Wonders of Phytomedicine in the management of neurological disorders

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Abstract: Neurological disorders exhibit its impact on global health. The term neurological disorders mean any condition that occurs due to dysfunction in nervous system or brain as a result shows plethora of symptoms such as sensation loss, pain, muscle weakness, etc. Utilization of synthetic drugs to treat neurological disorder is quite challenging as it has some drawbacks like not cost effective, unavoidable and serious side effects as well as less patient compliance. Therefore, phytomedicines has been preferred as an alternative treatment of neurological disorders due to its variety of merits like cheap, exert negligible side effects, etc. Herbs can be prescribed as a single entity or mixture of different plants against such disorders. This review describes the phytomedicines used to treat CNS specific pharmacologic effects (like anxiolytic, anti-convulsant, analgesic, etc.), ranging from entire plant, bark, flowers, roots, fruit, stem and seeds.

Keywords: Phytomedicines; nervous system; CNS; synthetic drugs; nervous system

1. INTRODUCTION:

The nervous system is complex and complicated system that regulate and coordinate the body's basic functions. Our whole body is controlled by nervous system. If any problem is occurred in our nervous system then the all functions of body get disturbed. Therefore, the treatment of neurological disorder is important [1]. Now days the mostly people depend on the herbal medicines for primary healthcare, although these disorders are usually no more consider as ordinary diseases. Various individual with mental weakness like epilepsy are seriously indulged by health-related stigma and intolerance regulations. Thus, epilepsy showing the most serious common chronic neurological disease, approximately affects the 10 million people in the world. Other diseases like Parkinson's, Alzheimer these are also increased day by day. Neurological disorders also affect the breathing mood, speaking movement and memory. Neurological disorders affect the brain and spinal cord of our body. Thus, treatment of neurological disorder is expensive and also causes more side effects.

Herbal medicines are used in neurological disorders to decrease the side effects and cure the disease. Herbal medicines have wide safety range as compared to other medicines [2].

Neurological disease

1. Migraine

Migraine is the type of headache which is caused by the repetition of moderate to severe headache. Migraine usually one sided along with the photophobia, nausea, that show the negative effect on the patient's life. Migraine is also responsible for the cervical artery, structural changes in brain and stroke. Sometimes optimal migraine intercession may be helpful for the welfare of the patients and to prohibit other diseases caused by migraine. Innumerable treatments are used to prevent and decrease the seriousness of the pain. For all that antidepressant, beta blockers and anticonvulsant drugs are used broadly. They have to face problems like depression, tremor, constipation and weight gain are inescapable and these become the hurdles in the treatment of migraine. However, it can begin at any age but the initial attack occurs at adolescence and also in old age [3].

Migraine headache is chronic headache caused by frequent pulsing pain in one side of head. But typically spread all over the head and its common symptoms are nausea, vomiting, sensitive to light (photophobia). Genetic factors and environment factors are also contributing in the onset development and seriousness of headache [4].

Classification of migraine: migraine is of two types:

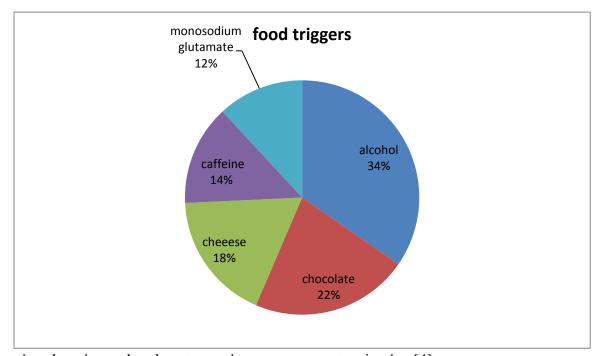
- a) Migraine without aura: in this type of migraine particular brain disorders are recognized by pulsating quality, one sided and moderate to severe headache; nausea, sensitive to light. Out of 100 patient, 80 patients are suffered from the subtype of aura.as compared to migraine with aura in this the constant and severe attack. Migraine without aura is also related with the menstrual cycle and classified under this subtype [5].
- **b) Migraine with aura:** in this type of migraine the repeated headache attack is occurs for 6-20 minutes and stable for less than one hour (60 minutes). Aura is surrounding with the central neurological symptoms which may leads to the migraine attack. The form of migraine in which the patients suffered from the motor weakness are classified in this [3].

