


## Biological Activity and Taxonomy of *Persea americana* Mill: A Systematic Review

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### Abstract:

Medicinal plants are the main raw materials utilized in the manufacture of pharmaceutical products around the world. Avocado (*Persea americana* Mill.) is a high-nutrient tropical fruit of the Lauraceae family. The study provides a concise summary of the most important results from the many studies conducted on *P. americana* since 2010 that have sought to identify active principles found in the plant that can treat human ailments. To find published articles, searches were conducted through Google Scholar, PubMed, ScienceDirect, Web of Science, BioMed Central, Science, Scopus, and Springer. In the 113 articles published, it was discovered that the plant extract worked well against cancer, free radicals, bacteria, parasites, inflammation, and diabetes. The chemical compound that was mentioned the most frequently was polyphenol. Clinical studies involving humans are necessary to confirm and improve the effectiveness of avocado seed, peel, and leaf extracts in the treatment of diseases. Although the safety of avocado extract has been shown in animal models, it is imperative to evaluate the dosage and potential adverse effects in humans before deeming it an effective and safe treatment. The extract of *P. americana* may have a significant impact on the advancement of nutraceuticals.

**Keywords:** Antioxidants; Anticancer; Avocado; Antimicrobial

## 1. Introduction

The use of medicinal plants is becoming more and more recognized on a global scale. Finding phytochemicals that can replace synthetic molecules in food, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics is becoming an increasingly popular goal in the modern day. The product was developed in line with customer concerns regarding the safety of synthetic chemical products since these compounds are believed to induce or exacerbate adverse health consequences. Products containing preservatives or synthetic additives are being replaced by those that are more natural and healthful [1]. Avocado (*Persea americana*) is a nutrient-dense tropical fruit in the Lauraceae family [2]. A fruit native to the tropics and subtropics. Over the past 10 years, avocado production has expanded due to its taste, texture, medicinal, and nutritional qualities, making it a staple on menus around the world. Avocado is a significant tropical crop that contains a high amount of unsaturated fatty acids, fiber, vitamins B and E, and various other nutrients [3]. The global demand for avocados has been steadily expanding in recent years, driven by their significant nutritional value and health benefits [4]. Avocados are an excellent source of healthy fat. Avocado is not only a staple crop in many countries around the world, but its medicinal qualities have also made it a popular ingredient in traditional medicine [5]. The current review of the literature did not yield comprehensive analyses of *Persea americana*. The plants have only been attempted to be reviewed by [6-8]. The purpose of this review was to provide an up-to-date and thorough assessment of *Persea americana's* biological potential. This study will examine existing research on the biological use of avocado and its by-products, including leaves, peel, and seeds.

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## 2. Methodology

Inclusion criteria: Elsevier, Springer, Science Direct Elsevier, Google Scholar, Taylor & Francis, Pub med, and the Scopus database were searched using the terms chemical composition, *Persea americana*, antioxidant, antibacterial, anti-diabetic, anticancer, antiviral, traditional medicine, ethnopharmacology, toxicity, cytotoxic action, chemical composition, mineral elements, GCMS analysis, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antifungal, anti-hypertension and anti-parasite. The World Flora Online (<https://www.worldfloraonline.org/taxon/wfo-0000519672>) provided the taxonomic and morphological description of *Persea americana*. Exclusion criteria: Research papers not published in English, review papers, conference proceedings, abstracts, thesis, and preprint were excluded.

## 3. Results and Discussion

### 3.1 Origin, Distribution, And Taxonomy

Avocado (*Persea americana* Mill), commonly known as aguacate, is a tropical fruit native to the Americas. The genus *Persea*, originally classified as *Clus.*, is a member of the family Lauraceae. Avocados are versatile tree species that are believed to have evolved from a wide geographical region that spans the eastern and central highlands of Mexico to the Pacific coast of Central America. Although avocados originated in southern Mexico, they are currently grown in countries as distant as Spain, South Africa, and Australia [9-12].

### 3.2 Biological Activity

The use of therapeutic herbs in alternative medicine has led to the development of several new drugs. More than 80% of the medicine used today was derived from plants in the nineteenth century. The scientific revolution gave rise to the pharmaceutical business, which became well-known for producing pharmaceuticals. Medicinal plants are increasingly used to treat a variety of ailments because they are believed to be safe and effective medications with fewer side effects and a lower cost than conventional treatments. *Persea americana* has been the subject of numerous biological investigations (Figure 1).

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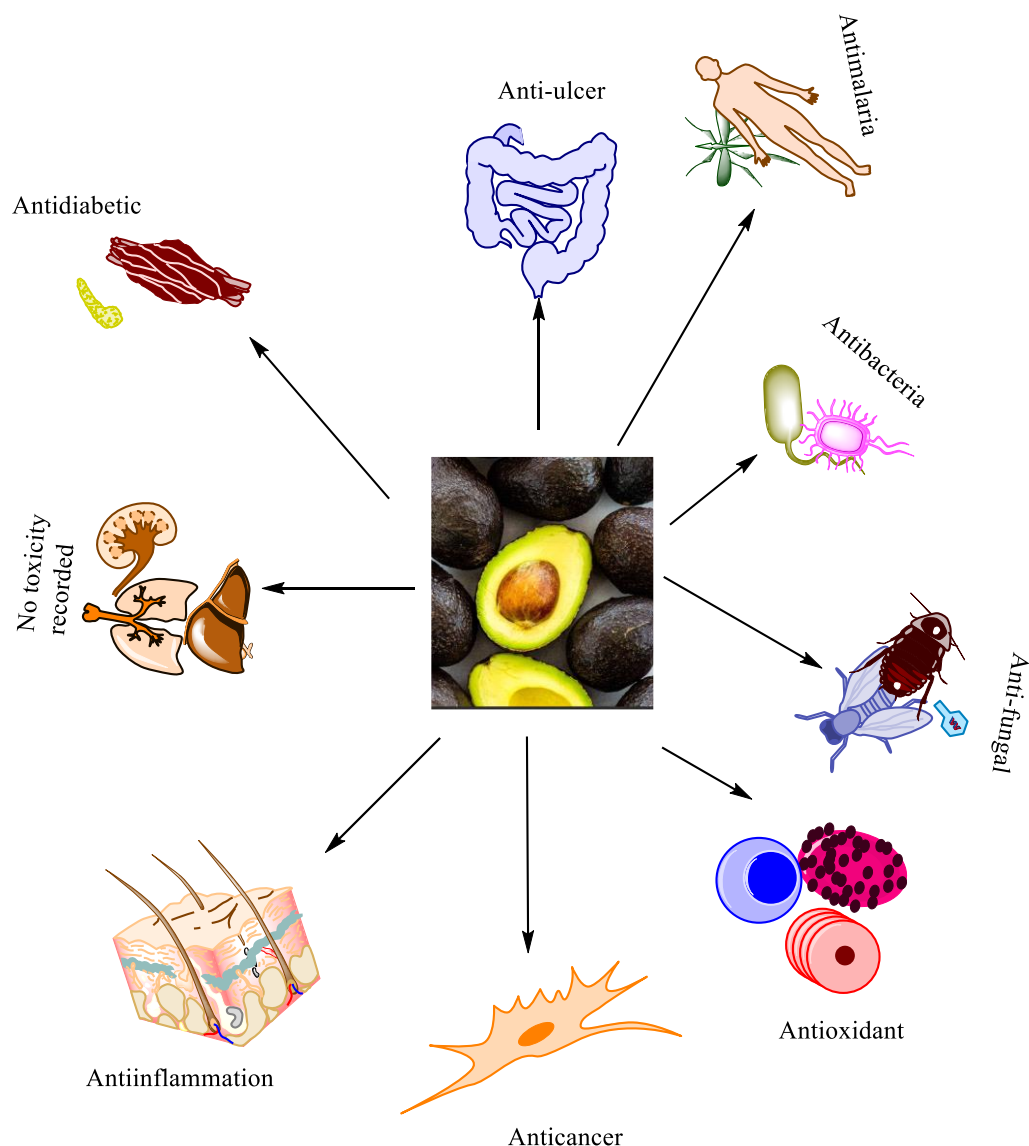


