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Aloe Vera – A Review

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Abstract: Aloe Vera is the most established therapeutic plant ever known and the most applied restorative plant around the world. Concentrates of Aloe Vera are demonstrated skin healer. Aloe Vera help to mitigate skin wounds caused by burning, skin aggravations, cuts and creepy crawly nibbles, and its bactericidal properties ease tingling and skin swellings. It is known to help hinder the presence of wrinkles and effectively fix the harmed skin cells that cause the obvious indications of maturing. Aloe is an incredible detoxifier, germ-free and tonic for the sensory system. It likewise has anti-viral properties. As a general wellbeing tonic. Aloe Vera is a great source of nutrients. Aloe Vera Gel contains a huge scope of nutrients - even nutrient B12, Vitamin A, contains B-Group nutrients, Vitamin C, Nutrient E and folic corrosive. Aloe Vera Gel contains significant ingredients including 19 of the 20 amino acids required by the human body and seven of the eight basic ones that just can't be made.

Kewwords: Aloe Vera, Aloe emodin, Polysaccharide, Detoxifier, Anti-diabetic, wound-healer.

Introduction: Therapeutic plant has specific property and specific uses owing to their biological group of compound. These plants are broadly utilized as ethno medicine around the world. Aloe Vera is the oldest medicinal plant ever known and the most applied medicinal plant worldwide. [1] It is an important and traditional medicinal plant. There are more than 300 species of Aloe Vera plants. [2] The variety of aloe has been used under the regular name of aloe viz. Aloe Vera, Aloe barbadensisq, Aloe ferox, Aloe chinensis, Aloe indica, Aloe peyrii, and so on.[3] Among these verities Aloe barbadensis Miller is considered unanimously as the correct botanical source of aloe.[4] It is being utilized since 1750 BC by Mesopotamians and Egyptians.[5] The Arabic word alloeh means shining and bitter substance and Vera in Latin means true.[6] The plant Aloe Vera having miraculous healing powers [7] because it contains multitude of essential vitamins, minerals, amino acid, antiseptic agent and anti-inflammatory agents etc. These all constitutes are the main source for aloe's effectiveness in the various ailments like bacterial infection, viral infection, inflammation and skin related problems etc.

Taxonomy of Aloe Vera Kingdom: Plantae Division: Magnoliophyta Class: Liliopsida Order: <u>Liliales</u> Family: <u>Aloaceae</u> Genus : <u>Aloe</u> L Species: **A. barbadensis Mill.** [8]



Aloe Vera fig.1

Vernacular Name	
Common Name	Aloe Vera
English Names	Barbados Aloe, Curacao Aloe, Indian Aloe, Jafarabad Aloe
Sanskrit Names	Kumari, Kanya, Ghrita-kumari, Vipulasrava, Sthuladala, Dirgha Patra, Mandala
Hindi Names	Ghee-kunwar, Ghee-kuvar, Gvar patha

Morphology: Aloe Vera (Aloe barbadensis Miller) is an enduring plant of liliacea family with bloated green leaves joined at the stem in a rosette design. It is a stem less or exceptionally short-stemmed plant developing to 80-100 cm tall spreading by counterbalances and root sprouts Aloe Vera leaves are framed by a thick epidermis (skin) covered with water stockpiling tissue (filet). The plant leaves will have fully mature in 3 years. Each plant usually has 12-16 leaves that, when mature may weigh up to more than 2 pounds. The filet contains a transparent adhesive jelly which is also known as Aloe Vera gel. Leaves are green to dark green, with a serrated edge. The blossoms are delivered on a shoot up to 90 cm tall, each bloom pendulous, with a yellow rounded corolla 2-3 cm long. The leaf having two parts, the inner part is a clear, thin, tasteless, jelly-like material and the outer pericyclic tubules, occurring just below the cutinized epidermis of the leaves, produce a bitter yellow exudate. The inner gel lies in the centre of leaf which is consist of 96% water while remaining 4% known substance including vitamins, amino acids and enzymes etc. [9,10]

Some species of Aloe Vera: Out of 400 species found all over the world these are the main species of Aloe Vera.

- Aloe barbadensis Mill.
- Aloe barbadensis var. chinensis Haw.
- Aloe chinensis (Haw.) Baker.
- Aloe elongata Murray.
- Aloe flava Pers.
- Aloe lanzae Tod.
- Aloe maculata Forssk.

