

**Review Article****A comprehensive list of plants used for anti-inflammatory action**

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ABSTRACT

Herbal medicines are important remedies in therapeutics for treatment of various diseases in India. The traditional health care system of India is Ayurveda [Ayus – Life, Veda – Knowledge, meaning – science of life] and it is one of the oldest therapeutic systems. India, with its great biodiversity, has a tremendous potential and advantage in the emerging field of herbal medicines. Medicinal plants as a group comprise approximately 7500 species and include representatives of about 17,000 species of higher flowering plants. Use of natural product in the developments of drugs used in contemporary medicine is unsurpassed even when synthetic chemistry has been developed beyond expectations. Unlike synthetic substances the natural drug dose not gives symptomatic relief rather it provide complete cure of many diseases. Due to these salient feature herbal drugs has been realized seriously using all around the world. These day plant and their parts are extremely using in the treatment of various diseases such as respiratory problems, gastro-intestinal disorder, cardiac disease metabolic disorder and aging related problem. This review article is an effort of author to provide a comprehensive list of various plant and their parts used for the treatment in various therapeutic system.

Introduction

Inflammation [Latin: inflammo – I ignite, set alight] is a part of the complex biological response of vascular tissues to harmful stimuli, such as pathogens, damaged cells, or irritants. Inflammation is a protective attempt by the organism to remove the injurious stimuli and to initiate the healing process. [1] Without inflammation, wounds and infections would never heal. Similarly, progressive destruction of the tissue would compromise the survival of the organism. However, chronic inflammation can also lead to a host of

diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, hay fever, atherosclerosis etc. and even cancer. Inflammation is of two types *acute* or *chronic*. Prolonged inflammation, known as *chronic inflammation*, leads to a progressive shift in the type of cells present at the site of inflammation and is characterized by simultaneous destruction and healing of the tissue from the inflammatory process. There is five cardinal sign of inflammation i.e. redness, swelling, heat, pain and loss of function.[8]

Table 1: Comparison between acute and chronic inflammation [13-17]

Factors	Acute	Chronic
Causative agent	Pathogens, injured tissues	Persistent acute inflammation due to non-degradable pathogens, persistent foreign bodies, or autoimmune reactions
Major cells involved	Neutrophils [primarily], eosinophils and basophils (response to helminth worms and parasites), mononuclear cells (monocytes, macrophages)	Mononuclear cells [monocytes, macrophages, lymphocytes, plasma cells], fibroblasts
Primary mediators	Vasoactive amines, eicosanoids	IFN- γ and other cytokines, growth factors, reactive oxygen species, hydrolytic enzymes
Onset	Immediate	Delayed
Duration	Few days	Up to many months, or years
Outcomes	Resolution, abscess formation, chronic inflammation	Tissue destruction, fibrosis, necrosis

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Table 2: List of various plant and their parts used as anti-inflammatory