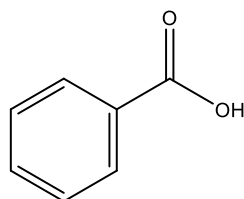
Figure 1: Diseases treated with different parts of *Persea americana* (Source author)

### 3.2.1 Antioxidant

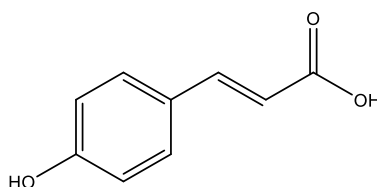
Antioxidants primarily work by preventing free radicals from initiating or advancing oxidizing chain reactions, which delays oxidation of other molecules and reduces oxidative damage [12]. Scientists are putting a lot of time and effort into identifying compounds that could replace synthetic antioxidants, and they are particularly interested in discovering natural sources of antioxidants. Investigating the antioxidant activity of *P. americana* extracts using various experimental methods enables a thorough screening of potential antioxidant pathways. Investigating the antioxidant activity of plant extracts using various experimental methods enables a thorough screening of potential antioxidant pathways. The extracts exhibited a range of 58.50-67.49% inhibition [2]. The seed extract had a value of 2012 ± 300 trolox equivalents/mg for the ability to absorb oxygen radicals [3]. Using the longest sonication period (55 min), showed that the antioxidant activity of the ethanolic avocado seed extract was the highest (158.77 mg Trolox equivalents / g), as evaluated by the oxygen radical antioxidant capacity assay [4]. The extract of the Criollo 6 avocado cultivar showed the best result for inhibiting lipid oxidation, while the Platano Delgado and Criollo 6 avocado cultivars had the highest free radical scavenging activity, with  $IC_{50}$  values of  $271.86 \pm 13.69$  and  $269.56 \pm 6.53$  for 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) and 2,2-Azinobis- 3-ethylbenzothiazolin-6-sulfonic acid (ABTS +), respectively [13]. The  $IC_{50}$  value for the antioxidant activity of the methanolic extract of the avocado

peel was  $185.891 \pm 1.598$  ppm [14]. The half-maximal inhibitory concentration ( $IC_{50}$ ) of DPPH radical elimination was determined to be  $0.92 \mu\text{g/mL}$ , providing evidence of a negative association (the higher the antioxidant activity, the lower the DPPH  $IC_{50}$ ), with a p-value less than 0.00 [15]. All the studied radicals, including DPPH, showed remarkable free radical scavenging capabilities. Nitric oxide (NO) ( $IC_{50} = 149.46 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), hydroxyl (OH) ( $107.91 \pm 3.59 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), superoxide ( $O_2$ ) ( $IC_{50} = 103.05 \pm 2.19 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), and hydroxyl (OH) ( $107.91 \pm 3.59 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) [16]. With  $56.35 \text{ mg AAE}/100 \text{ g}$ , the acetone extract demonstrated a greater reducing power [17]. An analysis of the free radical scavenging activity of DPPH compared to standard ascorbic acid, methanol extracts ( $IC_{50} = 4.09 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), petroleum ether ( $6.12 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), and ethyl acetate ( $IC_{50} = 3.42 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) demonstrated a free radical scavenging efficacy of more than 83%. On the other hand, the antioxidant efficacy of the soluble fraction of petroleum ether was approximately 75% [18]. The experiments with DPPH and Ferric reducing power activity (FRAP) measured the highest antioxidant activity, with *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* CECT 9567 achieving  $6294.67 \pm 19.44$  and  $6846.91 \pm 2.13 \mu\text{g TE/g d.w.}$ , respectively [19]. Silver nanoparticles (Ag NP) exhibited a high level of effectiveness in removing DPPH free radicals, with a rate of 92.02% [20]. According to the DPPH assay technique, the aqueous extract of avocado pulp had slightly stronger antioxidant activity ( $IC_{50} = 19.32 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) than the ethanol extract ( $IC_{50} = 21.84 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) [21]. In a dose-dependent manner, the seed lipid extract was more inhibitory than the fruit lipid extract. At the maximum concentration of  $200 \mu\text{g/mL}$ , it showed substantial and considerable inhibitory activities against ATBS (69.73%) and DPPH (36.64%), respectively, compared to their comparable standards, Trolox and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), which showed inhibitory activities of 122.30 and 113.87% at the same concentration, respectively [22]. Seed extracts had 43% more antioxidant activity in the *in vitro* DPPH • test than skin extracts (35% activity) and fruit pulp extracts (23% activity) [23]. Hydrophilic and lipophilic extracts exhibited comparable trends in DPPH, trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity (TEAC), and oxygen radical absorbance capacity (ORAC) experiments, while lipophilic extracts had greater antioxidant potential. Saturated fatty acids were positively correlated with the DPPH and TEAC tests [24]. In terms of antioxidant activity, supercritical carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) outperformed compressed LPG by a wider margin: 82.5% suppression of the 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl radical with  $CO_2$  and 31.6% with LPG [25]. According to DPPH, avocado-peel tea demonstrated antioxidant activity with a value of  $1,954.24 \pm 87.92 \text{ mg of TE L-1}$  [26]. The antioxidant and antihemolytic properties of the sample were satisfactory. The dissolution capability of bioactive compounds in avocados that are lipid-soluble and ascorbic acid was not significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ). A weak ferrous ion-chelating activity was observed in the tested material. The antioxidant activity was good, while the ability of the sample to scavenge hydrogen peroxide was modest [27]. There was a concentration-dependent increase in antioxidant activity. Compared to vitamin C and beta-hydroxytryptophan (BHT), avocado fruit extract ( $1000 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) scavenged 95% of DPPH and 91.03% of free radicals during the experiment [28]. The peel had the highest antioxidant activity, ranging from 53.3 to 307.3  $\text{mmol g}^{-1}$  fresh weight [29]. In terms of BHT equivalent / g, avocado epicarp extract had radical scavenging capabilities of 146 g,  $\alpha$ -tocopherol of 590 mg, and ascorbic acid of 880 mg [30]. The antioxidant content of avocado seed oil (ASO) is second to that of avocado fruit oil (AFO), which is the highest overall. The  $IC_{50}$  values were  $50.68 \text{ ug/ml}$  for hydroxyl radical scavenging and  $62.99 \text{ ug/ml}$  for ABTS, respectively [31]. The Hass avocado exhibited the highest DPPH value, measuring  $1.3 \pm 0.09 \mu\text{mol TE/g}$  [32]. Of the four fractions examined, fraction III had the highest antioxidant activity, measuring 81.6%, compared to the standard antioxidant ascorbic acid, which recorded 82.3% [33]. In the DPPH assay, the ethanolic extract of the Duke cultivar demonstrated active antioxidant activities with an  $IC_{50}$  value of  $27.21 \mu\text{g/ml}$ , but the Fuerte cultivar extract exhibited weaker activity [34]. *In vitro* tests demonstrated a high % of antioxidant activity for oil seed, ranging from 90.5% to 91.38%. The methanolic fraction exhibited the highest antioxidant activity, at 99.7%, according to the ABTS assay, with an  $IC_{50}$  of  $0.035 \text{ mg / mL}$  [35]. The DPPH free radical scavenging activities of the methanol extracts were much higher than those of the n-hexane extracts. The methanol extracts of the seeds showed the highest activity at  $4.17 \pm 0.04 \text{ mg / mL}$ , while the exocarp showed the second highest activity at  $5.25 \pm 0.05 \text{ mg/mL}$ . Compared to n-hexane extracts, methanol extracts demonstrated superior free radical scavenging capabilities according to the ABTS test. In seed

