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Ethno-medicinally used Anti-inflammatory and Pain relieving Plants in the Kaski District, Western Nepal

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ABSTRACT

Modern medicine is based on indigenous knowledge and ethno-pharmacological practices, which have become back bone for noble drug discovery. Inflammatory diseases are the most common problem encountered by people since centuries. This study is focused to find out the plants that are being used traditionally to treat the inflammatory diseases in Kaski district. The field survey of three weeks was done in different areas of Kaski district. Informal discussions and meetings were done with the traditional healers, local herbal traders and general villagers. All together of 93 villagers were interviewed for the information about the local used anti inflammatory herbs and plants. Possible samples of the plants and plant products were framed in camera. This study showed that many people in the studied parts of Kaski district still continue to depend on the medicinal plants at least for the treatment of primary healthcare. We documented 102 plants in our study belonging to 63 families of which major families were Leguminosae, Labiateae, Malvaceae and Compositae. There were altogether 36 herbs, 29 shrubs, 29 trees, 2 ferns and 6 climbers were used ethnomedicinally to treat inflammation and pain. Major parts used were leaves (18.5%), roots (18.5%), barks (14.5%), seeds (15.3%), whole plants (11.5%), rhizomes (10.22%) and others (11.48%). Plants were applied topically (58.6%), orally (27.88%) or both (13.52%) in the form of paste, decoction, juice, infusion and with some solvents such as water, honey, milk, etc. Kaski district has plenty of floras that have been used ethnomedicinally as a treatment of inflammatory conditions. It is of utmost importance to conserve the ethno medicinal knowledge and medicinal plants found in Kaski district. The scientific studies and biological importance of these plants should be established which will aid in commercialization of these plants. A new, potent, safe and economic medicine can be developed through further researches.

Keywords: Anti-inflammatory, Ethnomedicine, Indigenous, Medicinal plants

INTRODUCTION

Since the prehistoric era people are in search of the agents that cure disease and alleviate the pain which would make them live longer and be healthier. Plants and plant products are the major sources of such agents being used traditionally (Bhattarai et al., 2010). Ethnic people use plants or their parts and prepare them as suitable form to be administered. According to WHO, More than 80 % of the population depend on traditional medicine for primary health care. Inflammation is a physiologic defense mechanism of body to protect itself against external agents such as infectious microbes, chemicals or other physical traumas but long term inflammation may be the sign of many diseases such as arthritis, rheumatism, gout, etc.

(Kumar et al., 2004). Inflammation is manifested initially by local vasodilatation, platelet activation and infiltration of the blood and lymph to the site. Then gradually phagocytic cells and leucocytes get infiltrated which produce chronic inflammation and which may cause deterioration of tissue or necrosis (Kolawole et al., 2013). Infalmmatory disease has high prevalence in kaski district and NSAIDs covers the 27.8% of the total drugs prescribed (Shankar et al., 2005). Search of the anti inflammatory drug has being carried out since last twenty years by taking traditional and ethno medicinal uses as the references (Nagori et al., 2010). This study is focused to list out the medicinal plants being used traditionally to cure the inflammatory conditions throughout the Kaski district.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Kaski District (450-8091) is located in Gandaki Zone in the Western Development Region of Nepal lies within 83°40' east to 84°12' east longitude and 28°06' north to 28°36' North latitude. It borders With Lamjung and Tanahu districts in the East; Salyan and Parbat districts in the West; Manang and Myagdi districts in the North; and Syangja and Tanahu districts in the South. Five different typesof climate found in this district, sub-tropical, temperate, temperate cold, alpine and tundra climate makes it rich in biodiversity. Total population of Kaski district 492,098 (2011-6-22 central Bureau of statistics) and population density of 244 per sq. km. Main religion of kaski district is Hinduism (82.35%), Buddhism (13.45%) and others (4.2%)

Study area for field survey: Field survey of three weeks was conducted in different areas of kaski districts: Siklesh, Khilang, Ghalekharkha, Lwaang, Gha-chowk, Pumdi, Kristi, Kaskikot, Dhampus, Ghandruk, Taalbesi, Pokhara valley and Lekhnath. Study was conducted during July - August 2013. The study area is shown in Figure 1. Map of the study area (kaski district), Western Nepal.



