb.) Rhizome	√	x	x	√	x	x
<i>Meniran</i> (<i>Phyllanthus urinaria</i>) leaf	x	x	x	√	x	x
<i>Serai</i> (<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i>)	x	x	x	√	x	x
<i>Lempuyang</i> (<i>Zingiber zerumbet</i> (L.) Roscoe) Rhizome	x	x	x	√	x	√
<i>Pule</i> (<i>Alstonia Scholaris</i>) stem bark	x	x	x	√	x	x
<i>Temulawak</i> (<i>Curcuma xanthorrhiza</i>) Rhizome	x	x	x	√	x	x
<i>Lengkuas</i> (<i>Alpinia galanga</i>) Rhizome	x	x	x	√	x	x
<i>Kunyit</i> (<i>Curcuma longa</i>) Rhizome	x	x	x	x	x	√

Noted : (√) remarks on the main herbal ingredients used for making *jamu pahitan*, and (x) remarks on herbal ingredients not added to make *jamu pahitan* in specific formulas. ¹⁾(Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023), ²⁾(Trisusilo et al., 2020), ³⁾(Purlianto, 2015), ⁴⁾(Aprilistyawati, 2014), ⁵⁾(Wulandari & Azrianingsih, 2014), ⁶⁾(Husain et al., 2019)



Andrographis paniculata leaf
(Hermansyah *et al.*, 2020)



Tinospora cordifolia stem
(Hermansyah *et al.*, 2020)



Orthosiphon aristatus
(Nurchayati *et al.*, 2021)



Carica papaya leaf
(Hossain *et al.*, 2020)



Phyllanthus urinaria leaf
(Sukweenadhi *et al.*, 2020)



Cymbopogon citratus
(Nurchayati *et al.*, 2021)



Alstonia scholaris stem bark
(Supraja *et al.*, 2018)



Curcuma aeruginosa Roxb.
Rhizome
(Hermansyah *et al.*, 2020)



Zingiber zerumbet (L.) Roscoe
Rhizome
(Wahyuni *et al.*, 2013)



Curcuma longa Rhizome
(Nurchayati *et al.*, 2021)



Alpinia galanga Rhizome
(Hermansyah *et al.*, 2020)



Curcuma xanthorrhiza Rhizome
(Sukweenadhi *et al.*, 2020)

Figure 2. The herbal ingredients for making *jamu pahitan*.

Table 2. The bioactive compounds and traditional uses of herbal ingredients composed of *jamu pahitan*

Herbal ingredients	Compound or Groups of Bioactive	References	Traditional Uses	References
<i>Sambiloto (Andrographis paniculata)</i> leaf	Phenolic	(Rizkita et al., 2023)	Dysentery, insect bite, snake bite, malaria, fever	(M. S. Hossain et al., 2014)
<i>Brotowali (Tinospora cordifolia)</i> stem	Alkaloids, berberine, columbine, palmitin, glycosides, picroretin, harsa	(Fatikhurokhmah & Agustini, 2022)	Hypertension, stem sap applied to the mother's skin when weaning the baby Diabetes, malaria, stimulates bile secretion, diuretics, diarrhea, dermatology, detoxification	(Ismail et al., 2018) (Fatikhurokhmah & Agustini, 2022)
<i>Kumis kucing (Orthosiphon aristatus)</i>	Alkaloids, steroids, triterpenoids, flavonoids, tannins, quinones, coumarins	(Septiana et al., 2021)	Diabetes medications Hypertension, gout, diabetes	(Septiana et al., 2021) (Ismail et al., 2018)
<i>Pepaya (Carica papaya)</i> leaf	Alkaloids (carpaines)	(Nur, 2002)	Deworming	(Oktofani & Suwandi, 2019)
	Tannins	(Mukholifah, 2014)	The chikungunya	(Patil et al., 2022)
	Flavonoids	(Prasetya et al., 2018)	Dengue fever	(Patil et al., 2022)
<i>Temu Hitam (Curcuma aeruginosa Roxb.)</i> Rhizome	Saponins, polyphenols, glucans, flavonoids, triterpenoids,	(Kitamura et al., 2007), (Sweetymol & Thomas, 2014)	Improve the quality of breast milk, dengue fever, hypertension, and diabetes.	(Ismail et al., 2018)
			Excavated decoction, rheumatism, cough, asthma	(Reanmongkol et al., 2006)
			Skin disease	(Djauharia & Sufiani, 2007)
				Cough and asthma
	Curcuminoids, essential oils	(Bermawie, n.d.)	Dengue fever	(Bermawie, n.d.; Moektiwardoyo et al., 2014)
<i>Meniran (Phyllanthus urinaria)</i> leaf	Alkaloids, flavonoids, lignans, phenols, tannins, terpenes	(Calixto et al., 1998), (Nahar et al., 2011)	Jaundice, diabetes, hypertension	(Lans, 2006)