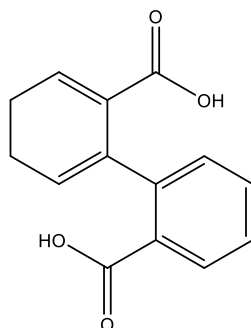
methanol extracts, the highest ABTS free radical scavenging activity was achieved ( $0.03 \pm 0.01$  mg / mL) [36]. In contrast to the reference, there was an abundance of the antioxidant enzymes superoxide dismutase (SOD), and glutathione peroxidase (GPx) and catalase (CAT) levels were lower than expected [37]. Outstanding antioxidant capacities were demonstrated as determined by DPPH ( $128.80 \pm 0.0159$   $\mu\text{molTE/L}$ ), ORAC ( $1822.02 \pm 12.6338$   $\mu\text{molTE/L}$ ), and FRAP ( $343.88 \pm 0.001$   $\mu\text{molAAE/L}$ ), respectively [38]. Several studies have linked the antioxidant activity of avocado extracts with specific phenolic compounds (Figure 2), including epicatechin, quercetin, benzoic acid, caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, ferulic acid, 4-hydroxybenzoic acid, p-coumaric acid. These compounds were also quantified in the present study [39]. Significant antioxidant prowess. The reason for this could be the elevated concentration of total carotenoid components found in the roasted seeds ( $6534.48$   $\mu\text{g}/100$  g) [40]. Avocado leaves contain phenolic chemicals that have potential as antioxidant agents and as a substitute for conventional food preservation methods [13]. The antioxidant action is due to the complex polyphenols found in the phytochemical material, which includes substances such as alkaloids, saponins, tannins, and flavonoids [14]. Some of the effects could be due to other active substances. The exact amounts of antioxidant activity and the relative roles played by the many chemicals identified are still a mystery. The results of this study raise the possibility that the antioxidant characteristics of these active chemicals may work together or against one another. Therefore, we need to dig deeper to find the standout molecules and learn more about their processes and synergistic effects. The findings of this study clearly demonstrate that *Persea americana* has strong antioxidant properties when tested against several in vitro antioxidant systems. The nutraceutical potential of plant extract lies in its inherent antioxidants, which have the ability to protect cells from oxidative stress.



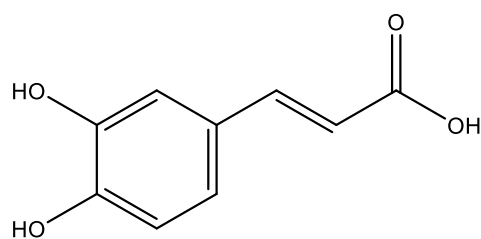
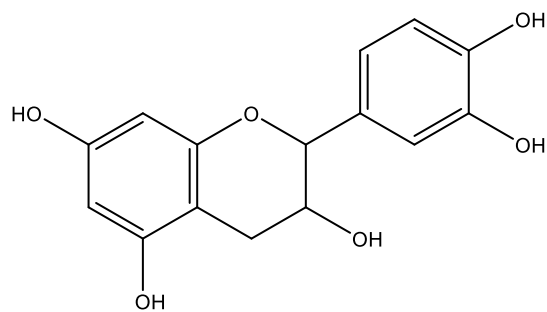
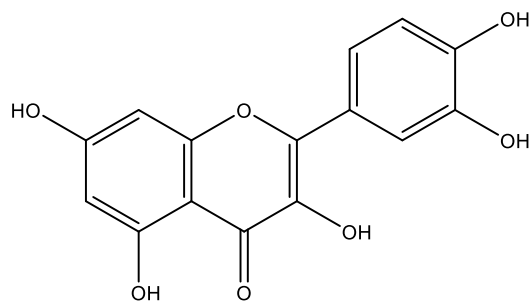
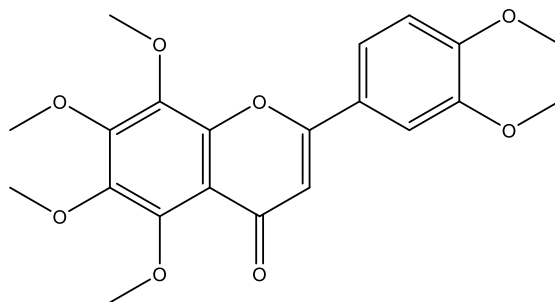
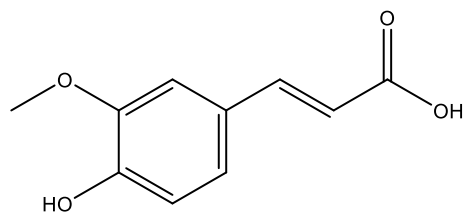
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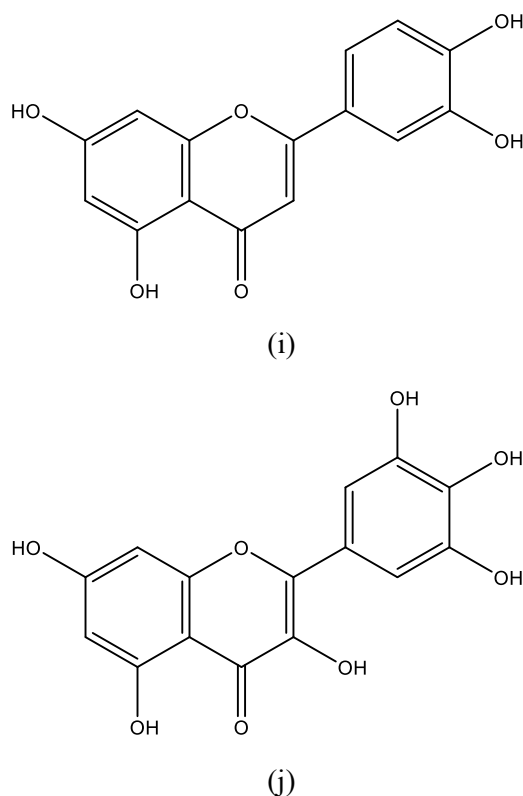


Figure 2: Major compounds responsible for biological activity; (a) Benzoic acid (b) p-coumaric acid (c) 4-hydrohibenzoic acid (d) Ferulic acid (e) Flavonoid (f) Quercetin (g) Epicatechin (h) Caffeic acid (i) Luteolin (j) Myricetin (Source Author)