- Aloe perfoliata var. Vera L.
- Aloe rubescens.
- Aloe aageodonta L.E.Newtor
- Aloe abhaica Lavranos & Collenette
- Aloe abyssicola Lavranos & Bilaidi
- Aloe aculeata Pole-Evans
- Aloe acutissima H.Perrier
- Aloe adigratana Reynolds
- Aloe affinis A.Berger
- Aloe africana Miller
- Aloe ahmarensis Favell et al
- Aloe albida (Stapf) Reynolds
- Aloe albiflora Guill
- Aloe albovestida S.Carter & Brandham
- Aloe aldabrensis (Marais) L.E.Newton & G.D.Powley
- Aloe alfredii Rauh
- Aloe alooides (Bolus) van Druten
- Aloe ambigens Chiovenda
- Aloe amicorum L.E.Newton
- Aloe amudatensis Reynolds
- Aloe andongensis Baker
- Aloe andringitrensis H.Perrier
- Aloe angelica Pole-Evans
- Aloe angolensis Baker
- Aloe anivoranoensis (Rauh & GHebding)
- Aloe ankaranensis Rauh & Mangelsdorff
- Aloe ankoberensis M.G.Gilbert & Sebsehe
- Aloe antandroi (Decary) H.Perrier
- Aloe antsingyensis (Léandri) L.E.Newton
- Aloe arborescens Miller
- Aloe archeri Lavranos
- Aloe arenicola Reynolds
- Aloe aristata Haworth
- Aloe armatissima Lavranos & Collenette and many more. [11]

Distribution: Aloe is found in southern half the Arabian Peninsula, North Africa (Morocco, Mauritania, and Egypt) also as Sudan and neighbouring countries and Spain, the plant is grown in the hot dry regions of Asia, Europe and America. Aloe plant survives for quite 7 years without water. In the 17th century the species was introduced to China and various parts of southern Europe It takes the water it needs for survival and growth from dew collected on the surface of its leaves. [12]

Phytochemicals of Aloe Vera

1. Anthraquionones\Anthrones:

Co	omponent	Biological property	Chemical structure
•	Aloin	stimulant-laxative, treats constipation by inducing bowel movement, α-Glucosidase inhibitory action antioxidant activity, anti-inflammatory, antiviral, antibacterial	но он он он он он
•	Aloe emodin	analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral.	о
•	Anthranol	analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral, Antitumor, laxative/ cathartic compound, antiproliferative	C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C
•	Emodin	analgesics, antibacterials and antivirals, Antitumor, laxative/ cathartic compound, antiproliferative	H ₃ C OH O OH
•	Isobarbaloin	analgesics, antibacterials and antivirals, Antitumor, laxative/ cathartic compound, antiproliferative	
•	Ester of cinnamic acid	analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral, Antitumor, laxative/ cathartic compound, antiproliferative	ОН
•	Aloin A	analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral, Antitumor, laxative/ cathartic compound, antiproliferative	
•	Aloin B	analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral, Antitumor, laxative/ cathartic compound, antiproliferative	
•	Aloesin	Purgative, anticancer, antiviral, antibacterial laxative anti-inflammatory.	

Anthracene	Analgesic	
Gallic acid (Phenolic compound)	Analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral	но он он
• Vanillic acid (Phenolic compound)	Analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral	HO OCH ³
• Syringic acid (Phenolic compound)	Analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral	н ₃ со осн ₃
Chlorogenic acid (Phenolic compound)	Analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral	
• Sinapic acid (Phenolic compound)	Analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral	HO H ³ CO HO H ³ CO OH
• Ferulic acid (Phenolic compound)	Analgesic, antibacterial and antiviral	СН ₃ ОН НО

2. Carbohydrates:

•	Pure mannan	Hepatoprotective, antiallergic, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, Antitumor	
•	Acetylated	Hepatoprotective, antiallergic, antimicrobial,	
	mannan	anti-inflammatory, Antitumor	
•	Cellulose	Antiallergic properties and novel anti-	
		inflammatory compound.	
•	Pectic substance	Antiallergic properties and novel anti- inflammatory compound.	

•	Xylan	Antiallergic properties and novel anti- inflammatory compound.	and and a set of the s
•	Arabinogalacta n	Hepatoprotective, antiallergic, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory Antitumor	
•	Galactan	Antiallergic properties and novel anti- inflammatory compound.	