Herbal ingredients	Compound or Groups of Bioactive	References	Traditional Uses	References
<i>Serai (Cymbopogon citratus)</i>	Flavonoids, essential oils, phenolics	(Oladeji et al., 2019)	Rheumatism, diabetes, gastrointestinal infections, relieve anxiety and depression, malaria, pneumonia	(Chinsembu, 2015; Costa et al., 2016; Manvitha & Bidya, 2022)
<i>Lempuyang (Zingiber zerumbet (L.) Roscoe Rhizome)</i>	Flavonoids (kaempferol, quercetin, curcumin), essential oils (cyclic sesquiterpene zerumbone, humulene camphene)	(Yob et al., 2011)	Headache, swelling, runny nose, ulcers, wounds, loss of appetite, nausea, menstrual discomfort	(Rout & Acharya, 2011; Yob et al., 2011)
<i>Pule (Alstonia Scholaris) stem bark</i>	Flavonoids, phenolics, saponins, triterpenoids, steroids, alkaloids, coumarins Alkaloids, flavonoids, phenolics, steroids, saponins, and tannins	(Itam et al., 2018) (Dey, 2011)	Arthritis, impotence, wounds, wounds, impotence, earache, asthma, vaginal discharge, dog bite, fever, cancer, tumor, jaundice, hepatitis, malaria, diarrhea, skin diseases	(Dey, 2011)
<i>Temulawak (Curcuma xanthorrhiza) Rhizome</i>	Curcuminoids, limonines, flavonoids	(Syamsudin et al., 2019)	Diuretic Indigestion, jaundice, vaginal discharge	(Ismail et al., 2018) (Syamsudin et al., 2019)
<i>Lengkuas (Alpinia galanga) Rhizome</i>	Phenolics, flavonoids	(Eram et al., 2019)	Dyspepsia, wound care	(Ismail et al., 2018)
<i>Kunyit (Curcuma longa) Rhizome</i>	Curcuminoids, essential oils	(S. Li, 2011)	Anti-aging, dyspepsia, postpartum care, flu, detoxification, facial and skin care, deep wound healing, and pain relief.	(Ismail et al., 2018)

The composition formula ratio or the number of each herbal ingredient of *jamu pahitan* depends on the herbal medicine maker, and no reference regulates the dosage of each herbal ingredient. Furthermore, making *jamu pahitan* is very simple and easy to conduct. Several formulas for the ratio or amount of each herbal ingredient used in making *jamu pahitan* are shown in Table 3. As shown in Table 3, *jamu pahitan* with formulas A and B was created by precisely weighing each herbal ingredient and decocting it in water for an hour at a ratio of 1:20 (w/v). Following filtration, the filtrate was dried by evaporating it over a water bath to obtain viscous *jamu pahitan* (Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023). However, the amount of water used in formulas C, D, and E adjusts to the taste of the *jamu pahitan* maker, and there is no exact dosage. For formulations C, D, and E, the making of *jamu pahitan* followed as instructions: in short, the *sambiloto* leaf or *brotowali* steam and optional other herbal ingredients (for formula E only) were prepared and mixed using water in a specific ratio and homogenized using a blender, followed by boiling at 100 °C until a blackish color form, and have a bitter fragrant smell (\pm 1 hour), and then filtering. After cooling, the filtered *jamu pahitan* is packed in bottles (Aprilistyawati, 2014; Purlianto, 2015; Trisusilo et al., 2020). In formula C, the water used for making *jamu pahitan* is 1 liter (Trisusilo et al., 2020).