### 3.2.2 Anti-inflammation

To control tissue healing and eliminate foreign substances, infections, or irritants, the body undergoes inflammation [41]. To alleviate symptoms, it is necessary to manage inflammatory reactions; otherwise, significant tissue deterioration or excessive inflammatory responses may occur [42]. Therefore, it is necessary to have substances that reduce inflammation and alleviate pain. By comparing the two components with a standard, we find that their anti-inflammatory effect is dose-dependent (that is, it grows with increasing doses) [22]. After one hour, Duke oil (15 mg/kg) marginally reduced inflammation by 41.12% more than Fuerte oil (15 mg/kg) in the anti-inflammatory paradigm of rat paw edema. The effects of oils on the inhibition of edema were similar after 4 hours, at 35.39% and 34.14% (15 mg/kg), respectively [34]. The anti-inflammatory effect peaked 8 hours after topical treatment of 10 mg/kg; the anti-inflammatory effects were most pronounced, leading to a reduction of 72.28 % in the thickness of the paw with the methanolic fraction and a reduction of 70.8 % with the oil seed. This anti-inflammatory impact was 1.88 times stronger than that of ibuprofen [35]. The antilipid peroxidation assay revealed that methanol seed extracts had the highest activity ( $7.71 \pm 0.36 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), while exocarp extracts had the second highest activity ( $12.12 \pm 0.34 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ). On the contrary, none of the n-hexane extracts showed any action [36]. At all dosages of infusion, decoction, and avocado peel extract, paw edema was significantly reduced ( $p < 0.05$ ) [41]. The edema on the mice's paws is significantly reduced by the methanolic extract of avocado seeds and all levels of infusion. The number of abdominal writhes caused by acetic acid is significantly reduced by all levels of the methanolic extract of avocado seeds, except for the lowest dose of infusion [42]. After 24 hours of treatment with colored avocado seed extract, the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines IL-6, tumor necrosis factor (TNF- $\alpha$ ), and interleukin-1 cytokine interleukin-1 $\beta$  (IL-1 $\beta$ ) was reduced in RAW264.7 cells activated with LPS. Reductions in NO production and inducible nitric oxide synthase

(iNOS) protein expression occurred in a dose-dependent fashion [43]. Mice with paw edema show a marked improvement after receiving infusions of various dosages and an extract of avocado seeds in methanol [44]. The in vitro anti-inflammatory effect of hydroalcoholic leaf extract was found to be greater. Specifically, hydroalcoholic leaves showed a significant difference in NO release ( $p < 0.001$ ) when compared to LPS treatment, TNF- $\kappa$  release ( $p < 0.05$ ) when compared to aqueous and hydroalcoholic leaves, and TNF- $\alpha$  gene expression ( $p < 0.01$ ) only when hydroalcoholic leaves were used [45]. The semi-solid formulation containing 50% avocado oil or the group treated with avocado oil showed significant anti-inflammatory action, increased collagen density, and improved tensile strength compared to the control groups [46]. Compared to the acetic acid group, arthroses dramatically reduced both microscopic and gross damage, the study found. Furthermore, arthroses decreased the expression of pNF- $\kappa$ B in rat colon tissue, as well as the activities of myeloperoxidase MPO and TNF- $\alpha$  [47]. The results showed that the inhibition was significantly different between the negative control and the extract at doses of 100, 200, and 400 mg/kgBW ( $p < 0.05$ ), but there was no significant difference between the positive control and the extract ( $p > 0.05$ ) [48]. Figure 3 illustrates the strong anti-inflammatory therapeutic potential of the extract in an in vitro lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-induced inflammatory paradigm. By preventing NF- $\kappa$ B activation and translocation to the nucleus, it mediated anti-inflammatory effects by preventing the subsequent signaling cascade from creating various inflammatory proteins (Figure 3). Avocado has the potential to enhance collagen production and reduce the presence of inflammatory cells in the wound-healing process. Therefore, it can be regarded as a promising alternative for the treatment of skin wounds.

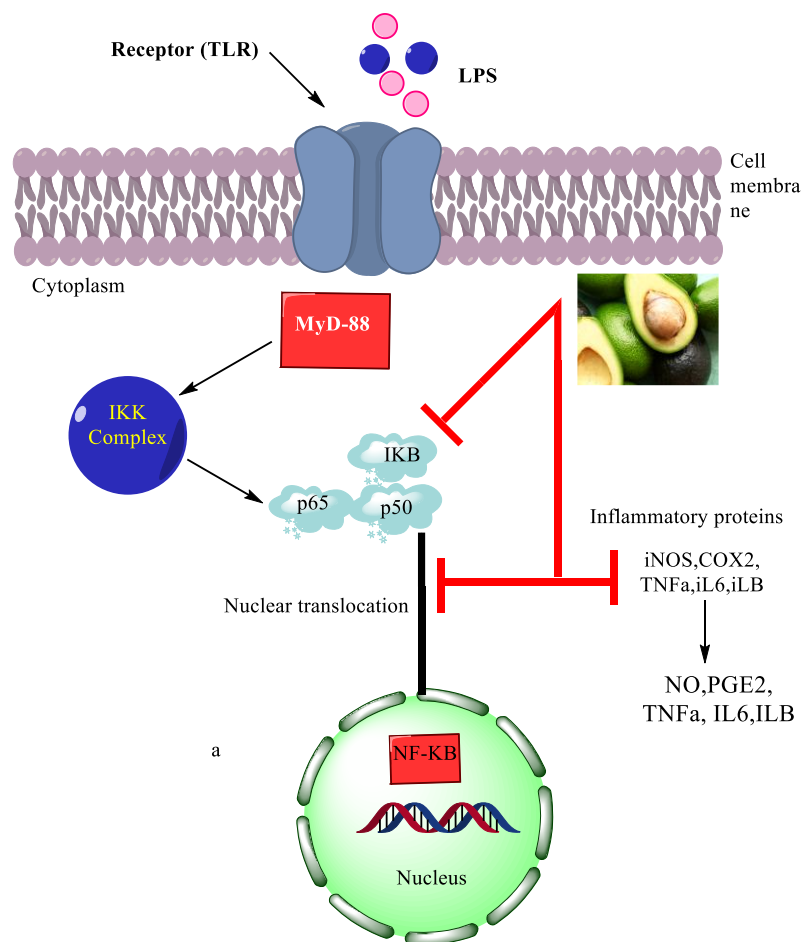


Figure 3: Anti-inflammatory mechanism of action of crude extract of *Persea americana* (Source Author)