Sr. No.	Botanical name	Part used	Use
1.	<i>Trachyspermum roxburghianum</i>	Root and Seeds	Anti-inflammatory [3]
2.	<i>Hemisdesmus indicus</i>	Roots	Anti-inflammatory [3,8]
3.	<i>Alangium lamarckii</i>	Root, bark, leaves, seeds	Anti-inflammatory [4]
4.	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Whole plant, Root ,seeds	Rheumatism[4]
5.	<i>Clitoria ternatea</i>	Whole plant, Root, Seeds	Inflammation[5]
6.	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	Bark ,Fruit, Pulp, Leaves, Pods	Anti-arthritis[6]
7.	<i>Sapindus mukorossi</i>	Fruit, leaf	Anti-inflammatory[7]
8.	<i>Withania somnifera</i>	Root, Leaf, Fruits, Seeds	Anti-inflammatory [8-17]
9.	<i>Thevetia nerifolia</i>	Milky Juice, seeds, Kernel	Anti-Rheumatism [9-19]
10.	<i>Semacarpus anacardium</i>	Nut, Bark	Rheumatism [20- 29]
11.	<i>Cannabis sativus</i>	Plant, resin	Anti-inflammatory [28]
12.	<i>Oxalis carinulata</i>	Leaves, Whole Plant	Anti-inflammatory [30,31]
13.	<i>Baliospermum montanum</i>	Seed, root, leaves	Rheumatism[32-34]
14.	<i>Berberis aristata</i>	Fruit, root bark, stem and wood	Anti-inflammatory [35-37]
15.	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Seeds, leaves	Anti-inflammatory[38-41]
16.	<i>Aloe barbadensis</i>	Whole plant, leaves, pulp, root	Anti-inflammatory [42]
17.	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>	Stem juice, fresh plant	Anti-inflammatory [43- 47]
18.	<i>Commiphora wightii</i>	Gum resin	Anti-inflammatory [48]
19.	<i>Curcuma longa</i>	Rhizome, oil	Anti-inflammatory and Antiarthritic [49-54]
20.	<i>Iris florentina</i>	Rhizome and extracts	Anti-inflammatory [55]
21.	<i>Nardostachys grandiflora</i>	Root, oil	Antiarthritic [56]
22.	<i>Celastrus paniculata</i>	Bark,seed oil,whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [57, 58]
23.	<i>Ficus hispida</i>	Fruit,seed,bark,whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [59]
24.	<i>Cardiospermum halicacabum</i>	Entire herb,root,leaves,seeds	Anti-inflammatory [60]
25.	<i>Nelumbo nucifera</i>	Flower,seed,filament,root,leaves	Anti-inflammatory [61]
26.	<i>Mallotus phillipensis</i>	Fruit	Anti-inflammatory [20]
27.	<i>Bauhinia varigata</i>	Bark,root,gum,leaves,seed,flower	Anti-inflammatory [61]
28.	<i>Solanum surratens</i>	Root,fruit,leaves,flower,flowerbud,stem,whole plant	Anti-rheumatic [62, 63]
29.	<i>Mucuna pruriens</i>	Seed, Pod, root	Anti-inflammatory [64]
30.	<i>Pogamia pinnata</i>	Seed, oil from seed, root, bark	Anti-inflammatory [29]
31.	<i>Nerium indicum</i>	Whole plant, root , leaves	Anti-inflammatory [65]
32.	<i>Picrorhiza kurroa</i>	Root, rhizome	Anti-inflammatory [66, 67]
33.	<i>Swertia chirayita</i>	Root , whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [68]
34.	<i>Hygrophila auriculata</i>	Whole plant , root ,seed, leaves	Anti-inflammatory [69]
35.	<i>Blumea lacera</i>	Juice of leaves, root , essential oil	Anti-inflammatory [70]
36.	<i>Benincasa hispida</i>	Fruit , seed	Anti-inflammatory [71]
37.	<i>Abelmoschus moschatus</i>	Seed	Osteoarthritis [72]
38.	<i>Allium sativum</i>	Bulb	Anti-inflammatory [73-75]
39.	<i>Symplocos cochinchinensis</i>	Whole plant, Stem bark	Anti-inflammatory [76]
40.	<i>Catunaregam spinosa</i>	Fruit, seed, bark	Anti-inflammatory [77]
41.	<i>Lawsonia inermis</i>	Bark, leaf, seed, flower	Anti-inflammatory [78]
42.	<i>Rubia cordifolia</i>	Root, stem, whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [79]
43.	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Tubers	Anti-inflammatory [80]
44.	<i>Enicostemma hyssopifolium</i>	Whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [80]
45.	<i>Melia azadirachta</i>	Bark, Root bark, young fruit, leaves, seed , berries	Rheumatism [81, 82]
46.	<i>Vitex negundo</i>	Leaves ,roots, fruits	Anti-inflammatory [83]
47.	<i>Panax ginseng</i>	Whole plant, leaves ,root	Anti-inflammatory [84]
48.	<i>Bergenia ligulata</i>	Whole plant , root, rhizome	Anti-inflammatory [85, 86]
49.	<i>Piper longum</i>	Dried unripe fruit, root	Anti-inflammatory [87]
50.	<i>Sida rhombifolia</i>	Plant, stem, leaves, root	Anti-inflammatory [88, 89]
51.	<i>Boerhavia diffusa</i>	Root, leaf, flower	Anti-inflammatory [90- 95]
52.	<i>Inula racemosa</i>	Root, whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [96]
53.	<i>Caesalpinia crista</i>	Seed, leaves, bark	Anti-inflammatory [97- 99]
54.	<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>	Wood, heartwood, bark, seed	Anti-inflammatory [100, 101]
55.	<i>Acampe papillosa</i>	Root, whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [102]
56.	<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Wood, bark, oil of seeds	Anti-inflammatory [102]
57.	<i>Desmodium gangeticum</i>	Root, seed	Anti-inflammatory [103]
58.	<i>Euphorbia dracunculoides</i>	Fruit, whole plant	Anti-inflammatory and antiarthritic [104]

