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Worthwhile updated review of Allium sativum: Pharmacological Aspects

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Abstract:

Allium sativum is safe and very rich sources of biologically active compounds with less toxicity and side effects. Garlic is a source of medicine in many ways in human beings in routine life as well as in animals and its leaves, flowers, and splinters have been used in traditional medicine for a long time. Research in present day has shown extensive pharmacological and therapeutic effects of A. sativum and its phytoconstituents that is allicin. The phytoconstituents present in this plant are organosulfur compounds such as allicin, diallyl trisulfide. These chemical constituents are used for the treatment of various diseases like cancer, inflammation, hypertension, atherosclerosis, and hyperlipidemia (too many lipids or fats). Along with that, liquid extracts of garlic have been used to treat various diseases and have shown anticoagulative, anti-viral, anti-bacterial, and fungicidal and antioxidant effects. Even so, on consumption of garlic in high quantity few unfavorable effects have been found like nausea and vomiting. This review contours the therapeutic, pharmacological values and chemical constituents of garlic.

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