Table 3. Formulas ratio or the number of each herbal ingredient for making *jamu pahitan* from several recipes

Herbal ingredients	Formula A ¹⁾	Formula B ¹⁾	Formula C ²⁾	Formula D ³⁾	Formula E ⁴⁾
<i>Sambiloto (Andrographis paniculata)</i> leaf	3	1	100	Not added	300 g
<i>Brotowali (Tinospora cordifolia)</i> stem	3	1	Not added	100	50 g
<i>Kumis Kucing (Orthosiphon aristatus)</i>	3	1	Not added	Not added	Not added
<i>Pepaya (Carica papaya)</i> leaf	2	1	Not added	Not added	Not added
<i>Temu hitam (Curcuma aeruginosa Roxb.)</i> Rhizome	2	1	Not added	Not added	3 rhizome segments
<i>Meniran (Phyllanthus urinaria)</i> leaf	Not added	Not added	Not added	Not added	200 g
<i>Serai (Cymbopogon citratus)</i>	Not added	Not added	Not added	Not added	300 g
<i>Lempuyang (Zingiber zerumbet (L.) Roscoe)</i> Rhizome	Not added	Not added	Not added	Not added	200 g
<i>Pule (Alstonia Scholaris)</i> stem bark	Not added	Not added	Not added	Not added	100 g
<i>Temulawak (Curcuma xanthorrhiza)</i> Rhizome	Not added	Not added	Not added	Not added	400 g
<i>Lengkuas (Alpinia galanga)</i> Rhizome	Not added	Not added	Not added	Not added	200 g

Noted: ¹⁾(Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023), ²⁾(Trisusilo et al., 2020), ³⁾(Purlianto, 2015), ⁴⁾(Aprilistyawati, 2014). Formula 1-4 in a ratio of each herbal ingredient used for making *jamu pahitan* and formula 5 in the number of each herbal ingredient used for making *jamu pahitan*

Jamu Pahitan in Society Beliefs and Perception

As exemplified by *jamu pahitan*, traditional herbal medicine holds significant cultural importance in Indonesia, particularly among older people, for its perceived ability to enhance vitality, boost immunity, and contribute to longevity. Rooted in generations of tradition, the Javanese community values *jamu* as a complement to mainstream healthcare, driven by perceived safety, affordability, and positive effects. This cultural connection extends to demographic variations, influencing perceptions and preferences among different consumer groups (Andriati & Wahjudi, 2016; Prabawani, 2017; Putra & Triratnawati, 2021).

Despite varying regional formulations, *jamu pahitan* offers diverse health benefits, including improved digestion, strengthened immune system, inflammation reduction, and relaxation promotion. Despite evolving perceptions, especially among the younger generation, *jamu pahitan* remains a sought-after natural healthcare choice, prompting efforts to revitalize its image and preserve its cultural significance (Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023; Roosinda, 2021; Valenti, 2023). In the martial art discipline of *Pencak Silat*, *jamu pahitan* derived from papaya leaves, has emerged as a remedy for ailments, emphasizing its enduring role in traditional practices (Suparno, 2023). Moreover, Wulandari and Azrianingsih's interviews (Wulandari & Azrianingsih, 2014) in Karangrejo Village, Kromengan District, Malang Regency, indicated that people who live there believe *jamu pahitan* is a valuable herb for treating itching, purifying the blood, and preventing allergies.