59.	<i>Tephrosia purpurea</i>	Whole plant, root, fresh bark, seeds	Anti-inflammatory [105-107]
60.	<i>Blepharis edulis</i>	Seed	Anti-inflammatory [108]
61.	<i>Altingia excels</i>	Whole plant, resin	Anti-inflammatory [109]
62.	<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	Root , root bark, fruit, flower, seeds	Anti-inflammatory [110]
63.	<i>Strobilanthes heyneanus</i>	Leaf , roots	Anti-inflammatory [111-114]
64.	<i>Gardenia latifolia</i>	Root, bark , Fruit	
65.	<i>Diospyros cordifolia</i>	Fruit, stem –bark, oil of seed	Anti-inflammatory [115]
66.	<i>Operculina turpethum</i>	Root , root bark, stem	Anti-inflammatory [116]
67.	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i>	Leaves ,seed, roots	Anti-inflammatory [117]
68.	<i>Pergularia darmia</i>	Whole plant, leaves, root bark	Anti-inflammatory [79]
69.	<i>Nymphaea stellata</i>	Root, flower, fruit, seed	Anti-inflammatory [118, 119]
70.	<i>Crataeva nurvala</i>	Bark, root bark, leaves	Anti-inflammatory [120 -122]
71.	<i>Adhatoda vasica</i>	Leaf, flower, root	Rheumatism [123]
72.	<i>Embelia ribes</i>	Fruit, seed, root	Anti-inflammatory [124]
73.	<i>Pueraria tuberosa</i>	Root, tuber	Anti-inflammatory and Anti-rheumatic [125, 126]
74.	<i>Argyreia speciosa</i>	Root, leaves, whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [127]
75.	<i>Calotropis gigantea</i>	Whole plant, root, root bark, leaf, latex, flower	Anti-inflammatory [128]
76.	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [129]
77.	<i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i>	Leaves, heartwood, flower, gum	Anti-inflammatory [130]
78.	<i>Clerodendrum serratum</i>	Root, leaf	Anti-inflammatory [131]
79.	<i>Bacopa monnieri</i>	Whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [132]
80.	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	Root, root bark	Anti-inflammatory [133]
81.	<i>Berberis aristata</i>	Bark, fruit, stem, wood	Anti-inflammatory [134]
82.	<i>Anogeissus latifolia</i>	Root, bark, fruit, gum	Anti-inflammatory [135]
83.	<i>Curcuma longa</i>	Rhizome	Anti-inflammatory [136]
84.	<i>Mucuna pruriens</i>	Root, leaf, seed, hair	Anti-inflammatory [137]
85.	<i>Acacia catechu</i>	Bark, heartwood	Anti-inflammatory [138]
86.	<i>Aloe vera</i>	Leaf, leaf juice	Anti-inflammatory [139]
87.	<i>Caesalpinia bonduc</i>	Root bark, leaf, seed	Anti-inflammatory [140]
88.	<i>Lawsonia inermis</i>	Root, leaf ,flower seed	Anti-inflammatory [141]
89.	<i>Centella asiatica</i>	Whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [142]
90.	<i>Mesua ferrea</i>	Flower, oil, bark, leaf, bud	Anti-inflammatory [143]
91.	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Bark, leaf, flower, seed oil	Anti-inflammatory [144]
92.	<i>Bergenia ciliata</i>	Rhizome, leaf	Anti-inflammatory [145]
93.	<i>Boerhavia diffusa</i>	Whole plant, root	Anti-inflammatory [146]
94.	<i>Hemidesmus indicus</i>	Root, leaf ,stem	Anti-inflammatory [147]
95.	<i>Boswellia serrata</i>	Bark, Gum-resin	Anti-inflammatory [148]
96.	<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	Root, bark, leaf, seed	Anti-inflammatory [149]
97.	<i>Albizia lebbeck</i>	Bark, flower, seed, leaf	Anti-inflammatory [150]
98.	<i>Operculina turpethum</i>	Root	Anti-inflammatory [151]
99.	<i>Acorus calamus</i>	Rhizome	Anti-inflammatory [152]
100.	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Root, bark, leaf, fruit, seed kernel	Anti-inflammatory [153]
101.	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	Root bark, leaf, fruit, flower, fruit pulp	Anti-inflammatory [154]
102.	<i>Psoralea corylifolia</i>	Seed, seed, oil	Anti-inflammatory [154]
103.	<i>Eclipta alba</i>	Whole plant, seed	Anti-inflammatory [156]
104.	<i>Holoptelea integrifolia</i>	Bark, leaf, seed	Anti-inflammatory [150]
105.	<i>Fagonia cretica</i>	Whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [151]
106.	<i>Commiphora wightii</i>	Gum	Anti-inflammatory [153]
107.	<i>Aristolochia indica</i>	Root, leaf, seed	Anti-inflammatory [152]
108.	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	Whole plant, leaf	Anti-inflammatory [153]
109.	<i>Celastrus paniculatus</i>	Root, bark, leaf, seed, seed oil	Anti-inflammatory [154]
110.	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Root, Stem bark, leaf, flower, seed, seed oil	Anti-inflammatory [154]
111.	<i>Nerium indicum</i>	Root, root bark, leaf	Anti-inflammatory [155]
112.	<i>Gossypium herbaceum</i>	Root, Bark, flower, seed	Anti-inflammatory [155]
113.	<i>Cryptolepis buchnani</i>	Root, whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [156]
114.	<i>Catunaregam spinosa</i>	Bark, fruit	Anti-inflammatory [157]
115.	<i>Cymbopogon martinii</i>	Stem, leaf, flower, oil	Anti-inflammatory [157]
116.	<i>Desmodium gangeticum</i>	Root, whole plant	Anti-inflammatory [157]
117.	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	Root, bark, heartwood, leaf	Anti-inflammatory [158]
118.	<i>Oroxylum indicum</i>	Root, root bark, leaf, fruit, seed	Anti-inflammatory [158]
119.	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i>	Whole plant, root leaf, seed	Anti-inflammatory [159]
120.	<i>Crateva nurvala</i>	Stem bark, leaf	Anti-inflammatory [159]
121.	<i>Sesbania grandiflora</i>	Root, Bark, Flower, Fruit, Leaf	Anti-inflammatory [160]
122.	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>	Root Bark, Stem bark, Leaf, Fruit, Seed	Anti-inflammatory [161]

