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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C (Good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: a great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very interesting survey on phytotherapeutics potentially effective in the treatment in diabetes. The review is well structured and clearly written. I have the following comments: - It would be interesting for readers to learn a bit about the search strategy. Maybe the authors can add a few sentences on that. Some relevant publications seem not to be included (e.g. Crawford P. Effectiveness of cinnamon for lowering hemoglobin A1C in patients with type 2 diabetes: a randomized, controlled trial. J Am Board Fam Med. 2009 Sep-Oct;22(5):507-12.) - In some cases, a more cautious wording appears more appropriate, e.g. "was shown" rather than "proven". - I feel that a somewhat more detailed description of studies would be helpful for judging the quality of data (e.g., studies in animals or humans, randomized or uncontrolled and so on). - I recommend adding a short paragraph at the end wrapping up the chances of phytotherapeutics as well as the deficits so far, e.g. the fact that there are only very few randomized studies.



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The manuscript is a non-evidenced based description of plants with antidiabetic properties, but out of scope for publication in the WJD.



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El-Abhar HS and Schaalán MF described the efficacy and functional mechanisms of anti-diabetic plants. They well summarized the up-dated usefulness of these plants compared to widely clinically used ant-diabetic oral agents. This manuscript possesses important scientific implication for scientists and clinicians engaged in the field of anti-diabetic phytotherapy.