3. Enzymes:

•	Alkaline phosphatase	Reduce excessive inflammation	
•	Amylase	Reduce excessive inflammation, helps in the breakdown of sugars and fats.	
•	Lipase	Reduce excessive inflammation, helps in the breakdown of sugars and fats.	
•	Phosphoenolpyruvate	Helps in the breakdown of sugars and fats.	но он
•	Carboxypeptidase	Helps in the breakdown of sugars and fats.	H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H
•	Peroxidase	Reduce excessive inflammation	

4. Vitamines:

• Vitamin A	Antioxidant, Act as coenzyme, Anticancer	X
• Vitamin b12	Antioxidant, Act as coenzyme, Anticancer	
Vitamin C	Antioxidant, Act as coenzyme, Anticancer	
• Vitamin E	Antioxidant, Act as coenzyme, Anticancer	
Folic acid	Antioxidant, Act as coenzyme, Anticancer	
Choline	Antioxidant, Act as coenzyme, Anticancer [13]	сн, сн, сн, сн, он сн, сн, сн, сн, он

5. Saccharides:

Mannose	Hepatoprotective, antiallergic, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory	HO O OH HO'' OH OH
Glucose	Hepatoprotective, antiallergic, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory	OH OH OH OH
• L-rhamnose	Hepatoprotective, antiallergic, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory	остранон остранон

6. Hormones:

Auxins	Helps in wound healing ,anti- inflammatory	С
• Gibberellins	Helps in wound healing ,anti- inflammatory	HO H COOH

7. Chromones:

Isoaloeresin D	The novel anti-inflammatory commands	
• 8-C-glucosyl-(S)- aloesol	The novel anti-inflammatory commands	

8. Steroids:

8. Steroids:	C C C	
Cholesterol	Inflammatory action and Anticancer	
Campesterol	Inflammatory action and Anticancer	
 β-sitosterol 	Inflammatory action and Anticancer	но
• Lupeol	Inflammatory action and Anticancer	

9. Miscellaneous:

Salicylic acid	Anti-inflammatory, antibacterial	ОН
• Lignin	Membrane penetrative property	$H_{C,Q} \xrightarrow{(H)}_{HQ} \xrightarrow{(H)}_{$
Potassium sorbate	Potassium sorbate	
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Chrisophanic acid	Provides protection against fungal and insect attack including termites	
Arachidonic acid	Helps in healing of wound	
Y-linolenic acid	Helps in maintaining the level of membrane fluidity	
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Triterpenoid	Anti-tumor [14]	

Aloe Vera as a folk remedy:

Aloe Vera is a very ancient remedy that is being used in many countries from past many years. The 1st reported use of Aloevera in the history is from Ancient Egypt. They regarded it as a sacred plant and the "Plant of immortality". They believed that Aloevera is a beauty enhancer, is good for health and to lead a good life. Both Cleopatra and Nofretete used to value the aloe juice and use it in their everyday skin and beauty care routine. The utilization of aloe was viewed as the quest of physical beauty. Even the dead were preserved with aloe vera in view of its anti-bacterial and anti-fungi qualities.

Alexander the great also promoted the use of aloe to treat the war wounds of his warriors. The Greek physician Pedanius Dioscorides described Aloe as one of his favrioute healing plants in one of his books. [16] Aloe has also been described in Chinese and Japanese culture. Shi-Shen depicted aloe vera as the "Method for Harmony"- the plant assumed a significant function in the regular day to day existence of the Chinese. During the sixteenth century, the Indian clans likewise got comfortable with the aloe healing plant. Aloe was one of the 16 sacred plants which were adored with a divine resembling status. They used it as an insect repellent. Aloe is being used by folks for in hair treatment, in skin care, in scar removal, in mouth and eyes diseases. It is also used in skin diseases like eczema and psoriasis. [17] Aloe Vera is a great moisturising agent. [18]

Aloe Vera in Ayurveda:

Ayurveda is the characteristics arrangement of medication. Ayurveda has great significance in blocking and inspiring the maintenance of health through close attention to balance in one's life, right thinking, diet, lifestyle and the use of herbs. The most known content on Ayurveda are the CHARAKA SAMHITA, SUSHRUTA SAMHITA and ASHTANGA HRUDAYA. These contents detail the affect that the five elements found in the global system Earth, Water, Air, Fire and Space. These constitutions are sorted into 3 Dosha:

