



A REVIEW ON ANTIBACTERIAL EFFICACY OF SOME TRADITIONAL MEDICINAL PLANTS

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ABSTRACT

The beneficial medicinal effects of plant materials are frequently attributed to secondary products contained in the plant, rather than a single molecule. Plant therapeutic activities are unique to a specific plant species or group, which is compatible with the idea that the mix of secondary products in a specific plant is taxonomically distinct. The screening of plants usually comprises multiple approaches; ethno botanical approach is one of the major strategies used in selecting the plant for pharmacological inquiry. The antibacterial activities of numerous medicinal plants were examined in this review research. The current review focuses on the antibacterial activity of numerous medicinal herbs.

KEYWORDS: Taxonomically, Herbal Drugs, antibacterial activity, Ethno botanical, Therapeutic activities.

INTRODUCTION

Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and nutraceuticals are all incorporating medicinal plants. In the pharmaceutical industry, medicinal plants are largely used for the diverse variety of compounds found in plants that have been used to treat both chronic and infectious disorders. Long before civilization realised the existence of germs, it was widely accepted that certain plants had healing properties, that they contained what we now call antimicrobial principles. Plants have been utilised by humans to treat common infectious diseases, and some of these ancient medicines are still employed in the routine treatment of various ailments. Antimicrobial substances are abundant in medicinal plants.^[1,2] As per World Health Organization (WHO), medicinal plants would be the best source for obtaining a variety of drugs, and 80 percent of the world population is dependent on traditional medicine, with plant extracts or their active constituents playing an important role in traditional therapies. However, scientific research into their antibacterial active chemicals is a relatively young topic.^[3] Infectious diseases are widespread, particularly skin and mucosal infections. Fungi and bacteria are two key groups of skin infections.^[4] Infectious dermatological disorders like as dermal inflammation, folliculitis, skin abuses, acne, dermatitis, rosacea, and others are frequent. Multidrug resistant microorganisms have been a significant reason of increased skin care product prices.^[5] Due to the indiscriminate use of commercial antimicrobial medications routinely employed in the treatment of infectious disease, multiple drug resistance has evolved.^[6] Immunocompromised

people are frequently reported to have skin infections that are difficult to treat. A new chemical that differs from antibiotics in its method of action against germs offers an appealing alternative against multidrug resistant bacteria. Drugs already in use to treat infectious diseases are also a source of concern, as drug safety remains a major global problem. The majority of synthetic medications have negative side effects. Antimicrobial agents derived from promising plants should be investigated to address this issue. These plant-based medications are less toxic, have less adverse effects, and are less expensive. They are useful in the treatment of infectious disorders while reducing many of the negative effects associated with synthetic antimicrobials. Topical medication administration is a localised drug delivery strategy that can be used anywhere in the body via ophthalmic, rectal, vaginal, and cutaneous channels. The skin is the most accessible organ in the human body for topical administration and the primary route of the topical medication delivery system. A variety of medicinal treatments are applied to the skin or mucous membrane, either improving or restoring a fundamental function of the skin or pharmacologically altering an action in the highlighted tissues. These are known as topical or dermatological products. Drug molecules come into touch with cellular debris, bacteria, and other elements on the skin's surface, which causes penetration. The therapeutic chemical used has three routes to live tissue: 1) through hair follicles, 2) through sweat ducts, and 3) across the continuous stratum corneum between the appendages (hair follicles, sebaceous glands, eccrine, apocrine glands and nails). Because it avoids the first-

pass impact, gastrointestinal irritation, and metabolic degradation associated with oral administration, this mode of drug delivery has grown in favour. The topical route of administration has been used to create either a local effect for treating skin disorders or systemic medication effects.^[7] Plant-based antimicrobials provide a massive untapped source of medications, and further research into plant antimicrobials is urgently needed. Plant-derived antimicrobials have significant therapeutic potential. Antimicrobials produced from plants have a

long history of offering much-needed new treatments. Selected plants were extracted, formulated, and tested in vitro/in vivo.^[8-11] Hundreds of plant species have been examined for antibacterial capabilities, however the majority have not been fully studied. Given the enormous potential of plants as sources of antimicrobial medicines, the current work is based on a review of such species. The antibacterial activity of the various plants is studied and summarised in table no.1.

Table 1: Details about plants having antibacterial activity.