123.	<i>Withania somnifera</i>	Root, Leaf, Seed	Anti-inflammatory [163]
124.	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>	Root, Stem, Leaf	Anti-inflammatory [163]
125.	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>	Fruit	Anti-inflammatory [164]
126.	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Bark, Fruit, Seed, Leaf	Anti-inflammatory [164]
127.	<i>Jasminum officinale</i>	Root, Leaf, Flower	Anti-inflammatory [165]
128.	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Whole Plant, Fruit	Anti-inflammatory [166]
129.	<i>Pandanus fascicularis</i>	Root, Leaf, Flower, Fruit	Anti-inflammatory [168]
130.	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Stem, leaf, Seed	Anti-inflammatory [167]
131.	<i>Hiptage benghalensis</i>	Bark, Leaf, Flower, Seed	Anti-inflammatory [168]
132.	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Tuber	Anti-inflammatory [169]
133.	<i>Vitex negundo</i>	Root, Bark, Leaf, Flower,Seed	Anti-inflammatory [170]
134.	<i>Piper longum</i>	Fruit, Root	Anti-inflammatory [171]
135.	<i>Paederia foetida</i>	Root, Stem, Leaf	Anti-inflammatory [171]
136.	<i>Ficus racemosa</i>	Stem Bark, Root, Fruit, Leaf, Latex	Anti-inflammatory [172]

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