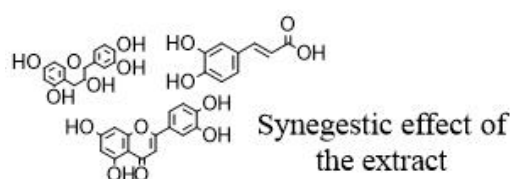


### 3.2.3 Antimicrobials

Antimicrobial resistance is on the rise, synthetic drugs are becoming less effective, and their toxicity is increasing [49]. To combat infectious diseases and the alarming increase in bacteria and other microbes resistant to antibiotics, antimicrobial treatment is an effective technique [50]. Pathogens have become more resistant to traditional antibiotics due to their overuse and improper administration in clinical settings, making these substances less effective in treating infections in humans and animals. Therefore, different approaches to pathogen control are needed. In this regard, the plants present a desirable substitute as a result of their vast array of active antimicrobial chemicals. Therefore, there is a constant need to find new biologically active compounds. The combination of avocado by-product extracts with nisin showed a synergistic impact. The combination of 61% peel extract and 39% nisin produced the strongest antibacterial effect ( $p < 0.5$ , desirability 0.76) when tested at 1 mg / mL for each component [1]. The extracts have shown inhibitory effects on the growth of all examined bacteria, with a range of 10 to 18 mm [2]. The bacteria strain was neutralized by the inert effects of the negative control, acetone. Avocado extracts were discovered to have varying degrees of antibacterial action, with generally higher levels of efficacy against bacteria [12]. *Aspergillus niger*, resulting in a smaller mycelium at 4.37 mm, 10.32 mm and 11.82 mm, respectively [15].  $9.5 \pm 0.5$ ,  $12.0 \pm 1.21$ ,  $7.5 \pm 0.35$ ,  $6.0 \pm 0.5$ , and  $10.0 \pm 1.0$  were the zone of inhibition reported for *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *Pseudomonas* spp., *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Bacillus* spp., respectively [16]. At 2000 mg/L, the highest concentration, there was no significant influence ( $p < 0.05$ ) of the solvent used, and the maximum log reductions for *S. aureus* and *S. Typhimurium* were  $4.0 \pm 0.3$  and  $1.8 \pm 0.3$ , respectively [17]. The extracts of petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, and methanol each had an activity range of 0.8 to 30 mm against six different bacterial species: *E. coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* [18]. The sample had a significant antibacterial effect against *Candida albicans*, as evidenced by a zone of inhibition of 26 mm [20]. The agar well diffusion method showed that all pulp extracts were active against five different bacteria species. *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus pumilus*, *Candida albicans*, and *Escherichia coli*. However, no extract was active against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* [21]. The zone of inhibition against *Bacillus subtilis* and *Staphylococcus aureus* was greatest at a concentration of 50  $\mu$ l in fractions III and IV [33]. The ethanolic seed extract proved to be the superior antibacterial. At very high concentrations, the efficiency was 80% and 100%, respectively [49]. In lower quantities, there was no inhibition [49]. At a concentration of 100  $\mu$ g/mL, the viability of *E. coli* clones (>55%) was suppressed. At 50  $\mu$ g/mL total protein, *S. aureus* viability decreased to a lesser extent (27–38%), but at 100  $\mu$ g/mL, it was more noticeable (52–65%) [50]. Extracts with the best minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) and minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) values were generated from the peel of the Quintal variety, with 0.625 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> for the MIC test and 2.5 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> for MBC against the bacteria *S. aureus* [51]. The essential oils of the Bacon cultivar had the strongest effect against *S. typhimurium* (IC<sub>50</sub> 0.91 / mL compared to 0.98  $\mu$ g/mL for ciprofloxacin) and *S. aureus* (IC<sub>50</sub> 211 / mL compared to 1.95  $\mu$ g/mL for ciprofloxacin) [52]. At 37 and 4 ° C, extracts and two isolated acetogenins exhibited bactericidal action, with minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values ranging from 7.8 to 15.6 mg/L [53]. At doses of 0.1 and 0.4 g/mL, respectively, *P. aeruginosa* had the largest zones of inhibition, measuring 12.00 and 30.00 mm. At doses ranging from 0.1 to 0.4  $\mu$ g/mL, the inhibition zones for *S. aureus* ranged from 10.00 to 20.00 mm in diameter. The inhibitory zones for *E. coli* at doses of 0.1 and 0.4 g/mL were 10.00 and 15.00 mm in diameter, respectively. Zones of inhibition for *Candida albicans* ranged from 8.00 to 13.00 mm at concentrations of 0.1 to 0.4 g / mL, while for *S. pneumonia*, the range was 8.00 to 12.00 mm at the same concentrations [54]. Except for *Escherichia coli*, ethanol extracts exhibited antimicrobial activity (104.2-416.7  $\mu$ g/mL) against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. In contrast, water extracts inhibited the growth of *Listeria monocytogenes* (93.8-375.0  $\mu$ g/mL) and *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (354.2  $\mu$ g/mL)

[55]. The methanol extract was more effective against *P. aeruginosa* (30 mm) and *St. aureus* (20 mm); on the other hand, the hot water extract was better at killing *P. aeruginosa* (20 mm) and *E. coli* (14 mm). The four extracts worked better on *P. aeruginosa* than on the other germs. There was no statistically significant difference between the antimicrobial activity of the extracts and that of other standard antimicrobials ( $p < 0.05$ ) [56]. The antibacterial activity against *C. sporogenes* endospore germination was demonstrated by AcO-avocadenyne (1), one of the acetogenins recently identified by our lab. However, inhibitory zones were greatest for AcO-avocadene (2) [57]. MICs of 125  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  against the H37Ra strain and 62.5  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  against the H37Rv strain, respectively, showed that the extracts of *P. americana* were very active against these mycobacteria strains [58]. The minimum inhibitory concentrations of the hexane extract for *Candida* spp., *Cryptococcus neoformans* and *Malassezia pachydermatis*, respectively, ranged from 0.625 to 1.25  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ , 0.312 to 0.625  $\text{mg mL}^{-1}$ , and 0.031 to 0.625  $\text{mg mL}^{-1}$ . The extracts were also active against all yeast strains tested in vitro, although the results varied. *Candida* spp., *Cryptococcus neoformans*, and *Malassezia pachydermatis* strains had minimal inhibitory concentrations for the methanol extract ranging from 0.125 to 0.625  $\text{mg mL}^{-1}$ , 0.08 to 0.156  $\text{mg mL}^{-1}$ , and 0.312 to 0.625  $\text{mg mL}^{-1}$ , respectively [59]. At 6.25  $\text{mg / mL}$ , the extract had a MIC, and at 12.5  $\text{mg/mL}$ , all planktonic cultures were killed. Biofilms, doses of 50 ( $\log_{10}$ ), 100 ( $\log_{10}$ ), and 200  $\text{mg/mL}$  ( $\log_{10}$ ) significantly reduced biofilm [60]. *Botryodiplodia theobromae* (13.20), *Rhizopus stolonifera* (14.02), *A. flavus* (12.10), *Fusarium oxysporum* (9.30) and *Germinia candidum* (7.00) were the fungal pathogens tested for antifungal activity. The results indicated varying degrees of inhibition in each [61]. The seed extract demonstrated antibacterial activity (mm) against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ( $15 \pm 0.11$ ), *Staphylococcus aureus* ( $16 \pm 0.04$ ), and *Proteus mirabilis* ( $23 \pm 0.14$ ), but at a lower level than that of the reference drug, Ciprofloxacin [62]. Compared to avocado peel extract, which had an inhibitory effectiveness of up to 750  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  against *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella* spp., the fraction showed an increase of up to 25% and an increase of 83.34% against *L. monocytogenes*, respectively, at a MIC of 125  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  [63]. The phytopathogens *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides* and *Fusarium oxysporum*, as well as the human infections *Candida albicans* and *C. glabrata*, were all inhibited by the antifungal activity of the recombinant peptide at a concentration of 200  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  [64]. With diameters of 38.16 and 26.94 mm for *L. monocytogenes*, and 26.17 and 19.90 mm for other bacteria, ethanolic extracts were prepared from fresh and dried seeds, and inhibited growth to a level comparable to a positive control [65]. Even after 72 hours of exposure, the composite film did not show cytotoxicity to L929 cells and showed strong antifungal activity against mold (*Aspergillus flavus* and *Colletotrichum orbiculare*) [66]. At a concentration of 75  $\mu\text{L}$ , the gram-positive bacteria *Streptococcus* showed the largest zone of inhibition measuring  $22.23 \pm 0.15$  mm, while the *Rhizobacterium* bacteria showed the smallest zone of inhibition measuring  $9.27 \pm 0.15$  mm at a dose of 25  $\mu\text{L}$  [67]. Except for *Staphylococcus aureus*, the inhibition zones of acetogenins against Gram-positive bacteria were two to four times greater than those of Nisaplin and Mirenat. Infections caused by bacteria and fungi, including wound and skin infections, sepsis, and endocarditis, can be controlled by the plant [68]. In terms of zone of inhibition, the ethanolic extract showed the highest value (14.0 mm) against *Salmonella typhi* and the lowest value (8.00 mm) against *Escherichia coli*. In terms of aqueous extract, *Escherichia coli* showed the smallest zone of inhibition at 6.0 mm and *Salmonella typhi* the largest at 16.00 mm [69]. The results show that the avocado bark ethyl acetate extract has strong antimicrobial effects against four different test species, including *E. coli*, *Bacillus pumilus*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Candida albicans*, with inhibitory concentrations ranging from 10 to 20 mm [70]. *Staphylococcus aureus* was inhibited by a 1.8 mm halo at a concentration of 7  $\text{mg/mL}$  of solvent extracted extract [71]. The antibacterial activity of the ethanol extract was limited to a subset of human-origin isolates of *S. agalactiae*. All strains of *S. agalactiae*, regardless of their source, were inhibited by the dichloromethane extract [72]. All microorganisms tested were susceptible to the antibacterial effects of the ripe avocado peel extract. A MIC of 4.375  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  was found for *S.*