Figure 1: Map of Kaski District

Interviews with villagers and information Species that were used to treat the collection: same illness by several healers and the villagers were selected. The available specimens as well as nomenclature were identified with the help of standard literature. The traditional healers (vaidyas), local healers (priests locally known as 'lamas'), plant traders, and knowledgeable villagers were asked about the medicinal practices in

antiinflamatory plants. Walk with healers through the forest was done for plant collection, indentification and gathering information. Java Bahadur Thapa (herbal trader, Taalbesi), Sahara Pradhan (porprieter and healer of Pokhareli Ayurvedic Ausadhalya Udhyog), Indrashivabhakti (villager, Dhampus), Nar Bahadur Gurung(local traditional healer, Sikles), Chandra Bir Ghale (Lama), Aasman Gurung(herbal supplier), Sushil k. Shrestha (Kirti Ayurvedic Medi Sales), are the some of the promising helpers to share their valuable information. Informal meetings, group discussions with local peoples are the main source of information about their local medicinal practices. Informal meetings were held by villagers. Team members stayed with local communities during the study. All species and information about plants encountered during participatory field observations were listed. Further discussions were made about medicinal plant among villagers and samples were displayed to villagers for conformation. Most of the species were identified in the field using references. Common species that were frequently used, spotidentified were recorded for information. Vernacular names and folk uses of specimens were collected. Information was confirmed from at least three respondents for analysis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 102 different species belongs to 63 families were indicative of the rich diversity of the plant species found in this area. Study results are presented in the alphabetical order by the family and is then follows by scientific name, Voucher number, Local vernacular names, Phenology and detailed uses including methods of preparation, dosage and dosage and administration of the medicines. The largest number of the medicinal plants came from the herbs are widely used in this region. The study of the growth form of the medicinal plants revealed that herbs made up of the highest proportion of medicinal plants represented 36 species followed by 29 shurbs, 29 trees, 2 climbers and 6 ferns. This study recorded that several parts of the medicinal plants are used for the medicines. The most commonly used medicinal parts of plants are roots (19%) and leaves (19%) followed by barks (15%), seeds (15%) rhizome (10%), stem (4%) fruit (3%) and latex (3%). In addition to the above common parts used, whole plant (12%) species are commonly uprooted for different medicinal purposes.



Plant parts are generally prepared using hot or cold water as the solvent, but occasionally remedies are prepared with the milk, honey ghee and oil. Water is common, readily available and cheap solvent and the good solubility used in the traditional medicine preparations. Other infusion materials such as milk, honey, oils and ghee are expensive and not always available when needed. In addition milk oils honey and ghee may be used for their properties to dissolve phytochemicals that are not water soluble.



Plants are applied topically (58.6%), orally (27.88%) or both (13.52%) in the form of paste, decoction, juice, infusion and with some solvents such as water, honey, milk, etc. The medicinal plants preparations were applied topically or taken orally or both, In case of this inflammataory disease most commonly used route of administration is applied over topically followed by oral.

The present study indicates that the area harbors a high diversity of medicinal plants. Despite gradual socio-cultural transformation, local communities still posseses substantial knowledge of plants and their uses. The reliance on folk medicines for health care is associated with the lack of modern medicines and medication, poverty and the traditional belief of its effectiveness. Since there is a complete lack of phyto therapeutic evidence for species, we recommend many of that phytochemical and pharmacological studies need to be carried out in order to confirm the validity of properties attributed to these species: this is particularly relevant for species with market potential beyond the district. With setting up management plans for their extraction, these medical resources can provide for both subsistence needs and income. This, however, requires detailed assessment of resource quantities, productivity sustainable harvesting potential, methods, domestication possibilities, and market value of potentially promising species, and importantly, equitable benefit sharing regimes.

