

Medicinal Plants Used For Hypertension

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Abstract

Hypertension is one of the most important diseases in industrialized and developing countries. Statistics show that more than seven million people worldwide are affected by this disease each year. Hypertension is the third cause of death in the world. Chemical medicines used for hypertension usually have side effects, so, the use of medicinal herbs as natural and healthy source of medicines appears essential. In the review, first, the search was done by keywords such as blood pressure, medicinal herbs, extracts, essences, ethnobotanical and Iran from scientific databases, and databases such as Google Scholar, SID, etc. Related articles were selected for review. After reviewing the papers of this study, eventually 42 medicinal herbs including sage, barberry, eastern grapes, yarrow, hawthorn, rhubarb, sheng, olive, rhubarb, buckwheat, spring chamomile, milk thistle, jujube, strawberry, ziziphus, indole, besides, garlic, fennel, almonds, etc. have been recommended in the treatment of hypertension.

Keywords: Cardiovascular diseases, Hypertension, Medicinal herbs, Iran

INTRODUCTION

Blood pressure is one of the important diseases in industrialized countries [1]. It is also one of the problems of developing countries [2,3]. Hypertension is one of the most important public health problems in the world [4]. Statistics show that more than seven million people worldwide are affected by this disease each year [5]. Hypertension is the third cause of death in the world [6]. The prevalence hypertension is increasing, but the awareness, control and treatment of the disease are very weak [7]. Hypertension causes people to engage with complications such as damage to the brain and retinal artery, renal dysfunction, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease, disability and death [7,8]. The reasons that make hypertension more important are the increased risk of coronary heart disease and incidence of cardiovascular events as well as stroke [9,10]. Medicines used to treat hypertension include captopril, prazosin, hydrochlorothiazide, atenolol, hydralazine, methyldopa, etc. [11-13]. Blood pressure treatment is usually difficult, so that only 30% of patients who were under treatment have their blood pressure controlled at an ideal level [14-16]. Reports and statistics show that the disorders and diseases of nephrons, kidney and associated tissues have been increased [17-27]. Nephron diseases are associated with pain and suffering, and impose enormous economic costs on the patient [28-43]. Chemical and synthetic medicines have devastating effects on the patient's body [44-49]. The use of medicinal herbs, herbal

and natural medicines in the prevention, control and treatment of urinary tract and nephrons diseases is interested by researchers in this field [50-55]. Medicinal herbs have a number of active substances with pharmacological and prophylactic effects in the treatment of such disorders [59-68]. Since the medicinal herbs are used in the Iranian herbal and ethnobotanical medication to treat hypertension, is the aim of this study is to identify and report on the Iranian native medicinal herbs effective in hypertension.

METHODS

In the review, first, the search was done by keywords such as blood pressure, medicinal herbs, extracts, essences, ethnobotanical and Iran from scientific databases, and databases such as Google Scholar, SID, etc. Related articles were selected for review.

RESULTS

After reviewing the papers of this study, eventually 42 medicinal herbs including sage, barberry, eastern grapes, yarrow, hawthorn, rhubarb, sheng, olive, rhubarb, buckwheat, spring chamomile, milk thistle, jujube, strawberry, ziziphus, indole, besides, garlic, fennel, almonds, etc. are the most important recommended herbs in the treatment of hypertension in the Iranian herbal and ethnobotanical medicine resources.