*aureus* and MRSA, the lowest MIC, while the reference strains of *P. aeruginosa* exhibited the highest MIC, measuring 8.75 µg/mL [73]. The MIC for *S. epidermidis* was 50 µg/mL, indicating that the acetone extract was the most effective of the extracts tested. The ethanol: water extract maintained 18% viability of *K. pneumoniae* cells at 100 µg/mL [74]. According to the results, *Penicillium notatum* (42.40 mm), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (35.30 mm), *Escherichia coli* (27.25 mm), *Enterococcus faecium* (23.21 mm), *Enterococcus faecalis* (21.20 mm) and *Aspergillus niger* (20 mm) were successfully treated with the extract of seeds and peels. Even at the highest dose tested, the peel extract could not suppress *Aspergillus niger* [75]. It is possible that differences in membrane structure explain why antibacterial activity was greater against Gram-positive bacteria, such as *S. aureus*, compared to Gram-negative bacteria [51]. Gram-negative bacteria have a multilayered structure and an outer membrane made of lipopolysaccharides. Their cell walls have a higher lipid content, which means that they interact less with the extracts [51]. This variation in effectiveness could be because the essential oil blend contains both oxygenated (estragole and methyl eugenol) and non-oxygenated ( $\alpha$ -pinene and alpha-pinene), which can have either a synergistic or antagonistic effect [52]. Lytic actions and enhanced membrane permeability likely cause a bactericidal effect [53]. The active components found in avocado seed extract, including polyphenols, condensed tannins, phenolic acids, and flavonoids, are responsible for the inhibition of bacterial growth observed [76]. Because this chemical was able to reduce ROS creation in both *A. niger* and *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, it appeared that its antibacterial action correlated with its antioxidant activity [77]. The bioactive chemicals included in the extract may be responsible for its notable antibacterial effects. Bioactive compounds exhibit their antimicrobial properties through various mechanisms, including membrane disruption, protein binding, enzyme inhibition, substrate deprivation, and metal ion complexation (Figure 4) [54]. Alternatively, they can interfere with essential microbial processes such as deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) replication and ribonucleic acid (RNA) transcription [54]. Therefore, the variations in results could be explained by the different extraction techniques, region of plant collection, and solvents employed in each study. Infections caused by bacteria and fungi can be controlled by plant extract. According to the studies presented in this article, crude extracts of avocados contain antimicrobials and have the potential to be used as antibiotics.



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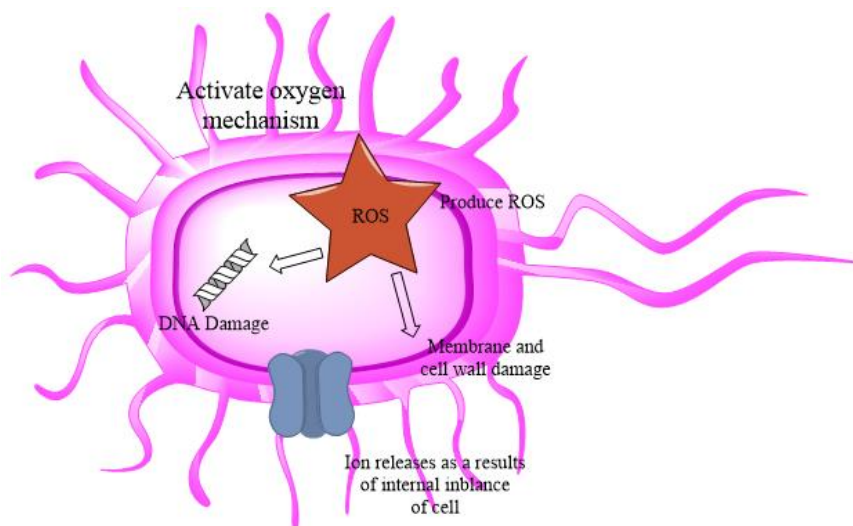


Figure 4: Mechanism of action of *Persea americana* on bacteria (Source author)

### 3.2.4 Antiparasites and Antiarthritic

Parasite-caused infections are a big concern in public health because they can make people sick or even die [78, 79]. Drug resistance, drug residues, and unwanted side effects are some of the problems with using chemical medications to combat parasites. However, these therapies are effective when used properly. The insect has a lethal concentration (LC<sub>50</sub>) of 30.28 µg/mL and has strong larvicidal effects against *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes [20]. Larvicidal activity against *An. stephensi* was strongest against all three compounds; avocadene had an LC<sub>50</sub> value of 2.80 ppm, avocadyne of 2.33 ppm, and avocadenol-A of 2.07 ppm. With a concentration of 3.73 ppm against *Aedes aegypti* and 5.96 ppm against *Cx. quinquefasciatus*, the avocado showed larvicidal action. For *A. aegypti*, the value of LC<sub>50</sub> avocadyne was 5.35 ppm, and for *Cx. quinquefasciatus* it was 3.98 ppm. The results against *A. aegypti* and *Cx. quinquefasciatus* were 6.56 ppm and 2.35 ppm, respectively, for avocadenol-A [80]. The optimal dosage of the extract was 500 mg/kg, which resulted in a marked decrease (by approximately 85.41 %) in the output of oocysts in mouse urine, a reduction (by approximately 20%) in the number of stages of parasite development, and an increase (by approximately 20%) in the number of goblet cells in the jejunal tissues [81]. The extract demonstrated significant antiarthritic activity in rats, which reduced inflammation volume, improved antioxidant status in arthritic rats (as indicated by lower plasma levels of malondialdehyde), increased antioxidant enzymes (SOD, catalase, and glutathione peroxidase), and decreased the inflammatory marker TNF-α. Histopathological examinations of joint tissue from arthritic rats revealed a substantial improvement after using the extract [82].

### 3.2.5 Anti-diabetic

A global epidemic, diabetes, affects millions of people. Reducing postprandial hyperglycemia by blocking digestive carbohydrate hydrolysis enzymes is the gold standard treatment for diabetes right now [28]. According to the World Health Organization, the number of adults with diabetes is expected to reach 300 million by 2025 [9]. This makes diabetes a major concern for human health in the 21st century and the fifth leading cause of death in developed nations [83]. A variety of bioactive chemicals found in plant extracts have shown promise in the treatment of diabetes. The antidiabetic activity was best in *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* CECT 748T, with inhibition of the alpha-amylase activity of 52.15% ± 0.67% [19]. The fruit extract had a greater inhibitory effect against α-amylase (92.13% inhibition) compared to the leaf extract (88.95% inhibition) at a concentration of 1000 µg/mL [28]. The time-dependent and dose-dependent inhibitory effect on the α-glucosidase enzyme was best exhibited by the methanolic extract [74]. Compared to positive controls, in vitro studies demonstrated

