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# A REVIEW ON MEDICINAL PLANT WHICH MAY EFFECTIVE IN THE TREATMENT OF ULCER OR WHICH SHOW ANTI ULCER ACTIVITIES

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#### **ABSTRACT:**

Herbal drug are traditional method of treating the disease in worldwide, the plant having ability to treat the diseases also known as medicinal plant. Several types of medicinal plants are existing in the nature and effective in different type of diseases. In this review of medicinal plant we are focusing on the medicinal plant classification and also included about the medicinal plant which has potential to treat peptic ulcer can say the drug having anti ulcer activities. Peptic ulcer is the disease of digestive system which affects the stomach, duodenum and jejunum. The excessive presence of acid and peptic activity in gastric juice plusa gets breakdown in mucosal defenses. NSAIDs and Helicobacter pylori infection these are two major factors that can disrupt the mucosal resistance to injury. The extract of herbal plant or whole plant or and part of plant has numerous therapeutic activities for the treatment of a variety of diseases. The main purposes for the treatment of peptic ulcer are to relive pain, healing of ulcer, and to minimize the reoccurrence of ulcer. About 75% of patients of peptic ulcer disease are due to infected by Helicobacter pylori. This article reviews drugs derived from herbal plant which are more commonly used in the world for treatment of peptic ulcer can say as anti-ulcer activity and having gastro- protective effects.

#### Introduction:

Herbal medicine -- also called botanical medicine or phytomedicine -- refers to using a plant's seeds, berries, roots, leaves, bark, or flowers for medicinal purposes. Herbalism has a long tradition of use outside of conventional medicine. It is becoming more mainstream as improvements in analysis and quality control along with advances in clinical research show the value of herbal medicine in the treating and preventing disease.

## CLASSIFICATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS [2]

The 2,50,000 higher plant species on earth, more than 80,000 species are reported to have at least some medicinal value and around 5000 species have specific therapeutic value. They are classified according to the part used, habit, habitat, therapeutic value etc, besides the usual botanical classification.

#### 1. Based on part used:

<i>i</i> ) Whole plant:	Boerhaavia diffusa,
Phyllanthus neruri	
<i>ii</i> ) Root:	Dasamula
<i>iii)</i> Stem:	Tinospora
cordifolia, Acorus calamus	
iv) Bark:	Saraca asoca
v) Leaf:	Indigofera
tinctoria, Lawsonia inermis, A	
vi) Flower:	Biophytum
sensityvum, Mimusops elenju	
vii) Fruit:	Solanum species
viii) Seed:	Datura stramonium
2. Based on habit:	
<i>i</i> ) Grasses:	Cynodon dactylon
<i>ii)</i> Sedges:	Cyperus rotundus
iii) Herbs:	Vernonia cineria
<i>iv</i> ) Shrubs:	Solanum species
<i>v</i> ) Climbers:	Asparagus
racemosus	
vi) Trees:	Azadirachta indica
3. Based on habitat:	
<i>i</i> ) Tropical:	Andrographis
paniculata	
<i>ii)</i> Sub-tropical:	Mentha arvensis
<i>iii)</i> Temperate:	Atropa belladonna
Based on therapeutic value:	
<i>i</i> ) Antimalarial:	Cinchona
officinalis, Artemisia annua	
<i>ii)</i> Anticancer :	Catharanthus
roseus, Taxus baccata	
<i>iii</i> ) Antiulcer :	Azadirachta indica,
Glycyrrhiza glabra	
<i>iv)</i> Antidiabetic :	Catharanthus
roseus, Momordica charanti	a
<i>v</i> ) Anticholesterol :	Allium sativum
vi) Antiinflammatory :	Curcuma
domestica, Desmodium gang	,
<i>vii</i> ) Antiviral :	Acacia catechu
vii) Antibacterial :	Plumbago indica
viii) Antifungal :	Allium sativum
<i>ix)</i> Antiprotozoal :	Ailanthus sp.,
Cephaelis ipecacuanha	