- 1. VATA (the energy of movement); where air and space rules
- 2. PITTA (the energy of metabolism and digestion); where fire rules
- 3. KAPHA (the energy of lubrication); where earth and water rules

RASA PANCHAK OF ALOE VERA:

Hindi/ Sanskri	it
Virya	Shita
Vipak	Madhura
Guna	Guru, Picchila, Snigdha
Rasa	Tikta, Madhura

English	
Potency	Cold
Metabolic Property	Sweet
Physical Property	Heavy , Slimy , Oily
Taste	Pungent, Sweet

It tones all the three doshas Vatta, Pitta and kapha. It is used in Vranaropana (wound healing activity), Rasayana (rejuvenative for the skin, intestines, female reproductive system), Artavajanana (promotes menses), Dipana (enkindles the digestive fire), Visphota (removes pustules), Bhedaniya Purgative - powder), Raktapitta (alleviates bleeding), Amapacana (clearing ama), Visahara (destroys poison), Llihayakrdvrddhihara (reduces inflammations of spleen and liver), Granthi (clears tumor). [19]

Aloe Vera in Modern medication system:

From most recent twenty years we have seen the blending of ethnobotanical (utilization of plants by people as prescriptions), phytochemical (plant chemicals) and pharmacological (drug activity) studies. From the cutting edge methods (detachment, structure assurance and screening) people have created most recent medications from the common assets like therapeutic spices and so forth Until 1930, around 90% of the drugs were of plant origin. At that point started the time of chemotherapy with the blend of sulphonamides and the time of anti-toxins started in the next decade. In present day period individuals are a lot of concerned with respect to their wellbeing, skin care, and they search for the items which are truly helpful.

Aloe Vera is one such spice which have all the integrity which individuals are searching for and furthermore known as supernatural occurrence spice yet when it utilized in corrective items and some medication its quality gets change either because of other inorganic/organic fixings or because of present day manufacturing processes. Aloe Vera is a broadly utilized restorative herb in the advanced medication and have numerous assorted ethno pharmacological and restorative applications. It is a wellspring of 19 out of 20 principal amino acids which is required by our body, and these amino acids help in smooth working of our catalyst framework. [21] The accompanying most significant thing of A. Vera is its wellspring of supplements, which is nutrient A, B, C, E, and folic corrosive. As this plant fills in soil copious in minerals, it transforms into a rich wellspring of calcium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, iron, copper, and zinc. Aloe vera is moreover thought to be a good antiviral, antibacterial, and antifungal, as the inner gel is encompassed by polysaccharides which can defend our body from all of these attacks. [22]

Examples of modern products having Aloe Vera as an ingredient:

- 1. Beauty b Earth Aloe vera gel
- 2. Ashta Berry Skin healing Gel
- 3. Calcium lotion
- 4. Vera soft Lotion
- 5. Head and shoulder Aloe vera daily shampoo
- 6. Ayur deep pores cleansing milk
- 7. Kapiva Aloe Garcinia Juice
- 8. Vestige Aloe Vera capsule
- 9. Health Aid Aloe Vera 5000 mg Capsule
- 10. Good vibes Aloe Vera Gel
- 11. Skincandy Aloe Vera cucumber gel
- 12. Glint skin care
- 13. Lakme 9-5 Naturale Aloe Aqua Gel
- 14. Olnature's Aloe Vera Gel
- 15. Aplollo Aloe Vera Skin Care Gel