Table 1:List of Plants

n form Names Used	Uses
0.	
	Juice of the needles are used
	to treat rheumatism
	Applied to foreheads to treat
1	headache
	Leaf paste applied on
	swellings boils, Rheumatism Decoction of leaf is taken to
1	relieve body pain, fever and
	headache.
4. Achyranthus Amranthaceae H Datiwan Leaf, Stem	Leaf paste is used to treat the
	inflammation associated with
	cuts and wounds.
	Paste of the plant is used to
	treat the rheumatism Rhizome paste is used to treat
5	the Rheumatism and infusion
	for sore throat, bronchitis and
	chest pain
	Paste of rhizome is applied to
	relief backaches and knee
	aches. Juice of the roots mixed with
5	turmeric and applied over the
	inflamed area.
	Wood ash mixed with the
	water and spread over the
	inflamed area.
	Powered leaf, along rice flour,
	is baked and taken to provide relief from backache
	Barks, roots, seeds paste are
	used to relief the pain of
	injuries and rheumatism
	Juice of the bark is boiled,
	applied to treat swelling and
	body pain. Blub is taken orally to prevent
	inflammation and fever
	Juice of the leaf is used in the
	treatment of rheumatism and
	internal inflammation.
1 2	Latex mixed with mustard oil
	and applied to treat rheumatic pain
	Juice of the roots is used in the
	treatment of rheumatism.
16. Astible rivularix Saxifragaceae S Thuloaushad Whole .	Juice of the plant is applied to
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	sprains and muscular
	swellings.
	Juice of the bark is boiled and
	filtered and applied over an inflamed area.
	Squeezed rhizome is boiled
	and filtered water is taken for

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19.	Betula alnodies	Betulaceae	Т	Saur	Bark	gout Bark juice is applied on the		
20.	Boerhavia	Nyctaginaceae	Н	Aule Sag	leaf	cuts, bone fracture, sprains. A paste of the plant is applied		
21	diffusa Gallicarra	Labiataga	S	Dahiiala	Loof	on forehead to relieve headaches		
21.	Callicarpa macropylla	Labiateae		Dahijalo	Leaf	Leaves paste are warmed and applied over inflamed area.		
22.	Capparis spinosa	Capparaceae	S	Baghmukhe	Roots	Paste of the roots is used to treat the rheumatism.		
23.	Cardiospermum halicacabum	Sapindaceae	С	Keshlahara	Seed	Seed paste are used to control the pain in rheumatism		
24.	Celastrus paniculatus	Celastraceae	S	Malkauna	Seed	Seed paste is used for relieving pains caused by cuts and wounds		
25.	Cassia fistula	Leguminosae	Т	Rajbrikshya	Fruit	Decoction is used as gargle to treat toothache and sore throat.		
26.	Centella asaitica	Umbelliferae	Н	Ghodtapre	Whole Plant	Paste of the Plant is used to reduce the pain due to inflammation		
27.	Cinnamomum glaucescens	Lauraceae	Т	Sugandhako kila	Seed	Seed paste is used for muscular swellings.		
28.	Cinnamomum tamala	Lauraceae	Т	Dalchini	Laef, Bark	Leaf and Bark Juice are used to relief stomach aches		
29.	Coelogyne flavida	Orchidaceae	Η	Thurgauga	Bulb	A paste of the pseudo blub is applied to treat headaches		
30.	Coix lachrymal- jobi	Gramineae	Н	Bhirkaulo	Grains	Grains paste is taken for the treatment of rheumatism and		
31.	Crotalaria	Leguminosae	S	Sano	Whole	throat ache Paste of the plants is applied		
32.	prostrata Crucuma	Zingiberaceae	Н	bokshijhar Kalobesar	plants Rhizomes	on the inflamed regions. Rhizomes are applied over the		
33.	angustifolia Crucuma	Zingiberaceae	Н	Haledo	Rhizomes	inflamed skin. Rhizomes are applied over the		
	domestica	-				inflamed skin.		
34.	Cuscuta reflexa	Convolvulaceae	Н	Aakashbeli	Whole plants	Paste of the plant is used to reliever in rheumatism		
35.	Dactylorhiza hatagiera	Orchidaceae	Η	Panchaule	Roots	Powered root is applied in inflamed area.		
36.	Dalbergia sisso	Leguminosae	Т	sissau	Bark	Bark is boiled and applied over swelled surface.		
37.	Diplokenma butyraceae	Saptoaceae	Т	Chiuri	Bark	Bark juice is applied over the swelling and inflamed regions		
38.	Datura metal	Solanaceae	S	Dhatura	Leaf, Seeds	Paste of the leaf is used to treat rheumatic swellings by inflammations.		
39.	Drynaria	Polypodiaceae	F	Kammari	Rhizome	A paste of the plant is applied to treat backache and		
	propinqua	rorypouraceae	I.	Kallinai	Kiiizoine	dislocated bones, and is applied for fore head to relieve headaches		
40.	Eclipta prostrata	Compositae	Н	Bhrinjraj	Leafs	Leaf paste is used to treat the cuts, wounds and		
41.	Entada phasioloides	Leguminosae	С	LekPangro	Fruit	inflammation The fruit paste is used to cure arthritis, swelling, due to coldness		
42.	Equisetum diffusum	Equisetaceae	Н	Annkhle	Whole Plant	Paste of the plant is used over the inflamed and swelled		