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x) Antidiarrhoeal :	Psidium gujava,
Curcuma domestica	
<i>xi</i> ) Hypotensive :	Coleus forskohlii,
Alium sativum	
<i>xii)</i> Tranquilizing :	Rauvolfia
serpentina	
<i>xiii)</i> Anaesthetic :	Erythroxylum coca
<i>xiv</i> ) Spasmolytic :	Atropa belladona,
Hyoscyamus niger	
<i>xiv</i> ) Diuretic :	Phyllanthus niruri,
Centella asiatica	
xv) Astringent :	Piper betle, Abrus
precatorius	
<i>xvi</i> ) Anthelmentic :	Quisqualis indica,
<i>Punica granatum</i> <i>xvii</i> ) Cardiotonic :	Digitalia an
<i>xvii)</i> Cardiotonic . <i>Thevetia sp.</i>	Digitalis sp.,
xviii) Antiallergic :	Nandina domestica,
<i>Scutellaria baicalensis</i>	,
<i>xix</i> ) Hepatoprotective :	Silybum marianum,
Andrographis paniculat	
5. Based on Ayurvedic for	
used:	
	maala
a) The ten roots of the Dasa (Dasamoolam):	amoola
i) Desmodium gangeticum (C	Orila
ii) Uraria lagopoides (Cheri	
iii) Solanum jacquinii (Kanta	
iv) Solanum indicum (Cheru	
v) Tribulus terrestris (Njerin	
vi) Aegle marmelos (Koovald	
vii) Oroxylum indicum (Pala	
vity oroxytain indicam (1 did	ικαραγγαπι)
viii) Gmelina arborea (Kum	izhu)
ix) Steriospermum suaveoler	ns (Pathiri)
x) Premna spinosus (Munja)	
b) The ten flowers of the Da	asapushpa
(Dasapushpam):	
i) Biophytum sensitivum (Mu	ıkkutti)
ii) Ipomea maxima (Thirutha	ali)
iii) Eclipta prostrata (Kayyu	· ·
iv) Vernonia cineria (Poovar	mkurunnil)
v) Evolvulus alsinoides (Vish	inukranthi)
vi) Cynodon dactylon (Karul	ka)
vii) Emelia sonchifolia (Muy	valcheviyan)
viii) Curculigo orchioides (N	••
ix) Cardiospermum halicaca	ıbum (Uzhinja)
x) Aerva lanata (Cherula)	
c) The four trees of the Nal	pamara
(Nalpamaram):	
i) Ficus racemosa (Athi)	

*ii)* Ficus microcarpa (Ithi)*iii)* Ficus relegiosa (Arayal)

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iv) Ficus benghalensis (Peral)

d) The three fruits of the Triphala (*Thriphalam*):

i) Phyllanthus emblica (Nellikka)

ii) Terminalia bellerica (Thannikka)

iii)Terminalia chebula (Kadukka)

#### Plant species with the rapeutic value under different plant groups: <sup>[3]</sup>

Plant species group	no. of plant having therapeutic value
Thalophytes	230
Bryophytes	39
Pteridophytes	382
Gymnospermae	55
Angiospermae:	
Monocotyledones	676
Dicotyledones	3495
Total	4877

Plant families containing over 100 species with therapeutic value: <sup>[3]</sup>

Family	Genera	Species
I. Monocots		
Liliaceae	45	165
Orchidaceae	45	135
II. Dicots		
Compositae	89	331
Leguminosae	91	313
Ranuculaceae	31	208
Laminaceae	46	189
Rosaceae	28	146
Umbelliferae	34	123

Rubiaceae	35	118
Euphorbiaceae	30	104
Asclepiadaceae	29	101

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## Major plant drugs for which has no synthetic one is currently available : <sup>[4,5]</sup>

Drug	Plant	use
Vinblastine	Catharanthus	Anticancer
	roseus	
Ajmalacine	Catharanthus	Anticancer,
	roseus	hypotensive
Rescinnamine	Rauvolfia	Tranquilizer
	serpentina	
Reserpine	Rauvolfia	Tranquilizer
I	serpentina	
Quinine	Cinchona sp.	Antimala
Quinne	Cincilona sp.	rial,
		amoebic
D'1 '		dysentery
Pilocarpine	Pilocarpus	Antiglucoma
Cocaine	jaborandi Erythroxylum coca	Topical
Cocame	Eryunoxylum coca	
<b>Mh</b> :		anaesthetic
Morphine	Papaver	Painkiller
	somniferum	
Codeine	Papaver	Anticough
	somniferum	
Atropine	Atropa belladonna	Spasmolytic,
		cold
Atropine	Hyoscyamus niger	Spasmolytic,
		cold
Cardiac	Digitalis sp.	For congestive
glycosides		heart failure
Artemisinin	Artemesia annua	Antimalarial,
Taxol	Taxus baccata	Breast and
		ovary cancer
	T. brevifolia	antitumour
Berberine	Berberis	leishmaniasis
Pristimerin	Celastrus	Antimalaria
	paniculata	
Quassinoids	Ailanthus	Antiprotozoal
Plumbagin	Plumbago indica	Antibacterial,
		antifungal
Diospyrin	Diospyrin	
Gossypol	Gossypium sp.	Antispermatoge
		nic