that an aqueous seed extract was effective against free radicals and had the ability to inhibit enzymes. Significantly reduced the increases in FBG, TG, LDL-c, G6P, F-1, 6-BP, MDA, IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$ , and NF- $\kappa$ B that were caused by alloxan while further increasing the decreases in liver glycogen, hexokinase, and HDL-c that were caused by alloxan [84]. On day 28, all extracts (100 mg/kg/day, orally) considerably ( $p < 0.001$ ) decreased blood glucose levels ( $p < 0.001$ ), with the methanolic extract showing the most noticeable impact. Both T-CHOL and HDL-C levels were restored in the treatment group compared to the control group, and the therapies were well tolerated [85]. Compared to the placebo group, those given any dosage of the extract had a markedly lower blood glucose level. Compared to the control group, those given the higher dose (500 mg/kg) had much lower levels of total cholesterol, triglycerides, and low-density lipoproteins. Furthermore, HDL cholesterol saw a small increase [83]. The hydroalcoholic extract of *Persea americana* leaf improved the metabolic status and decreased blood glucose levels in rats. The liver and skeletal muscle of treated rats showed PKB activation compared to untreated rats [86]. All groups saw a notable drop in blood glucose levels ( $p < 0.001$ ) as compared to Group II. Blood glucose levels increased significantly rose ( $p < 0.05$ ) a week after the discontinuation of the extract. Groups III, IV, and V all showed a notable increase in body weight compared to group II, with  $p$  values less than 0.01, 0.001, and 0.05, respectively [87]. *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* exhibited the most potent antidiabetic effect, with a significant suppression of alpha-amylase activity at a rate of  $52.15\% \pm 0.67\%$  [88]. A single dose of the extract, as well as sustained therapy for seven days, resulted in a dose-dependent decrease ( $p < 0.01$ ) in blood glucose level (BGL) in alloxan-diabetic rats when administered an aqueous extract of *P. americana* (100-200 mg / kg), compared to the control group. At 6 hours after the first dose of the extract, the highest degree of antidiabetic action was achieved, leading to a  $60.02 \pm 6.83\%$  decrease in blood glucose levels [89]. In a pattern that depended on the dose, the extracts of leaves, peel, flesh, and seeds reduced the activities of  $\alpha$ -amylase,  $\alpha$ -glucosidase, and malondialdehyde formation. The  $\alpha$ -amylase and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory activities of -amylase and -glucosidase were observed most strongly in the peel, as shown by the highest significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) IC<sub>50</sub>, the lowest extract concentration required to inhibit 50% enzyme activity [90]. A substantial increase in HDL-c was observed ( $p < 0.05$ ) in the group that received a powdered extract of mango and avocado seeds, compared to the control group. Furthermore, kidney and liver functions improved, and alanine transaminase (ALT), aspartate transaminase (AST), alkaline phosphatase (ALP), serum glucose, creatinine, uric acid, and urea decreased [91]. The regeneration of pancreatic cells in white male rats was affected by an ethanolic extract of avocado leaves at a dose of 100 mg/kg of body weight (a score of 1.67). A score of 1.00 at 150 mg/kg body weight (bw) and a score of 0.33 at 200 mg/kg indicate that the improvement in pancreatic cell regeneration increases according to the dosage [92]. The findings demonstrated that the extract had a similar impact to glibenclamide in reversing histopathological damage in alloxan-induced diabetic rats and a substantial hypoglycemic effect ( $p < 0.05$ ) [93]. Mice fed avocado (1.960 g / kg bw) had a 64.27% reduction in glucose levels. Compared to patients given glipizide (68.50%), the efficacy of this treatment was statistically insignificant [94]. Concentrations of all blood sugar levels decreased after administration of extracts of avocado seeds. At 300 mg/kg of bw extract, the greatest reduction in blood sugar level was observed [95]. Compared to the control group, rats that were hyperglycemic due to streptozotocin (STZ) had a greater % change in body weight, increased food intake and fecal output, and decreased water intake and urine output after both acute and chronic administration of HWE-PA. The effects of hot water extract of stem bark animal extracts of *P. americana* (HWE-PA) on STZ-induced hyperglycemic rats were observed in their body weight, food intake, fecal output, water intake, and urine output. This enhancing effect was observed after acute and chronic administration of HWE-PA [96]. Anti-diabetic properties linked to polyphenols [19]. The flavonoid component myricetin has been found to possess antioxidant and anti-diabetic properties. The metabolic activity of insulin was aided by myricetin, which stimulated phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3K) and its effectors

(Figure 5) [84]. The presence of hypoglycemic agents, steroids, alkaloids, tannins, and saponins in the extract of *P. americana* results in its significant antidiabetic activity [83]. One possible way that the extract modulates glycolipid metabolism and improves insulin sensitivity is by activating the PI3K/AkT pathway and inhibiting  $\beta$ -cell death, which can be achieved by its administration [84]. Like the reference drug glipalamide metformin, the plant extract protected the pancreas, kidneys, and liver (Figure 5). The extracts lower the atherogenic index of plasma, which in turn lowers the risk of cardiovascular problems. The findings of this review provide credence to the traditional use of *P. americana* as a pharmacological tool in the fight against diabetes.

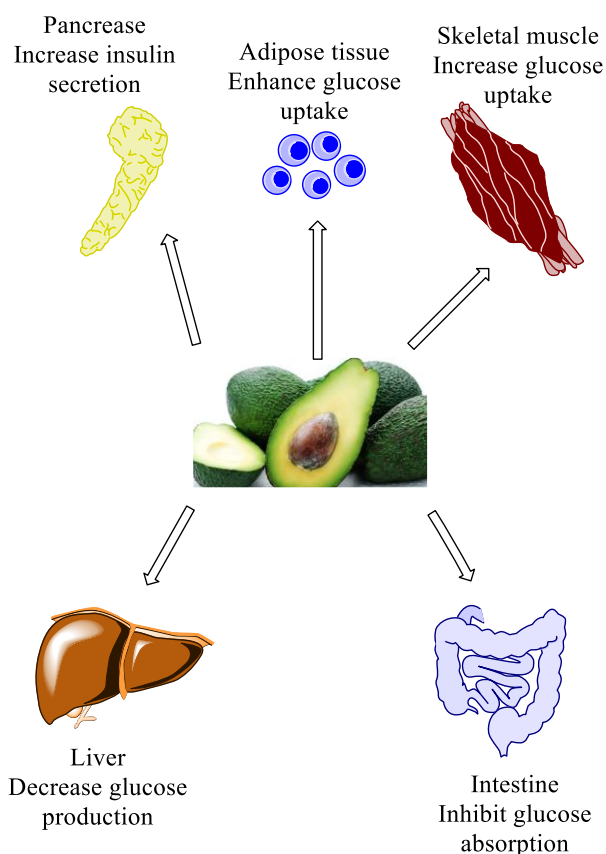


Figure 5: Mechanism of action of *Persea americana* against diabetes (Source author)

### 3.2.6 Anticancer

Uncontrolled and misdirected cell division is the cause of cancer. Approximately 14 million new cases of cancer were recorded worldwide in 2012, and 8.2 million people died from cancer-related causes [97]. Medicinal plants have helped to grow and spread the modern healthcare system. With their increasing acceptance and recognition around the world, medicinal plants continue to be the only viable option. Seed extract of various colors was found to have a dose-dependent effect on the viability of human cancer cells in vitro, specifically MCF7, H1299, HT29, and LNCaP. After 48 hours of treatment, the half-maximum inhibitory concentrations varied between 19 and 132  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . The expression of cyclin E2 and D1 was negatively regulated in LNCaP cells when treated with extract [3]. Compared to the reference drug sorafenib, these data demonstrate that lipid extracts from seeds and fruits significantly inhibit HepG2 and HCT116 cell lines of hepatocellular carcinoma and colon cancer, respectively. In contrast to the other groups, seed lipids had a very noticeable inhibitory effect on both cell lines [22]. Efficaciously converted 4-nitrophenol (4-NP) into 4-aminophenol and dose-dependently decreased Caco-2 and PC-3 cell viability [38]. Exhibited significant inhibitory effects on the growth of Hs27 and DLD-1 cell lines [40]. Hepatocellular carcinoma cells (HEPG2), breast