Scientific Evidence of Jamu Pahitan

Jamu pahitan consists of many herbal ingredients in its formulation composition, commonly known as polyherbal. Naturally, making *jamu pahitan* was a decoction of herbal ingredients formulation using water as a solvent at a specific temperature. Scientifically, *Jamu pahitan* has a bitter taste caused by alkaloid compounds in its formulated herbal ingredients (Sumarni et al., 2019). The herbal ingredients composing *jamu pahitan* have diverse and different amounts of alkaloid content, as listed in Table 4.

Table 4. The alkaloid content of herbal ingredients composed of *jamu pahitan*

Herbal ingredients	Extract type	Alkaloid Content	Reference
<i>Sambiloto</i> (<i>Andrographis paniculata</i>) leaf		9.84 %	(Therasa et al., 2020)
	Ethanollic extract	60.54 - 120.13 mg/g	(Paul et al., 2021)
		6.266±0.376 mg/100g	(Idorenyin et al., 2020)
	Water extract	46.46±1.26%	(Natania & Haniel, 2021)
	Methanolic extract	11.29%	
	Chloroform extract	85.48%	(Abirami et al., 2023)
<i>Brotowali</i> (<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>) stem	Acetone extract	20.96%	
	Petroleum Ether extract	70.80%	
	Water extract	0.31%	(R. Sharma et al., 2013)
	Whole stem	0.49 ± 0.04 - 4.25 ± 0.03%	(Pradhan et al., 2013)
	Ethanollic extract	84.72%	(Devi et al., 2020)
<i>Pepaya</i> (<i>Carica papaya</i>) leaf		1.57 ± 0.3 mg/g	
	Methanolic extract	1.21± 0.3 mg/g	(Sobia et al., 2016)
	n-hexane extract	0.53± 0.1 mg/g	
	Chloroform extract	0 0.64± 0.3 mg/g	
<i>Temu hitam</i> (<i>Curcuma aeruginosa</i> Roxb.) Rhizome	Methanolic extract	3.28 ± 0.15 mg/g	(Zohmachhuana et al., 2022)
	Ethyl acetate extract	1.12 ± 0.27 mg/g	
<i>Meniran</i> (<i>Phyllanthus urinaria</i>) leaf	Water extract	0.86±0.03%	(Awomukwu et al., 2014)
	Water extract	~25%	(R. Abdullah et al., 2023)
<i>Serai</i> (<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i>)	Water extract	44.29 mg/g	(Omagha et al., 2020)
<i>Pule</i> (<i>Alstonia Scholaris</i>) stem bark	Water extract	7.26 ± 0.06 % w/w	(Dhruti et al., 2016)
	Methanolic extract	9.07 ± 0.08 % w/w	
<i>Temulawak</i> (<i>Curcuma xanthorrhiza</i>) Rhizome	Ethanollic Extract	14.06 mg/g	(Halim et al., 2012)
<i>Lengkuas</i> (<i>Alpinia galanga</i>) Rhizome	Alkaloid fractions	1340 mg/kg	(Nampoothiri et al., 2017)
	Water extract	0.310±0.020%	
	Methanolic extract	7.972±0.124%	(Mohammed et al., 2019)
	n-Hexane extract	0.226±0.261%	
	Methanolic extract	0.397-0.702%	(Jadhav et al., 2023)
<i>Kunyit</i> (<i>Curcuma domestica</i>) Rhizome	Water extract	4382.20 mg/g	(Omagha et al., 2020)
<i>Kumis Kucing</i> (<i>Orthosiphon aristatus</i>)		No information available	
<i>Lempuyang zerumbet</i> (<i>Zingiber</i> (L.) <i>Roscoe</i>) Rhizome		No information available	

According to the study (Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023), *jamu pahitan* has antidiabetic bioactivity effects on health based on in-vitro tests. The antidiabetic activity of *jamu pahitan* was already impacted by the bioactive compounds in the herbal ingredients, such as alkaloids, phenolics, tannins, terpenoids, etc. The potential antidiabetic activity of water extract from herbal ingredients formulated for *jamu pahitan* and *jamu pahitan* are summarized in Table 5.