Allicin	Allium sativum	Antifungal, amoebiasis
Ricin	Ricinus communis	amoconasis
Emetine	Cephaelis	Amoebiasis
	ipecacuanha	
Glycyrrhizin	Glycyrrhizia glabra	Antiulcer
Nimbidin	Azadirachta indica	Antiulcer
Catechin	Acacia catechu	Antiulcer
Sophoradin	Sophora	Antiulcer
	subprostrata	
Magnolol	Magnolia bark	Peptic ulcer
Forskolin	Coleus forskohlii	Hypotensive,
		cardiotonic
Digitoxin, Digoxin	Digitalis, Thevetia	Cardio tonic
Nerrifolin	Thevetia	Cardio tonic
Podophyllin	Podophyllum emodi	Anticancer
Indicine	N-oxide	Anticancer
	Heliotropium	
	indicum	
Elipticine	Ochrosia	Anticancer
Homoharringtonine	Cephalotaxus	Anticancer
Camptothecine	Camptotheca acuminata	Anticancer

Peptic ulcer: Peptic ulcer also known as PUD or peptic ulcer disease, this is the most common ulcer of an area of the gastrointestinal tract that is usually acidic and thus extremely painful. It is defined as mucosal erosions equal to or greater than 0.5 cm. As many as 70-90% of such ulcers are associated with Helicobacter pylori, a spiral-shaped bacterium that lives in the acidic environment of the stomach. Ulcers can also be caused or worsened by drugs such as aspirin, Plavix (clopidogrel), ibuprofen, and other NSAIDs. Four times as many peptic ulcers arise in the duodenum-the first part of the small intestine, just after the stomach—as in the stomach itself. About 4% of stomach ulcers are caused by a malignant tumor, so multiple biopsies are needed to exclude cancer. Duodenal ulcers are generally benign. [6, 7,10]

#### **Classification of peptic ulcer:** <sup>[6,7,8]</sup>

#### A) Ulcer by Region/Location

- a) Duodenum (called duodenal ulcer)
- b) Oesophagus (called esophageal ulcer)
- c) Stomach (called gastric ulcer)

- d) Meckel's diverticulum (called Meckel's diverticulum ulcer; is very tender with palpation)
- B) Modified Johnson Classification of peptic ulcers:
  - a) Type I: Ulcer along the body of the stomach, most often along the lesser curve at incisura angularis along the locus minoris resistentiae.
  - b) Type II: Ulcer in the body in combination with duodenal ulcers. Associated with acid oversecretion.
  - c) Type III: In the pyloric channel within 3 cm of pylorus. Associated with acid oversecretion.
  - d) Type IV: Proximal gastroesophageal ulcer
  - e) Type V: Can occur throughout the stomach. Associated with chronic NSAID use (such as aspirin).

A major causative factor (60% of gastric and up to 90% of duodenal ulcers) is chronic inflammation due to Helicobacter pylori that colonizes the internal mucosa. The immune system is unable to clear the infection, despite the appearance of antibodies. Thus, the bacterium can cause a chronic active gastritis (type B gastritis), resulting in a defect in the regulation of gastrin production by that part of the stomach, and gastrin secretion can either be increased, or as in most cases, decreased, resulting in hypo- or achlorhydria. Gastrin stimulates the production of gastric acid by parietal cells and, in H. pylori colonization responses that increase gastrin, the increase in acid can contribute to the erosion of the mucosa and therefore ulcer formation. <sup>[6,7,8,10]</sup>

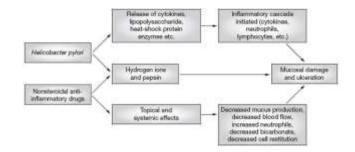


Figure 01: Helicobacter pylori and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs have synergistic effects on gastric mucosal damage. Both H. pylori infection and NSAID use have been found to independently and significantly increase the risk of gastric and

duodenal mucosal damage and ulceration. H. pylori and NSAIDs act synergistically through pathways of inflammation in the development of ulcers and in ulcer bleeding.<sup>[9]</sup>

Anti ulcer drugs: Antiulcer drugs are a class of drugs, exclusive of the antibacterial agents, used to treat ulcers in the stomach and the upper part of the small intestine. Recurrent gastric and duodenal ulcers are caused by Helicobacter pylori infections, and are treated with combination treatments that incorporate antibiotic therapy with gastric acid suppression. The anti ulcer activities may be

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attained by the synthetic drug as well as medicinal plant source which contains there active chemical constituents (eg. Flavonoids, Terpenoids, Tannins etc)

