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Pharmaceutical science, natural herbal products and variety of tonic remedies in Iran

Plants produce lot of constitution during their growing or maturing time. Natural products from medicinal plants, either as pure compounds or as standardized extracts, provide unlimited as pure compounds or as standardized extracts, provide unlimited opportunities for new drug. So, researchers are finding useful components in plants that have no tradition of use e.g. Taxol, the cancer-fighting product of Pacific yew trees, aspirin, from Salix alba and routine, from Ruta graveolens and many other compounds. The amount of active ingredient in a plant can vary with factors like the variety, geographic location, season, soil conditions, time of harvest, storage conditions, and the method of preparation. Herbal drug and poly herbal formulations have different forms such as tablets, capsules, tinctures, ointments, and syrups. In Iran, traditional herbal medicine played a prominent role in the strategy. Active substances such as alkaloids, polyphenols or any other compounds are obtained from a plant, or parts of a plant, by a process such as drying, crushing, extraction or purification. Iran has an area of 1.64 million km2 where climate is diverse, ranging from arid and semi-arid, to subtropical along the Caspian coast and the northern forests. The agricultural sector is one of the major contributors to Iran's economy. Till now nearly 10,000 plants species were identified, approximately 1000 of these are medicinal and aromatic plants. Essential oils of 600 species were analyzed with GC and GC MS apparatuses and new medical components were identified. The present article discusses ways in which the evidence base for the professional use of Iranian herbal medicine, as pharmaceutical sciences as phytotherapy or nutritional sciences can be strengthened. Herbal plants as beverages or supplements tonics, include products like Aloe spp. juice, pomegranate juice, tonic with herbal extracts, and liquid herbal remedies. In this research work, plant samples were collected from different ecological zone in Iran. e.g. Menta spp. of plants in the family Lamiaceae, the leaves have a warm, fresh, aroma and are used in teas, beverages, jellies, syrups, and also as a medicinal herb to treat stomach ache. Mint essential oil and menthol are extensively used as flavoring agent in drinks, antiseptic mouth rinses, and candies. Today, essential oil is more commonly used for aromatherapy. Tanacetum parthenium is a daisy belonging to family Asteraceae. The active ingredients in feverfew include parthenolide which has shown in vitro potentiality to target cancer stem cells, is traditionally used to prevent headaches and extraction is used to control bacterial and fungal infections. Therefore, plants are deliberately showing both useful and harmful effects in human beings.

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Biography

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