Symptoms of migraine:

- a) **Prodrome:** before one or two days these migraine symptoms may be seen:
- Constipation
- Food cravings
- excessive thirst and urination
- constant yawning
- Neck stiffness
- Mood swings
- b) Aura:
- Vision lose
- Weakness and paralysis in one side of body
- Difficulty speaking
- prickling sensations in an arms and legs
- Hearing noises

- Uncontrollable jerking or other movements
- Visual phenomena
- c) Attack:
- Blurred vision
- Pain on one side or both sides of head
- Nausea and vomiting
- Pulsating pain
- photosensitive
- d) Post drome:
- Moodiness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Sensitivity to light and sound

Migraine triggers: Several factors can trigger migraine attacks it includes highly caffeinated beverages which may trigger migraine. Alcohol, chocolate, cheese, citrus fruits, and food containing additive tyramine, aspartame and the preservative Mono Sodium Glutamate (MSG) also contribute to trigger migraine. Irregular meal time and dehydration have also been named as potential migraine. Sensory Stimulation and Hormonal Changes: Loud noises, or strong smells, unusual bright lights may cause migraine headache. Hormonal shifts are common migraine trigger for women. A woman's suffering from migraine headache before or during their menstruation period. During pregnancy or during menopause other hormone can induce migraine. This pain generally occurs because of fluctuations in level of estrogens and can trigger a migraine medication such as hormone replacement therapies and birth control pills can trigger or worsen pain of migraine. Some sleeping pills, vasodilators such as



nitroglycerine and oral contraceptives can aggravate migraine [4].

Figure 1: depicts migraine trigger

Preventions:

- Sleep
- Eat regular meals
- Exercise regularly
- Limit stress
 - Meditate
 - ➤ Listen to calming music
 - > Take a short walk
 - Do yoga

Role of Ayurveda in migraine:

A traditional system of Ayurvedic medicines used by many Indians nowadays. It is the complete equilibrium of the body, mind, and spirit, including emotions and psychology. Ayurveda comprise of consideration rejuvenation, longevity, and self- realization therapies through herbs, diet, exercise, yoga, aromas therapy and meditation. An effective acid—alkali stability in the body may be responsible for decline in the frequency of migraine. There is a near close correlation between the symptoms of migraine with those of Amla-pitta of Ayurveda (where a state of acid—alkali imbalance in the body) causing symptoms such as: confusion, fainting, anorexia, fatigue, vomiting, nausea, sweetness in the mouth, and headache. So, the correlation between the cause and symptoms of Amla-pitta of Ayurveda match the current diagnostic criteria of migraine [6-11].

Table 1: Herbal medicines used in migraine: [6-11, 12]

Scientific name	Family	Local name	Part use
Matricaria recutita	Compositae	Chamomile	Patel
Paliurus spina	Rhamnaceae	Sipa	Leaf,stem
Violo tricolor	Umbelliferae	Gole banoushe	Flower, branches
Curcuma longa	Zingiberaceae	Turmeric	Rhizome
Zingiber officinale	Zingiberaceae	Ginger	Rhizome
Syzygium aromaticum	Myrtaceae	Clove	Fruit
Allium sativum	Amaryllidaceae	Garlic	Bulb
Coriandrum sativum	Apiaceae	Coriander	Seed
Angelica sinensis	Umbellifereae	Dang Gui	Dried root
Harpagophytum procumbens	Pedaliaceae	Grapple plant	Roots, tubers