**Herbal drugs with anti-ulcer activity:** In current research scenario the natural medicines derived from the traditional knowledge of plant pharmacological properties. Large number of medicinal plants and dietary nutrients has been shown to posses gastro-protective activity. <sup>[11]</sup> **Plants with anti-ulcer activity:** <sup>[11]</sup>

Sl no.	Botanical Name	Family	synonyms	Part used	Active constituents	Medicinal Use
01	Aloe Vera	Liliaceae	Gritkumari	Leaves	Barbaloin, isobarbolin, saponins.	Laxative, Wound healing, Skin burns & care, Ulcer.
02	Terminalia Chebula	Combretace ae	Harida	Seed	Tannins, gallic acid, chebulinic acid, sorbitol.	wound ulcer, leprosy, inflammation
03	Terminalia Bellerica	comretaceae	Bahada	Seed, Bark	Tannins,galic acid, ellagic acid	Cough, Insomnia, Dropsy, Vomiting, Ulcer
04	Vetiveria Ziziinoides	Toaceae / Graminae	Benachar	Root	Phenolic compounds, pods contain saponin protein, flavonoids.	Hyperdisia , Burning, ulcer, Skin, Vomiting
05	Napoleona vogelli hook	Lecythidace ae	Bori-bori	leaf	Carbohydrates, tannins, terpenes, Resins, Steriods, alkaloids, Flavonoids	Cough, asthma, antiulcer, gactro- protective

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0	arnottiana	Moraceae	paras papai	lear	p situsteroi,	
	Miq.				gluanol acetate	inflammation,
					and glucose,	diarrhoea,
					Sterols,	diabetes,
					alkaloids,	burning
					carbohydrates,	sensation,
					tannins,	leprosy,
					phenols	scabies,
						wounds
						and skin
						diseases,
						ulcer
)7	Nigella	Ranunculac	Black cumin	Seed	alkaloids	diuretic,
	sativa Linn	eae			nigellicin,	hypoglyce
					nigellidin,	mic, anti-
					quanazoline,	tumor.
					tannin, steroid	antiulcer
					a-spinasterol,	
					campsterol	
)8	Jatropha	Euphorbiace	Ratanjot	Leave	phenolic	rubefacient,
	curcas Linn	ae	, C	s	compounds,	suppurative,
					saponin,	
					flavonoids.	insecticidal and
						in foul ulcers,
						tumors and
						scabies,
						given
						internally
						in jaundice
)9	Manilkara	Sapotaceae	Khirni	bark	phenolic	cures
	hexandra				compounds,	leprosy,
	Roxb				saponin, protein,	ulcers,
					flavonoids	leucoderm
						а,
0	Ginseng	<u>Araliaceae</u>	Ninjin	Root,	Polysaccharides,	anti-fatigue,
				leaf-	tri-terpenoids,	
				stem.	flavonoids,	anti-
					1-(111111	hyperglycemic,
					volatile oils,	anti-obesity,
					peptides,	-
					amino acids,	anti-cancer,
					fatty acids.	anti-oxidant
						and anti-aging
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11	Falcaria	Umbellifera	Ghazzyaghi	seeds	tannin and	skin ulcer,
	vulgaris	e			saponin	
						stomach
						disorders
						including
						peptic ulcer,
						liver diseases
						and stones of
						kidney
						and
						bladder
12	Basella	Basellaceae	Mohini	leaf	saponin,	Antiulcer
	rubra				protein,	
					flavonoids	
12	Mari		17	Lerr	nh an - 1' -	Charlen 1
13	Nerium	Apocynacea	Kaner	Leave	phenolic	Chancre, ulcers
	indicum Mill	e		S	compounds,	and
				roots	flavonoids	Leprosy
14	Acacia	Fabaceae	Kikar	Bark	phenolic	Anti-ulcers
	nilotica			tender	compounds,	
	Delile			leave	tannins,	Sore throat and
				s,	flavonoids	
				pods		toothache
				I · ····		diarrhea and
						dysentery
						urogenital
1.5	4.17 * *		<b>.</b> .	T	1 1'	diseases
15	Albizia	Fabaceae	Indian saris,	Leaves,	phenolic	Boils, eruptions
	lebbeck		sirisha, sirsa	bark	compounds,	and
				flowe	saponin protein,	swellings
				rs	flavonoids	sweinings
						Leprous
						ulcers
16	Anethum	Apiaceae		leave	triterpenoids,	Antiulcer,
	chyrseum			S	flavonoids	ant toxicity
17	Ageratum	Aeteraceae	Billy goat	leave	Flavonoids	Antiulcer,
1/	conyzoides	Alleraleat	weed	s		wound
	conyzolues		weed	5		
						healings,
						leprosy,
						anti-
						inflammat
						ory

