

A critical review on the Applications and uses of Aloe Vera

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Abstract

Aloe vera, herbs like *cacti*, and traditional medicine have been around for thousands of years. Aloe vera can be divided into two parts: latex, yellow liquid under the epidermis, paper and gel, colorless and unused paper. They all contain many living things, usually, anthraquinones and polysaccharides (the strongest acetone), which can form alone or in combination. Scientific studies have shown that Aloe Vera can be used in cosmetics, kinds of toothpaste, and more. In foods such as satiety or storage with fresh food and human or animal medicines. Aloe vera appears to treat several conditions due to its healing, anti-inflammatory, immune, antidiabetic, antioxidant, laxative, antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral, and anticancer effects. In addition to these additives, they can be added to the diet of animals to provide many benefits.

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Introduction

Aloe vera has been used in human medicine for thousands of years for its therapeutic properties, especially for the skin. This plant is one of the oldest and most famous recorded human exploits from the Egyptian papyrus dating to 3500 BC. The Greek philosopher Aristotle wrote of the medicinal properties of aloe vera, and references are found throughout the Bible. It was used by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Chinese, and Indians. In the early 1800s, aloe vera was used as a medicine in the United States [1-4].

Furthermore, the current treatment process began in the 1930s with reports of successful treatments for new X-rays in new circuits. Aloe vera gets its name from the Arabic words "language", which means "bright" due to the bitter water in the book, and "Latin" means "true." This type of animal was described by Charles Linnaeus in 1753 when the division was introduced [5].

Kingdom: *Plantae*, Order: *Asparagales*, Family: *Asphodelaceae*, Genus: *Aloe*, Species: *Aloe vera*.

There are numerous references: *Mulino Aloe Barbadians.*, *Aloe Index Royal*, *Perforated Aloe L Vera Vera*, and *Papa Vulgaris Lam*. Most fruits are not bitter, but other fruits are very painful. There are about four main types of natural herbs in 420, and they include aloe vera, which is considered vital and therefore one of the most popular plants, widely used as an ornamental [6]. The general nature of aloe vera is unclear due to its widespread cultivation worldwide and its origins in Africa. It grew in many tropical and subtropical regions, including South Africa and Latin America, and spread to China, India, and various parts of southern Europe in the 17th century. Aloe vera is a cactus-like plant, although it is associated with onions, garlic, and asparagus. It is sessile with fleshy triangular leaves ranging from gray-green to light green and has small white teeth along the edge of the leaf. The leaves are made up of three layers: the inner gel, the yellow core, and the outer, 15-20 cell thick layers called the cortex. Aloe

leaves have long been used for medicinal, cosmetic, and nutritional purposes, but there is no clear scientific understanding or analysis of these properties. According to some researchers, aloe vera can be broken down into two main products: latex and gel. Latex is a bitter yellow exudate from the pericyclic tubules under the epidermis of the leaf that makes up about 20-30% of the weight of the entire leaf, known as "aloe juice" or "aloe juice." Younger leaves had higher levels of latex components than older leaves. Colorless and tasteless gel, on the other hand, consists of the pulp or mucus of the plant parenchyma cells within the leaf [7-9].

In early 1941, the pulp of aloe vera leaves contained 98.5% water, and the alcohol-insoluble part contained mucus, which contained uronic acid, fructose, hydrolyzed sugars, and enzymes. We now know that the gel, which represents about 70 to 80% of the total weight of the leaves, acts as a reserve of water and energy for the plants. When using a whole aloe vera leaf, it is difficult to determine whether its biological effects are gel or latex related, as exudates can enter during gel manufacturing [10-15].

Biological Components

Latex and aloe vera gel contain physiologically active substances that have a biological effect, which acts independently or show a synergistic effect. The identification of these substances is essential for the effective use of the plant. The chemical composition of aloe vera varies depending on the climate, region, growing conditions, age of growth, or processing method [16-19].

Healing the wounds

Growth hormone polysaccharides and gibberellins increased production of collagen, and elastin can reduce wrinkles. The excellent healing power of aloe vera is detecting a range of mucopolysaccharides (MPS) present in the field of 10,000 to 20,000 MPS per liter. In addition, aloe vera works to heal scar tissue and prevent shrinkage due to skin damage, presumably through the action of amino acids necessary for the formation of new cells and the ability of its enzymes to stimulate cell regeneration [20-23].

Antidiabetic properties

Many disorganized substances (vanadium, manganese, copper) and especially the polysaccharides found in aloe vera may play an essential role in antidiabetic activity. This herb has been associated with lowering blood sugar and lowering blood lipids and cholesterol in diabetics [24-27].

Antibacterial applications

Many researchers report that aloe vera stimulates the growth of microorganisms such as *Str. Pyogenes*, *Shigella flexneri*, *Klebsiella* sp., especially against gram-positive bacteria that cause food poisoning or disease in humans and animals [28-30].

Antifungal applications

Antifungal activity has received less attention, although inhibitory activity against *Candida* has been reported. Aloe vera is used in the aquarium as a water regenerator due to its antifungal properties [31-33].

Antiviral and antitumor activity

These effects may be due to direct or indirect impact: indirect immune system stimulation and direct anthraquinones. Therefore, clinical trials are currently underway to obtain strong evidence for using aloe vera in the treatment of HIV / AIDS or cancer [34-37].

Other Medical Applications

Aloevera can be used successfully for the general treatment of skin ulcers, including mouth ulcers, herpes simplex, and psoriasis. In addition, this plant has been shown to protect against stomach ulcers. Aloe vera supports the healing of first to second-degree burns. It is suggested that lectin may be responsible for the therapeutic effect. Aloe vera-fed broilers showed significantly higher haemagglutination inhibition titer values against Newcastle disease [38-43].

Conclusions

Aloe vera contains many nutrients. It is necessary to begin the scientific study of this chemical plant and to promote its widespread use.

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