Table 5. The antidiabetic activity of water extract of herbal ingredients formulated of *jamu pahitan* and *jamu pahitan*

Water extract of herbal ingredients or <i>jamu</i>	Compounds or groups bioactive	Reference	Results of Previous Study	Reference
<i>Sambiloto</i> leaf	Alkaloids, glycosides, anthraquinone, terpenoids, flavonoids, tannins, phenolic, saponins, and	(Das & Srivastav, 2014; Hartini et al., 2021; Malahubban et al., 2013)	The aqueous extract of <i>sambiloto</i> leaf, with an IC ₅₀ of 14.203 mg/mL, exhibits a lower inhibitory activity against the α -amylase enzyme in an in vitro study compared to the ethanolic extract (IC ₅₀ of 9.253 mg/mL)	(Hartini et al., 2021)
			A water extract of <i>Andrographis paniculata</i> demonstrates effective anti-diabetic properties, restoring the disturbed metabolic profile of obese diabetic rats to normal conditions.	(Akhtar et al., 2016)
			The ethanolic and water extracts of <i>Andrographis paniculata</i> leaf, ranging from concentrations of 100 to 400 μ g/mL, display significant α -amylase inhibitory activity in vitro, though comparatively less potent than acarbose	(Kokila & Mathavi, 2019)
<i>Brotowali</i> stem	Alkaloids	(Hamid et al., 2015)	The water extract of <i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> stem exhibited protective effects on pancreatic β -cells and enhanced glucose uptake in adipocytes, indicating potential control over glucose metabolism in diabetic rats	(B. R. Sharma et al., 2019)
			The water extract of <i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> stem demonstrated a gradual increase in glucose uptake activity at dosages ranging from 1 to 100 μ g in ETA (Ehrlich ascites tumor) cells, serving as a diabetic model system.	(Joladarashi et al., 2014)
<i>Pepaya</i> leaf	catechin, quercetin, cinnamic acid	(Husin et al., 2019)	The aqueous extract of <i>Carica papaya</i> exhibited differential effects on insulin levels. Following treatment, plasma insulin levels in diabetic rats did not significantly impact, while a substantial increase was observed in non-diabetic animals.	(Juárez-Rojop et al., 2012)
	Flavonoids, polyphenols	(H. Li et al., 2023; A. Sharma et al., 2022)	Administered of the aqueous extract of <i>C. papaya</i> leaf at doses of 400 mg/kg body weight for 21 days led to a noteworthy reduction in blood glucose levels and serum lipid profile, including total cholesterol, triglyceride, and serum urea, in diabetic albino rats	(Pandey et al., 2016)
			Feeding an aqueous extract of <i>C. papaya</i> leaf at doses of 120 mg/kg body weight for eighteen days effectively lowered glucose levels, total cholesterol, total glycerides, and LDL in albino rats induced by alloxan.	(Ukpabi et al., 2019)