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43.	Euphorbia	Euphorbiaceae	s	Syuri	Latex	fingers. Latex is warmed and applied over the swelled part.
44.	roylena Ficus	Moraceae	Т	Bar	latex	Milky applied to rheumatism
45.	benghalensis Ficus semicordata	Moraceae	Т	Khanya	Latex	and bruises, swelling of gums Juice of roots is used to treat headaches.
46.	Semicoraaia Garuga pinnata	Rubiaceae	Т	Dabe-Dabe	Bark	About 5 drops of latex is mixed with milk and given to children suffering from fever. Juice of the bark is used to treat pain associated with the dislocation of bones.
47. 48.	Jatropha curcas	Euphorbiaceae	Т	kadam	Bark	Paste of the bark is applied over for sprains and injuries Bathed with the decoction to
	Inula cappa	Compositae	S	Gai-Tihare	Root ,Flowers, leaf	treat the body ache and swellings. Flower juice,Root juice is applied over the joints to treat pain caused gout.
49.	Ipomoea carnea	Convolvulaceae	S	Ajamari	Leaf	Juice of the plants applied over the inflammation and pain caused by the prolong walking.
50.	Hedyotis scandens	Rubiaceae	С	Annkhlejhar/ dudhelahara	Roots	Paste of the root is applied externally in gout.
51.	Hyptis suaveolens	Labiatae	Н	Ban bawari	Leaf	Leaf decoction is used to treat rheumatism
52.	Lantana camara	Verbenaceae	S	SitajiPhul	Leaf	Leaves is boiled with the water and filtered and water is taken orally to treat rheumatism.
53.	Lillium wallichiamum	Laliaceae	Н	Hadelasun	Blub	Decoction is used to cure the joint pain, backache problem and kidney problem.
54.	Litsea cubeba		Т	Siltmur	Fruits	Fruits directly or its decoction is used to cure of fever, cough and to control toothache.
55.	Lobelia pyramidalis	Campanulaceae	Н	Eklebir	Whole plant	Plant applied in water in 10 mins and strained water about 4 teaspoons ,3 times a day
56.	Lycopodium clavatum	Lycopodiaceae	Н	Nagbeli	Fruit	Fruit is used to treat the rheumatism
57.	Lygodium japonicum	Lygodiaceae	F	Lute jhar	Plant	The plant is used for the relieving of the pains and
58.	Melaia azedarach	Meliaceae	Т	Bakino	Bark	joints. Paste of the barks is applied to relieve headaches and rhoumatic pains
59.					Flower,	rheumatic pains. Flower is astringent and stomachic.
	Mescua ferrea	Guttiferae	Т	Nagkeshar	Fruits	Seed oils are used to prevent the inflammations of cuts and wounds.
60.	Michelia champaca	Magnoliaceae	Т	Champ	Barks, Flowers	Bark juice are used in rheumatism and gout
61.	Mimosa pudica	Leguminosae	Н	Lajawati	Whole	Paste of the plant is applied