SL. No	Name of the Plant	Part used for study	Extract used for study	Name of the Bactrias	Ref.
1	Beta vulgaris L Amaranthus graecizans Rumex obtusifolius Polygonum patulum	Aerial parts	Ethanolic extract	Pseudomonas aeruginosa Listeria monocytogenes Staphylococcus epidermidis Staphylococcus aureus Klebsiella pneumonia Salmonella typhi Bacillus cereus Bacillus anthracis	[12]
2	Aesculus indica Arisaema flavum Debregeasia salicifolia Pistacia integerrima Toona ciliate Carissa opaca	Leaves Rhizome Stem	Methanolic extract	Bacillus subtilis Staphylococcus aureus Micrococcus luteus Salmonella Setubal Pseudomonas pickettii	[13]
3	Seidenfia rheedii (Sw.) Szlach.	Leaves	Ethanolic extract	Bacillus cereus Shigella dysenteriae Sterptococcus faecalis	[14]
4	Sarcostemma iminale L. Eremophila longifolia Exocarpos aphyllus Eremophila sturtii Pimelea microcephala	Stem Leaves	Ethanolic extract	Bacillus cereus Enterococcus faecalis Staphylococcus aureus Streptococcus pyogenes Escherichia coli Klebsiella pneumoniae, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Salmonella typhimurium	[15]
5	Allium sativum Caryophyllus aromaticus Zingiber officinale Psidium guajava Cymbopogon citratus Mikania glomerata	Bulbs Clove Flower buds Rhizomes Leaves	Methanolic extract	Escherichia coli, Salmonella Typhimurium, Staphylococcus aureus Enterococcus	[16]
6	R. officinalis Mentha	Leaves	Ethanol extract	Acinetobacter baumannii Klebsiella pneumoniae Escherichia coli Pseudomonas aeruginosa	[17]
7	Baccharis ligustrina Croton celtidifolius Cyathea phalerata	Leaves Stem	Ethanol extract	Staphylococcus aureus Escherichia coli	[18]
8	Woodfordia fruticosa Kurz	Flowers	Methanol extract	B. subtilis M. flavus P. mirabilis	[19]
9	Psidium guajava LINNAEUS	Leaves	Methanol extract	S. aureus E. coli Salmonella spp.	[20]
10	Asteraceae plants	Leaves	Methanol extract	Staphylococcus aureus, Enterococcus faecalis	[21]

				Pseudomonas aeruginosa Escherichia coli.	
11	Tovomita aff. Longifolia T. brasiliensis	Leaves	methanol: dichloromethane	Staphylococcus aureus Enterococcus faecalis	[22]
12	Salacia oblonga	Root	ethyl acetate extract	Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa Klebsiella pneumoniae.	[23]
13	Argemone mexicana L.	leaves seeds	Methanol extract	Staphylococcus aureus Bacillus subtilis Escherichia coli Pseudomonas aeruginosa	[24]
14	Asteraceae & Rubiaceae plants	leaves seeds	Methanol extract	Bacillus subtilis Staphylococcus aureus	[25]
15	Dioscorea pentaphylla L	Tubers	methanol extract	Salmonella typhi Shigella flexneri Streptococcus pyogenes Streptococcus mutans Vibrio cholera	[26]
16	Acacia aroma	Aerial parts	organic and aqueous extracts	Staphylococcus aureus Staphylococcus epidermidis	[27]
17	T. kilimandscharica H. abyssinica	Bark Leaves	Methanolic extracts	Pseudomonas aeruginosa Escherichia coli Bacillus cereus Staphylococcus aureus	[28]
18	Aegle marmelos, Azadirachta indica, Terminalia chebula, Mangifera indica Ocimum sanctum	Leaves Fruit	Aqueous and ethanol	Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Escherichia coli	[29]
19	Plectranthus ornatus Codd.	Aerial parts	dichloromethane extract	Staphylococcus aureus	[30]
20	Bidens pilosa Linné Annona crassiflora Mart	Aerial parts	Methanolic extracts	Staphylococcus aureus	[31]
21	Ocimum gratissimum L	Leaves	Methanolic extracts	Staphylococcus aureus Shigella flexneri Escherichia coli Klebsiella sp.	[32]
22	Annona muricata Linnaeus	Aerial parts		Staphylococcus aureus Escherichia coli.	[33]
23	Psidium guajava L	Leaves Roots Stem Bark	Aqueous and ethanol	Escherichia coli Pseudomonas aeruginosa	[34]
24	Polygonum orientale	Leaves Fruit		Clavibacter michiganensis subsp	[35]
25	Protium bahianum Protium heptaphyllum Muntingia calabur	Leaves Stem Flowers	Hexane and Ethanol extract	S. aureus B. subtilis	[36]
26	Zanthoxylum tingoassuiba	Roots Bark	Methanol extracts	Staphylococcus aureus	[37]
27	Achillea millifolium Caryophyllus aromaticus Melissa officinalis Ocimum basilicum Psidium guajava Punica granatum Rosmarinus officinalis Salvia officinalis syzygium Joabolanum thymus vulgaris	Flowers Fruit Leaves	Ethanol extract	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	[38]

28	J. officinale S. album B. ciliata B. ciliata	Roots Leaves Wood	Aqueous extracts	Staphylococcus aureus Bacillus subtilis Proteus vulgaris Pseudomonas aeruginosa Escherichia coli	[39]
29	INDONEESIELLA ECHIOIDES (L)	Aerial parts	Ethanol extract	Staphylococcus aureus Escherichia coli	[40]
30	Cassia tomentosa L. Cestrum auriculatum L Anredera diffusa Peperomia galioides HBK Krameria triandra R	Leaves Roots Stem	Methanolic extract	Staphylococcus aureus Escherichia coli	[41]
31	Hypericum roeperianum Cremaspora triflora, Heteromorpha arborescens, Pittosporum viridiflorum, Bolusanthus speciosus, Calpurnia aurea, Maesa lanceolata, Elaeodendron croceum	Leaves	Acetone extract	Staphylococcus aureus, Enterococcus faecalis Bacillus cereus Escherichia coli Salmonella Typhimurium Pseudomonas aeruginosa	[42]

CONCLUSION

Lastly, many research on the antimicrobial activity of herbal plant extracts revealed that various solvent extracts demonstrated promising antibacterial activity against bacterial and fungal human diseases. Various herbal researchers' findings also suggested that scientific studies on therapeutic plants with traditional efficacy claims could yield positive results. These plants may be a good source of novel antibacterial drugs.

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