Water extract of herbal ingredients or <i>jamu</i>	Compounds or groups bioactive	Reference	Results of Previous Study	Reference
<i>Temu hitam</i> rhizome	terpenoids, sterols, organic acids, fatty acids and sugars	(Simoh & Zainal, 2015)	The potential of <i>temu hitam</i> as an antidiabetic agent was rarely explored. Although, compared with the other species of <i>Curcumin</i> species, like <i>Curcuma longa</i> and <i>Curcuma xanthorrhiza</i> , which contain curcuminoid compounds in their rhizome, <i>Curcuma aeruginosa</i> also had the potential as an antidiabetic agent in the future.	(Simoh & Zainal, 2015)
<i>Meniran</i> leaf	alkaloids, glycosides, and flavonoids	(Disoriya et al., 2022)	The oral administration of aqueous leaf and seed extract of <i>Phyllanthus amarus</i> (PAE) in doses of 150-600 mg/kg/day in normal and 10% sucrose-induced insulin resistance rats, could effectively manage diabetes mellitus insulin resistance, which was mediated by an improvement in insulin resistance	(Adeneye, 2012)
	rutin, quercetin, and isoquercetin	(Puspitarini et al., 2022)	The water extracts of <i>Phyllanthus amarus</i> and <i>Phyllanthus urinaria</i> inhibited α -glucosidase with IC ₅₀ of 1.70 \pm 0.03 and 6.10 \pm 0.10 μ M, respectively	(Trinh et al., 2016)
	corilagin, repandusinic acid A, and mallotinin	(Trinh et al., 2016)	The leaf extract of <i>Phyllanthus urinaria</i> exhibited good α -glucosidase inhibitory activity, although it was relatively lower than the fruit, root, and stem extracts	(Han et al., 2023)
<i>Serai</i>	flavonoids	(Garba et al., 2020)	The flavonoids present in <i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> effectively blocked the activity of the enzyme α -glucosidase, responsible for breaking down carbohydrates and potentially causing elevated blood sugar levels	(Borges et al., 2021)
			Oral intervention with Lemongrass tea (LGT) showed antidiabetic effects in rats with Type 2 Diabetes (T2D), including a decrease in body weight, reduced food and fluid consumption, improved insulin sensitivity, glucose tolerance, β -cell functioning, and amelioration of dyslipidemia.	(Garba et al., 2020)
			The oral administration of fresh leaf aqueous extract of <i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> at doses ranging from 125 to 500 mg/kg in normal Wistar rats for 42 days demonstrated minimal toxicity, suggesting its general safety and validating its traditional application in individuals with suspected Type 2 diabetes.	(Adeneye & Agbaje, 2007)
<i>Pule stem</i> bark	steroids, flavonoids, reducing sugars, and phenolic compounds	(Sookying et al., 2023)	Orally administered the aqueous extract of <i>A. scholaris</i> bark at doses of 150 mg/kg and 300 mg/kg for four weeks significantly improved fasting blood glucose levels in diabetic rats.	(Bandawane et al., 2011)
	β -sitosterol, lupeol acetate, and α -amyrin acetate	(Adotey et al., 2012)	The oral administration of the ethanolic extract of <i>A. scholaris</i> bark at doses of 200 and 400 mg/kg for one month not only led to improvements in blood glucose levels and serum lipid profiles but also facilitated	(Shahin et al., 2022)