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62.	Myrica	Myricaceae	Т	Kaphal	plants Bark	for the gout Bark juice is used for	
63.	esculenta Nardostachys	Valerianaceae	Н	Jatmansi	Rhizome,	headaches and rheumatism. Rhizome and leaf paste is	
64.	grandiflora Nyctanthes	Oleaceae	Т	Parijat	Leaf Bark, Leaf	applied over the inflamed area. Bark and leaves is boiled and	
04.	arbortritis	Oleaceae	1	i arijat	Dark, Lear	filtered water is taken to treat	
						rheumatism and gout.	
65.	Ocimim tulsiflorum S	Labiatae	S	Tulsi	leaf	Fresh leaves are chewed or boiled for cough, colds and bronchial infections.	
66.	Parnassia nubicola	Parnassiaceae	Н	Nirmansi	Root	Juice of the rhizome is used to treat wounds and inflammations.	
67.	Paris pollyphya	Trilliaceae	Н	Satuwa	Rhizome	Paste of the plants is applied on the cuts and wound to relief pains.	
68.	Phyllanthus	Euphorbiaceae	Т	Amala	Seeds	Warm juice is rubbed to treat	
69.	emblica					inflammations. Juice of the rhizome is taken	
	Picrrorhiza scrophulariiflor a	Scrophulariaceae	Н	Kutki	Rhizome	orally. Paste of rhizome is applied over	
70.						inflamed area Boiled with water and water is	
70.	Piper longum	Piperaceae	Н	Pipla	Fruits	consumed to relief inflammation.	
71.	Plumbago zeylanica	Plumbaginaceae	S	Chitu/Setoku ra	Roots	Paste of the plants is used for the rheumatism.	
72.	Plumeria rubra	Apocynaceae	Т	Galaincho	Bark	Bark paste is warmed and applied over the swelling	
73.	Polygonum plebejum	Polygonaceae	Н	Bethe	Plants	Paste of the plants is used is applied over the cuts ,wounds and inflammation	
74.	Portulaca	Portulacaceae	Н	Nundhiki	Whole	Dried plant used for relieving	
75.	oleracea Prinsepia utilis	Rosaceae	S	/PaiteJhar Dhatelo/Kuk urpaile	plant Seed	pains. Oil from the seed is rubefiacant and for the rheumatism and muscular pain coughs and colds.	
76.	Prunus cerasoides	Rosaceae	Т	Paiyun	Bark	Decoction of bark is used to remove body ache	
77.	Psidium guajava	Myrtaceae	Т	Aamba	Leaf	Twinges are chewed and leaves paste are applied for the reliving of the pain associated with the rheumatism	
78.	Rheum austral	Polygonacea	Н	Padamchal/ Akashechuk	Rhizome	Rhizome and paste is applied over the sprains.	
79.	Rhododendron arboretum	Ericaceae	Т	Laligurans	Flowers, Bark	Bark juice is used to prevent the inflammation over the cuts and wounds	
80.	Rumex nepalensis	Polygonaceae	Н	Hasaag le Hale	Roots, Leaf	Paste of the leaves is applied to treat swellings of gums. Plant is boiled in water about 10 min and filtered water to wash the body to alleviate	
81.	Sciendapsus	Araceae	S	SikariLahara	Leaves and	body pain. Dried leaves and stems are for	