Table 1. Iranian medicinal herbs with hypertension effect

Raw	Scientific name	Family name	Persian name	Used organ	Therapeutic effect	Region
1	<i>Ajuga chamaecistus</i>	Lamiaceae	Labdisi bouth	Aerial part	Lowering blood pressure	Abadeh [69]
2	<i>Salvia sp</i>	Lamiaceae	Maryam goli	Petal	Lowering blood pressure	Abadeh [69]
3	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> L.	Berberidaceae	Zereshkj	Fruit and Leaf	Lowering blood pressure	Arasbaran [70]
4	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.	Compositae	Boumadaran	Flowering shoot	Lowering blood pressure	Arasbaran [70]
5	<i>Ecbalium elaterium</i>	Cucurbitaceae	Khiare vahshi	Root	Lowering blood pressure	Arasbaran [70]
6	<i>Ribes orientale</i>	Grossulariaceae	Angoure sharghi	Root	Lowering blood pressure	Arasbaran [70]
7	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Rosaceae	Zalzalak	Flower and Leaf	Lowering blood pressure	Arasbaran [70]
8	<i>Taxus baccata</i> L.	Taxaceae	Sorkhdar	Leaf	Lowering blood pressure	Arasbaran [70]
9	<i>Crataegus pontica</i>	Rosaceae	Zalzalak	Fruit and Leaf	Lowering blood pressure	Ilam [71]
10	<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Rhamnaceae	Siah telo	Fruit	Lowering blood pressure	Ilam [71]
11	<i>Rheum ribes</i> L.		Rivas	Stalk	Lowering blood pressure	Ilam [71]
12	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.	Asteraceae	Boumadaran	-	Lowering blood pressure	Babol [72]
13	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i> (L.)	Brassicaceae	Kise keshish	-	Lowering blood pressure	South east of Iran [73]
14	<i>Marrubiumanisodon</i>	Lamiaceae	-	-	Lowering blood pressure	South east of Iran [73]
15	<i>Tragopogon aureus</i> Boiss.	Asteraceae	Sheng	Leaf and Fruit	Lowering blood pressure	Khuzistan [74]
16	<i>Olea europaea</i> L.		Zeytoun	Leaf and Fruit	Lowering blood pressure	Khuzistan [74]
17	<i>Rumex pulcher</i> L.	Polygonaceae	Torshak	Root	Lowering blood pressure	Khuzistan [74]
18	<i>Nigella sativa</i> L.	Ranunculaceae	Siah daneh	Seed (Fruit)	Lowering blood pressure	Sistan [75]
19	<i>Anthemis cotula</i> L.	Asteraceae	Babouneh bahari	Inflorescence	Lowering blood pressure	East of Persian gulf [76]
20	<i>Suaeda altissima</i>	Chenopodiaceae	Siah shour	Leaf and Stalk	Lowering blood pressure	East of Persian gulf [76]
21	<i>Silybummarianum</i>	Asteraceae	Kharmaryam	Flower	Lowering blood pressure	Fasa [77]
22	<i>Crataegusaronia</i>	Rosaceae	Kialak	Fruit and Leaf	Lowering blood pressure	Fasa [77]
23	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Asteraceae	Kharmaryam	Fruit and Leaf	Lowering blood pressure	Kazeroun [78]
24	<i>Matricaria chamomilla</i>	Asteraceae	Babouneh	Flower	Lowering blood pressure	Kohgilouyeh [79]
25	<i>Rumex crispus</i> L.	Polygonaceae	Torshak	Leaf	Lowering blood pressure	Mobarakeyeh isfahan [80]
26	<i>Ziziphus jujuba</i>	Rhamnaceae	Anab	Fruit	Lowering blood pressure	Mobarakeyeh isfahan [80]
27	<i>Olea europaea</i> L.	Oleaceae	Zeytoun	Fruit	Lowering blood pressure	Mobarakeyeh isfahan [80]
28	<i>Ziziphussp.</i>	Rhamnaceae	Anab	-	Lowering blood pressure	Maraveh [81]
29	<i>Urtica dioica</i> L.	Urticaceae	Chitchiti	-	Lowering blood pressure	Maraveh [81]
30	<i>Berberis sp.</i>	Berberidaceae	Zereshk	-	Lowering blood pressure	Maraveh [81]
31	<i>Rubus sp.</i>	Rosaceae	Bioresen	-	Lowering blood pressure	Maraveh [81]
32	<i>Mentha longifolia</i>	Lamiaceae	-	Flower	Lowering blood pressure	Hamadan [82]
33	<i>Morus alba</i>	Moraceae	Tout	Fruit	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [82]
34	<i>Falcaria vulgaris</i>	Apiaceae	Ghazyaghi	Flowers, Laef and Stalk	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [82]
35	<i>Smyrnum cordifolium</i>	Umbelliferae	Andol	Seed	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [83]
36	<i>Crocus hasskenechtii</i>	Iridaceae	Zafaran	Root	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [83]
37	<i>Berberis integrima</i>	Berberidaceae	Zereshk	Leaf and stalk	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [83]
38	<i>Ziziphus spina-christi</i>	Rhamnaceae	Konar	Leaf and stalk	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [83]
39	<i>Allium ursinum</i>	Liliaceae	Sir	Underground roots	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [83]
40	<i>Tragopogon caricifolius</i>	Compositae	Sheng	Aerial part	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [83]
41	<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	Umbelliferae	Shevid	Aerial part	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [83]
42	<i>Amygdalus scoparia</i>	Rosaceae	Badam	Fruit	Lowering blood pressure	Lorestan [83]

DISCUSSION

Hypertension which is called arterial hypertension is a chronic disease in which the blood pressure in the arteries increases. In this study, medicinal herbs of sage, barberry, eastern grapes, yarrow, hawthorn, rhubarb, sheng, olive, rhubarb, buckwheat, spring chamomile, milk thistle, jujube, strawberry, ziziphus, indole, besides, garlic, fennel, almonds, etc. have been recommended in the treatment of hypertension. For rapid reduction of hypertension, blood pressure balancers should be used in the diet rather than highly morbid medicines. Medicinal herbs are one of the solutions [32, 84]. Based on the results obtained, hypertension can be treated in many ways including lifestyle changes or the use of herbal medicines [42, 85]. The mechanism actions of these plants are not clear. They possibly act, in part, by antioxidant activity [85]. Antioxidants have been shown to, other than anti-hypertension activity, have various beneficial effects in diseases [86-93]. Hence other plants or agents which have these properties [94-108] may reduce hypertension.

CONCLUSION:

Therefore, people who have disease other than hypertension may more benefit from these plants. It seems that the medicinal herbs of this study have pharmacological, polyphenols, flavonoids and antioxidant substances that improve blood pressure reduction. Other plants which have these compounds especially antioxidant activity [109-112] may have anti-hypertensive activity.

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