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18	Glycyrrhiza	Leguminosa	Liquorice	root	glycyrrhizinic	anti-ulcer
	glabra)	e		and	acid, a tri	activity
				rhizo	terpenoid	
				me	saponin	
19	Capsicum	Solanaceae	chilli or	fruit	Tri-terpenoid	flatulent
			paprika		saponin	dyspepsia,
						chronic
						laryngitis,
						anti- ulcer
20	Alpinia	Zingiberace	Galanga	Rhizo	Tri-terpenoid	
	galangal	ae	Root	me	saponin	
21	Spathodea	Bignoniacea		Leave	terpenoids and	antiulcer,
	falcata	e Juss		s	steroids	antipyretic
						and anti-
						inflammat
						ory agent
22	Kochia	Amaranthac		Fruit	phenolic	antiulcer,
	scoparia	eae			compounds,	antipyretic
	F				saponin protein,	and anti-
					flavonoids	inflammat
						ory agent
23	Panax	Araliaceae	Japanese	Rhizo	phenolic	Antiulcer,
	japonicus		ginseng	me	compounds,	leprosy,
					saponin,	anti-
					flavonoids	inflammat
						ory
24	Panax			Rhizo	phenolic	antiulcer,
	binnatidus			me	compounds,	antipyretic
					protein,	and anti-
					flavonoids	inflammat
						ory agent
25	Calendula	Asteraceae	Common	Rhizo	phenolic	antiulcer,
	offcinalis		Marigold	me	compounds,	antipyretic
			6		saponin protein,	and anti-
					flavonoids	inflammat
						ory agent
26	Calliandra	Leguminosa	Mimosa	Leave	phenolic	Antiulcer,
	portoticensis	e-	portoricensis	s	compounds,	leprosy,
	1	Mimosodide	Jacq		saponin protein,	anti-
		ae			flavonoids	inflammat
						ory
27	Bauhinia	Caesalpinia		Flow	phenolic	Antiulcer,
	racemosa	ceae		er	compounds,	anti-
				buds	flavonoids	inflammat
						ory
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28	Cassia	Fabaceae-	Chamaecrist	Leave	Flavonoids	Antiulcer,
	nigrans	Caesalpinioi	a nigricans	s		leprosy,
		deae	(Vahl)			anti-
			Greene			inflammat
						ory
29	Swertia	Gentianacea	Chiraito	Whol	tannin,	Antiulcer,
	chirata	e		e		anti-
				plant	flavonoids	inflammat
						ory
30	Curcuma	Zingiberace	Haldi	Rhizo	phenolic	Antiulcer,
	longa	ae		me	compounds,	
					tannins,	wound
					flavonoids	healings,
						anti-
						inflammat
						ory
31	Zingiber	Zingiberace	Ginger	Root	phenolic	Antiulcer
	offcinalis	ae			compounds,	
					flavonoids	
32	Azadirachta	Meliaceae	Neem	Leave	phenolic	Antiulcer,
	indica			s	compounds,	wound
					saponin protein,	healings,
					flavonoids	
						leprosy,
						anti-
						inflammat
						ory

#### **CONCLUSION:**

From this review on "Medicinal/Herbal plant which may effective in the treatment of ulcer or which show anti ulcer activities" we can say that the medicinal plant have a vital role against many diseases as shown in the table (the medicinal plant that have not available in any synthetic form). There are various medicinal plant and there extracts (contain active chemical constituents eg: tannins flavonoids etc.) have significant antiulcer activity in in- vivo experiment on animal models. It has mucoprotective activity and gastric anti-secretary when compared with that of reference drugs. The extracts are non-toxic even at relatively high concentrations. The antiulcer activity is probably due to the presence of flavonoids in all this plants. The abovementioned medicinal plants could prevent ulcer in rats in a dose-dependent manner. A variety of botanical products have been reported to possess antiulcer activity; finally, it should be noted that substances such as flavonoids and tannins that possess antiulcer activity are of particular therapeutic importance. The antiulcer activity of the drug can be attributed to free-radical scavenging property, inhibition of acid secretory parameters and strengthening of gastric mucosal barrier. The results of this study indicate that extracts of leaves and plants extracts of some medicinal plant have good potentials for use in peptic ulcer disease. It is concluded from this study that the drug may possesses antiulcer activity in different gastric ulcer models if used in the animal model.

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