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Informant consensus in the use of ethnomedicinal plants of Brahmanbaria district, Bangladesh

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The present article focuses the consensus of local people of Brahmanbaria district in the use of ethnomedicinal plants to L treat different ailments in their daily life. Data on medicinal use of plants were collected in between June 2015 to June 2016 from 459 local people using mainly modern ethnobotany survey techniques. A total of 208 medicinal plants under 83 families were recorded. Such plants are used to treat 73 ailments through 407 formularies. The most commonly used medicinal plants are Centella asiatica, Litsea glutinosa, Coccinea cordifolia, Azadirachta indica, Cynodon dactylon, Ocimum sanctum and Leucas lavandulifolia. Among the ailments categories high informant consensus factor (Fic) was found in case of diarrhea and dysentery followed by kidney disorder, respiratory tract disorder, gynecological, fever and pain, dermatological, helminthiasis, skeletomuscular pain, diabetes and liver disorder, gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, jaundice, mental, impotence, teeth ache and ophthalmological. Most cited species for the treatment of such ailment categories are Litsea glutinosa, Holarrhena antidysenterica, Kalanchoe pinnata, Ocimum sanctum, Abroma augusta, Alternanthera sessilis, Azadirachta indica, Ananas sativus, Achyranthes aspera, Coccinia cordifolia, Andrographis paniculata, Hyptis sauveolens, Terminalia arjuna, Eclipta alba, Cajanas cajan, Asparagus racemosus, Kalanchoe serrata and Commelina benghalensis. Among medicinal plants, Centella asiatica, Adhatoda vasica, Clerodendrum viscosum, Clitoria ternatea, Tinospora crispa, Dalbergia sissoo, Ficus benghalensis, Ficus hispida, Holarrhena antidysenterica, Paederiea foetida, Scoparia dulcis and Thevetia peruviana were showed 100% Fidelity Level (FL) values. Plant species with high citation, Fic and FL values can be subjected to further ethnopharmacology studies to find active compounds for the new drug candidates.

Biography

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