



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## Herbal cure for poisons and poisonous bites from Western Uttar Pradesh, India (Article)

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### Abstract

**Objective:** To conduct ethnopharmacobotanical field explorations in rural areas of five districts of Uttar Pradesh, India with regard to the folk herbal formulations associated with the management of poisons and poisonous bites.

**Methods:** Local traditional healers known as ". Vaidya" and ". Hakeems" in the study area were interviewed to gather ethnopharmacobotanical information using a questionnaire attending various medical practices. **Results:** Information on 49 herbal formulations prepared from 39 plant species belonging to 28 plant families in the treatment of poisons and poisonous bites is presented in this scientific communication. **Conclusion:** Present communication revealed that study area is rich in its ethnopharmacobotanical knowledge. The plant species discussed here also encompasses new reports on *Chenopodium album*, *Solanum xanthocarpum*, *Solanum melongena*, *Sesamum indicum*, *Calotropis procera*, *Coriandrum sativum*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Brassica campestris*, *Triticum aestivum*, *Vitis vinifera*, *Sorgum vulgare* and *Nerium indicum*. This study further concludes that there lies a lot of potential in the Indian herbal repository which should be explored systematically and later subjected to thorough study under the light of latest available scientific research methodologies for the drug standardization and pharmaco-toxicological studies with a view to making cheaper and safer drugs for the benefit of humanity periodically encountered with poisons and poisonous bites. © 2014 Asian Pacific Tropical Medicine Press.

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*Bacopa monnieri* extract   *Cajanus cajan* extract   *Catharanthus roseus* extract  
*Citrus aurantifolia* extract   *Coriandrum sativum* extract   *Cynodon dactylon* extract  
*Euphorbia thymifolia* extract   garlic extract   *Gossypium herbaceum* extract   herbaceous agent  
*Lantana camara* extract   *Melia azedarach* extract   *Ocimum sanctum* extract   onion extract  
plant extract   *Solanum melongena* extract   *Solanum nigrum* extract  
*Tachyspermum ammi* extract   unclassified drug

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