Biological Activities of Aloe Vera

Wound Healer	Aloe vera is most popular for its wound healing properties. It is one of the best wound healer ever found. It does as such by quickening the
	stream of blood towards the injured territory.[23]
Anti- diabetic	Aloe Vera possess' great anti- diabetic properties. It
	not just brings down the blood glucose level, but in
	addition decreases hepatic transaminases, plasma
	and tissue cholesterol, fatty substances, free
	unsaturated fats and phospholipids.[24]
Immune system restoration	Aloe vera has been described to secure the skin
	against harm caused by radiation. It is guesstimated
	that the use of Aloe vera gel promotes the
	production of protein called metallothionein, which
	is a scavenger of hydroxy revolutionaries, and
	therefore ultimately securing the skin from
	oxidative harm.[25]
• Moisturizing and anti-	It improves the capacity of skin to hydrate itself and help in expulsion of dead skin cells. It does as such,
aging effect	by creating collagen and elastin filaments, making
	the skin more versatile and less wrinkled, in this
	way, switching the degenerative skin changes. It
	relax the skin, by its firm activity on shallow
	chipping epidermal cells and furthermore by the
	activity of amino acids.
Anti-inflammatory action	The anti-inflammatory activity of Aloe vera gel not
• Anti-initianinatory action	just diminishes the pain uneasiness, but also
	quickens the healing phenomena. Aloe vera
	additionally restrains the cyclooxygenase pathway,
	compressing the production of prostaglandins,
	subsequently diminishing the inflammation. A. vera
	additionally indicated anti-inflammatory potential
	for the treatment of H. Pylori disease.[26]
Anti-oxidant action	Aloe vera possesses enormous antioxidant effects.
	Phenolic anti-oxidant were found to be present in A.
	vera gel, which may be responsible for these anti-
	oxidant effects.
Improves digestive system	Aloe vera juice is helpful to treat gastric intestinal
	issues like acid reflux, candida, colitis and help
	from stomach related problems, for example, acid
	reflux and irritable bowel condition. Constipation,
	loose bowels, acid reflux, bad gut condition and so
	forth are relieved by the flushing activity of Aloe
Anti-arthritis	vera juice. Aloe vera juice assumes a significant function in
 Anu-arunnus 	treating joint inflammation patients. Aloe juice is an
	energizer because of the presence of various
	enzymes. It is a amazing anti-inflammatory agent,
	pain relieving, and accelerates cell development,
	thus it fixes joint pain harmed tissue.[27]
Anti-cancer	Aloe vera juice empowers the body to heal it self
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	from cancer and furthermore from the harm brought
	about by radio and chemotherapy. Aloe vera
	emodin, an anthraquinone, has the ability to supress
	or prevent the development of threatening malignant
	growth cells making it to have antineoplastic
	properties. [28]
Anti- HIV	Acemannan present in Aloe Vera juice possess' anti-
	viral and immune modulating properties. A day by
	day portion of least 1200 mg of active elements of
	Aloe vera indicated significant improvement in
	AIDS manifestations. Its healing powers reach out
	to relieving inner injuries for example, the harm
	done to the inward organs by high-intensity
	medications of AIDS.
Anti Eungol	Aloevera gel possesses some anti-fungal properties
Anti- Fungal	
	and according to some report it inhibits the growth
T (1 T 00 (of Candida albicans.[29]
Laxative Effect	The bitter yellow latex to aloevera is known to have
	some powerful laxative-like action. [30]
• Anti- Viral	The aloevera extract known as aloe emodin gives
	the aloevera an antiviral properties and it enables
	the viruses to function properly
Hepatoprotective	The aloevera juice acts as great hepato protective. it
	improves the function of liver and also acts as an
	antidote in excessive alcohol injection.
Cardiovascular health	Aloevera is good for maintaining the cardiovascular
	health. Beta-sitostrol is known to have some
	properties which improves the circulation oxidation
	of blood and it makes the blood cells sticky.
	Aloevera juice lowers the risk of heart diseases.
Weight Loss	As aloe Vera improves the digestion that means it
	helps in eliminating the toxic load from over body
	and thus ultimately helps in the lighting up the
	body and mekes us feel more energised.
Anti- Ulcer	The topical and oral use of aloe has very significant
	role in the treatment of patients with chronic venous
	leg ulcers.
e Stone	Aloe inhibits the growth rate of urinary calcium
• Stone	•
	crystals which are responsible for the deposition of
	kidney stones.
Detoxifier	Aloe vera juice is natural detoxifier. The rate of
	consuming junk food is increasing day by day and
	as Aloe Vera is very rich in vitamins and minerals
	so the oral use of aloevera juice helps in cleansing
	our systems time to time.
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Genital Herpes	The topical use of aloevera is used for genital
Genital Herpes	The topical use of aloevera is used for genital herpes. Aloe use is also effective in vaginal infections and allergic reaction.[31]

Skin Disorders	The use of Aloe is useful for skin related problems
	like dry skin, acne, sun burn, wrinkles, sun tan,
	warts, rosacea, shingles, psoriasis, eczema and also
	reduce ageing. [32]

Conclusion: Aloevera, an antiquated Indian herb as a long history as a restorative plant with different remedial application, likewise utilised in various nations. Through human exchange and movement, this plant came to be known and was generally used to heal burns and wounds through old civic establishments. The supplement makes up of Aloe Vera is standout and has stunning common recuperating properties. It has many uses and without any doubt, the nature's blessing to mankind.

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