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82.	offcinalis Selinum	Umbelliferae	Н	Bhutkesh	stem Roots	relieving backaches. Decoction of the roots is used		
	tenuifolium					to cure rheumatism. Root paste is used to relief the body		
83.	Sida cordata	Malvaceae	Н	BishKhapre	Root	pain and fever. Paste of root is applied for the treatment of swelling, injuries		
84.	Solanum nigrum	Solanaceae	Н	Kaligedi	Fruits	and sprains. Seed paste is mixed with piper nigrum and applied over the		
85.	Solanum virginiamum	Solanaceae		Kanthagiri	Seeds	inflamed area Roasted seeds are kept on the infected teeth during the tooth		
86.	Spondias pinnata	Anacardiaceae	Т	Amara,amro	Bark	ache Juice of the bark is given for rheumatism		
87.	Tagetes erecta	Composiatae	S	Sayapatri	Whole plant	Juice of the plant is used in case of swellings ,injuries and		
88.	Tamarindus indica T	Leguminosae	Н	Tate amilo	Leaves	inflammation Paste of the young leaves is used for rheumatism and inflammation		
89.	Teucrium quadrifarium	Labiatae	Н	Kalo rudilo	Plant	Juice of the plants is applied to wounds between toes to prevent inflammation.		
90.	Thespesia lampas	Malavaceae	S	Baan kapas	Stem, Roots	Roots and stem are used to reduce joint pain, backache and to make the strong bone.		
91.	Trichosanthes tricusipdata	Cucurbitaceae	C	Inddrayani	Root	Root juice is used in abdominal pain. Root and fruit		
92.	Trigonella foenum-	Leguminosae	Н	Methi	Seeds	paste is applied to cure boils. Seeds mixed with mustard oil and rubbed over the inflamed		
93.	gracecum Urena lobeta	Malvaceae	S	Bherejhar/ch iple	Plants	area. Paste of the plant is used for rheumatism. Leaf paste is applies to sprains and bruises. Boiled juice of leaf is taken for to prevent the inflammation of intestine and bladder.		
94.	Urtica diocia	Uticcaceae	S	Sisnu	Leaf	Paste of the plants is boiled and water treats the pain caused by injuries and rheumatism.		
95.	Valernia jatamansaii	Valerancaeae	Н	Sugandhawa 1	Root	Root is used for the rheumatism.		
96.	Viscim album	Viscaceae	S	Harchur	Roots	Paste of the root is used to treat sprain, bruises, muscular swelling and boils.		
97.	Vitex negundo	Labiatae	S	Simali	leaves	Juice of the leaves is applied to rheumatic swelling of the joints. Leaves are boiled in water and		
98.	Woodfordia fruticosa	Lythraceae	S	Dhayparo/A nnarephul	Bark	filter. Water is taken orally Paste of the bark is externally to treat angular stomatitis.		

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						Bark decoction is applied to sprains and swellings
99.	Zanthoxylum	Rutaceae	S	Timur	Seeds,	Branches are used as brush to
	armantum				Barks,	treat toothaches.
					Branches	Paste of the fruits applies over
						the wounds and inflammations
100	Zephyranthes	Amyrallidaceae	Н	Bhuichampa	Rhizome	Rhizome is used to cure back
	cariata			_		bone, joint pain and fracture
101	Zingiber	Zingiberaceae	Н	Adahuwa	Rhizome	Paste of the plants is applied
	officinale					over the rheumatic
						inflammation
102	Ziziphus	Rhamnaceae	Т	Bayer	Roots	Decoction of the roots is used
	mauritiana					in fever and inflammation.

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