adenocarcinoma (MCF7), and colorectal cancer cells (HT29) were tested with an  $IC_{50}$  of 8.1, 52.1, and 11.3  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , respectively, of the extract [82]. Therapies reversed the decline in glutathione content and activity in liver tissues, as well as the increase in lipid peroxidation and improved glutathione-S-transferase and superoxide dismutase levels [98]. Both the soluble fraction of methanol (FLM) and the nonsoluble fraction of methanol (FTLM) showed enhanced cytotoxic activity against MCF-7 cell lines, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 34.52 and 66.03  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , respectively [99]. The  $IC_{50}$  values for the MCF-7 and HepG2 cell lines were 62  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  and 12  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , respectively, and the compound was safe for use with normal cells while inhibiting cell proliferation [100]. When tested in various cancer cell lines, including Hep G2, MDA-MB-231, and MCF-7, the seed powder demonstrated the most potent inhibitory effect [101]. The results demonstrated that, compared to normal cells, avocado fruit extract effectively inhibits cancer cell proliferation of cancer cells ( $P < 0.05$ ) [102].  $IC_{50} = 141.62 \mu\text{g/mL}$  was the dose at which PaDef began to decrease the viability of MCF-7 cells [103]. The growth of androgen-dependent cancers (LNCaP) and androgen-independent cancers (PC-3) was inhibited by an avocado acetone extract that contained these carotenoids and tocopherols cultured prostate cancer cells [104]. The extract was most effective at a concentration of 200 mg/kg body weight, while it was also beneficial at 100 mg and 150 mg/kg body weight. Significant levels of numerical and structural abnormalities (such as breaks and premature centromeric division) were reduced (up to 88%,  $p < 0.0001$ ), as was an acrocentric association (up to 78%,  $p = 0.0008$ ) within the D & G group [105]. In malignant tissues, adenosine deaminase (ADA) activities were noticeably higher than in non-cancerous control tissues ( $p < 0.001$ ). A considerable increase in ADA activity was observed in malignant tissues ( $r = 0.93$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) compared to non-cancerous tissues ( $r = 0.60$ ,  $p = 0.029$ ) when avocado leaf extract was used [106]. In an oxidative stress-dependent manner, and through mitochondrial membrane depolarization (52.8–87%), activation of transcription factor p53 (6.3–25.4%), protease caspase-3 (8.3–20%), and predominance of AIF reactivity (20.6–36%), endocarp, seed, whole seed and leaf extracts (0.1 mg/mL) significantly induced apoptosis in Jurkat cells ( $p < 0.001$ ) in all extracts. Results were also achieved using extracts at a concentration of 0.5 mg/mL. However, 100% necrosis was caused at an extract concentration of 1 mg / mL or more [107]. The concentration-dependent cytotoxicity of the lipid-rich extract against D-17 cells was measured at 15.5  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  [108]. The existence of various polyphenols and their cooperative impact should be connected to the outcome [109]. Consumption of fruits has been found to provide protection against several forms of cancer, neurological problems, and chronic diseases in humans [23]. Plant extracts not only boost survival signaling pathways and disrupt pro-apoptotic intermediates but also decrease apoptosis (Figure 6). One important step towards metastasis is the angiogenesis pathway, which bioactive chemicals can influence. This process involves the formation of blood vessels within the tumor.

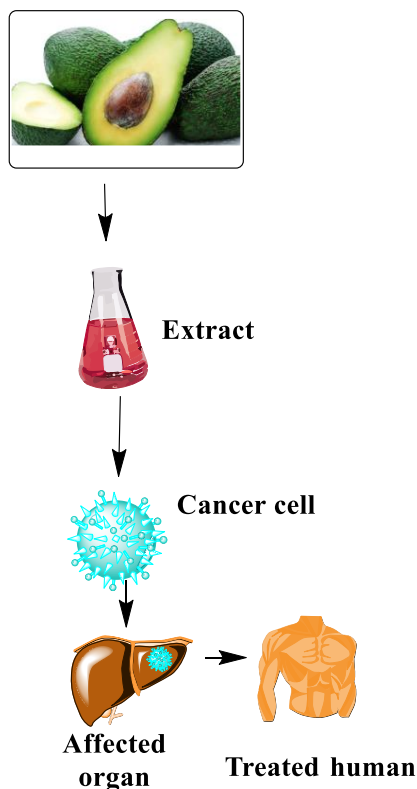


Figure 6: Mechanism of action of *Persea americana* against cancer cells (Source author).

### 3.2.7 Other Diseases

**Antiulcer:** The extract inhibited indomethacin-induced histological alterations and the spread of ulcers and lesions (92% protection) [109]. **Anticonvulsant:** Like the reference anticonvulsant drugs, the aqueous extract of *Persea americana* leaves (PAE, 100-800 mg / kg ip) considerably ( $p < 0.05-0.001$ ) slowed the start of seizures and counteracted the effects of seizures caused by pentylenetetrazole (PTZ). Furthermore, picrotoxin (PCT)-induced seizures were significantly reduced by the plant leaf extract (PAE, 100-800 mg / kg ip), while bicuculline (BCL)-induced seizures were only mildly reduced [110].

### 3.2.8 Toxicity Evaluation

Before incorporating plant extracts into human cosmetic, pharmaceutical or alimentary products, it is necessary to perform toxicological and genotoxic evaluations to ensure their safety [111]. A large body of research indicates that medicinal plants include a diverse range of chemicals with beneficial biological effects [112]. These components must be safe or have low toxicity levels to have any value [9]. The toxicity of the components of the extract of *P. americana* has been the subject of numerous research. The extract has an LC<sub>50</sub> value of 204.95 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> when tested for toxicity against *A. salina* using linear regression. An extract is deemed dangerous if its lethal concentration (LC<sub>50</sub>) result is below 1000 µg mL/mL, and nontoxic if it exceeds this threshold. Thus, it was determined that this extract did not have any harmful effects on *A. salina* since its LC<sub>50</sub> level was 204.95 mg ml / ml/mL/mL [51]. LC<sub>50</sub> values for avocado seed extracts with hexane and methanol were 2.37 and 24.13 mg ml / mL, respectively, against *Artemia salina*. LC<sub>50</sub> values for the hexane and methanol extracts against *Aedes aegypti* larvae were 16.7 and 8.87 mg ml / mL, respectively [59]. For macrophages, doses of 200 and 100 mg / mL were cytotoxic, but 50, 25, and 12.5 mg / mL demonstrated viability levels greater than 55% [60]. Wistar rats did not show any signs of toxicity even after receiving extremely high doses when tested for acute toxicity. As a result, 10 g/kg body weight was established as the



maximum tolerated dose (MTD) [113]. In the micronucleus test, the frequency of the micronuclei was not different between the vehicle control group and the groups treated with avocado seed extract, suggesting that the extract did not exhibit any genotoxic activity [111]. The study findings indicate that the extract does not have any toxicological consequences. The assessment of the toxicity level of each ingredient is the cornerstone of any medicinal or herbal formulation. While animal studies have demonstrated the safety of avocado extract, the human dosage and potential side effects must be considered before considering it effective and safe for human ingestion.

### 3. Conclusions

Numerous biological processes have already been the subject of preclinical research. The reason for the significant biological activity observed in all parts of the plant is the high concentration of polyphenol compounds. The results of the review showed that because avocados are high in polyphenols, they have significant potential to improve human health. The review can be used well for new scientific and developmental studies. The research findings show promise; it is crucial to note that this study was carried out on experimental animals. The findings presented in this study provide a foundation for much-needed future research. Future research endeavors will prioritize the comprehensive examination of the following topics: (1) identification of species through micromorphology and anatomy on a global scale; (2) determination of the mechanism of action of the separated components; (3) carrying out a clinical trial; (4) determination of the standard dosage and safety of the extract; and (5) preparation of herbal medicine utilizing all parts of the plant.

### 4. Authors' Contributions

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### 5. Conflict of Interest

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