Water extract of herbal ingredients or <i>jamu</i>	Compounds or groups bioactive	Reference	Results of Previous Study	Reference
<i>Temulawak</i> Rhizome	flavonoids, tannin, saponin, terpenoids, sterols, phenolics,	(Anjusha & Gangaprasad, 2014)	pancreatic β -cell regeneration in streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats, bringing these parameters closer to normal levels the administration of optimal doses (10 mL/kg BW/day) of <i>temulawak</i> water extract synergic with <i>Morinda citrifolia</i> Linn., to streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats during <i>in vivo</i> demonstrated pancreatic protection by reducing lipid peroxidase activity and protecting against insulin resistance.	(Santoso et al., 2018)
	curcumin	(Santoso et al., 2018)	Oral administration of the optimal doses of 10 mL/kg BW/day of <i>temulawak</i> water extract was found to lower glucose levels in streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats during an <i>in vivo</i> investigation.	(Rahmayani et al., 2016)
	xanthorrhizol, demethoxycurcumin, and bisdemethoxycurcumin	(Rahmayani et al., 2016)		
<i>Kunyit</i> Rhizome	curcuminoids, alkaloids, flavonoids, triterpenoids/steroids	(Andrie et al., 2014)	The giving streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats optimal doses of 9.5 mL/kg BW of <i>kunyit</i> water extract resulted in lower blood glucose levels by synergizing with antioxidant activity in repairing pancreatic cells and triggering insulin production during <i>in vivo</i> study	(Andrie et al., 2014)
<i>Lengkuas</i> Rhizome	tannins, coumarins, sterols, glycosides	(Iyer et al., 2013)	The administration of <i>A. galanga</i> aqueous extract at a dose of 4 g/kg to normal rabbits led to a significant decrease in blood glucose levels 2 to 8 hours after oral administration, followed by a subsequent elevation at 12 and 24 hours.	(Zafar et al., 2023)
	flavonoids	(Tungmunnithum et al., 2020)	Administered 200 and 400 mg/kg b.w. of methanolic extract of <i>A. galanga</i> in diabetic rats, resulting in reduced fasting blood glucose levels and various improved biochemical parameters compared to the control group of diabetic rats. The positive effects observed in the diabetic rats treated with the extracts were attributed to their potential stimulation of regenerating and surviving cells.	(Verma et al., 2015)
<i>Kumis Kucing</i>	terpenoids, polyphenols, sterols	(Abd Aziz et al., 2021; Rizkita et al., 2023)	The antidiabetic potential of <i>Orthosiphon aristatus</i> water extract has been explored, revealing its anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and blood glucose-lowering properties	(F. I. Abdullah et al., 2020; Alshehade et al., 2023)
	rosmarinic acid and various caffeic acid derivatives	(Chua et al., 2018)	sub-fraction of the p <i>Orthosiphon stamineus</i> extract demonstrated the ability to both increase and decrease glucose uptake by liver cells.	(Mohamed et al., 2013)

Water extract of herbal ingredients or <i>jamu</i>	Compounds or groups bioactive	Reference	Results of Previous Study	Reference
<i>Lempuyang</i> Rhizome	shogaol, gingerol, and other gingerones	(Koga et al., 2016)	administered an aqueous extract of <i>Z. zerumbet</i> in 200 mg/kg doses in streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats, it did not significantly demonstrate any antidiabetic effect in contrast with glibenclamide, a standard antidiabetic drug.	(Lal et al., 2010)
<i>Jamu pahitan</i>	Polyphenols	(Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Sa-Ngiamsumtorn, et al., 2023)	<i>Jamu pahitan</i> is potent as an antidiabetic agent via <i>in vivo</i> study through mechanisms that improve the insulin secretion in pancreatic β -cells, which is necessary for sustaining normal blood glucose levels, and increases glucose uptake in muscle cells, which helps to lower blood glucose levels. The decoction form of formulation of <i>jamu pahitan</i> was a practical and secure method to manage diabetes, which was probably achieved by stimulating skeletal muscle's glucose uptake and having a protective antioxidant effect	(Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Kitphati, et al., 2023) (Hartanti, Chatsumpun, Sa-Ngiamsumtorn, et al., 2023)

Conclusion

A traditional beverage from Indonesia, *jamu*, is passed down through the generations using family recipes, which are manufactured from a mixture of several different parts of herbal plants, the dependence of type *jamu* produced and has numerous health advantages. One of the popular variations of *jamu* is *jamu pahitan*, which is typically made with one type or both of the main herbal ingredients of sambiloto (*Andrographis paniculata*) and brotowali (*Tinospora cordifolia*), with or without added additional herbal ingredients to lessen the bitter taste. Traditionally, *jamu pahitan* is a popular blood purifier, anti-allergic, and used to treat and cure skin conditions in many Indonesian local communities. The scientific evidence highlighted that the herbal ingredients and the water extract of herbal ingredients composed of *jamu pahitan* contain various bioactive substances. Apart from that, the water extracts of each herbal ingredient composed of *jamu pahitan* also show pharmacological activity as antidiabetic activity either *in vivo* or *in vitro*. The current research found that *jamu pahitan* has an anti-diabetic bioactivity based on *in vitro* tests.

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