Boswellia serrate	Burseraceae	Guggulu	Resin
Tanacetum parthenium	Asteraceae	Feverfew/ featherfew	Dried leaves
Cannabis sativa	Cannabinaceae	Bhang	Fruit
Hypericum perforatum	Hypericaceae	Choli phulya	Plant extract
Corydalis yanhusuo	Papaveraceae	Asian corydalis	Roots
Bryonia alba	Cucurbitaceae	White Bryony	Roots
Valeriana officianalis	Caprifoliaceae	Tager	Roots
Eschscholtzia californica	Papaveraceae	California Poppy	Areal part
Salix alba	Salicaceae	Bhushan	Bark
Populus tremuloides	Salicaceae	White poplar	Bark
Capsicum frutescens	Solanaceae	Cayenne pepper	Fruit
Symphytum officinale	Boraginaceae	Comfrey	Roots and leaves
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgoaceae	Ginkgo	Leaf
Centella asiatica	Umbellifers	Mandookparni	Whole plant
Viburnum opulus	Adoxaceae	Cramp Bark	Bark and root
Viburnum prunifolium	Adoxaceae	Black Haw	Bark
Scutellaria laterifolia	Lamiaceae	Skullcap	Arial parts
Scutellaria baicalensis	Lamiaceae	Huang qin	Arial parts
Rosa canina	Rosaceae	Dog rose	Fruits
Solidago chilensis	Asteraceae	Brazilian Arnica	Arial parts
Piper Longum	Piperaceae	Piperaceae	Fruit
Eclipta alba	Asteraceae	Bhringaraj	Whole plant

Cinnmomum zeylanica	Lauraceae	Dalchini	Bark
Bambusa arundinaceae	Poaceae	Bamboo	Vansh lochan
Ellettaria cardamomum	Zingiberaceae	Elaichi	Fruit
Cinnamomum Cassia	Lauraceae	Chinese cassia	Bark
Ferula northax	Apiaceae	Devil's dung	Resin
Citrus acida	Rutaceae	Lamon	Fruit
Petasites Hybridus	Asteraceae	Butterbur	Leaves
Sapindus trifoliatus	Sapindaceae	Reetha	Fruit
Citrus limon	Rutaceae	Nimboo	Fruit

2. Epilepsy

It is the most common persistent neurological condition that is distinguishes by recurrent unprovoked epileptic seizures. These seizures are short-term signs or symptoms due to abnormal excessive or synchronous neuronal activity in the brain. It affects around 50 million people worldwide. It is defined as demonstrations of paroxysmal and disordered neuronal discharges in the brain. The different types of seizures can be recognizing on the basis of their clinical phenomenon. Though conventional medical treatments for epilepsy are not equally effective. A big large number of agents called anti-epileptic drugs are available to cure the epileptic conditions by inhibiting side effects on the body. The ideal and good drugs are effective to show anti-epileptic conditions of seizures. So, traditionally ayurvedic herbal drugs are used to cure and to inhibit the seizures condition in the patients [13].

It is a neurological disorder condition that has been marked by sudden re-current episodes of the sensory disturbance, abnormal, disorderly discharging of the brain's nerve cells, resulting in a non- permanent disturbance of motor, sensory, or mental function.

Classification: Seizures collapse under two categories and they are: [14]

- a) Focal or partial Seizures
- b) Generalized Seizures
- a) **Partial or focal seizures:** In this, seizures appear to result from abnormal activity in just one area of your brain; they're called as focal/partial seizures. Thus, these seizures categorized into two categories:
 - i) Focal seizures without loss of consciousness. Likely called as simple partial seizures, these seizures normally don't cause a loss of consciousness. They may alter a person's emotions or change the way of thinking of look, smelling an odor, feel, taste or sound related to any noise. May also results

- in involuntary jerking condition of any body part, such as an arm or leg, and immediate sensory symptoms such as tingling, dizziness and flashing lights.
- **Focal seizures with impaired awareness.** It is likely called as complex partial seizures; these seizures have a change or loss of consciousness or awareness in a person. During this seizure, a person may stare into space and not respond normally to the environment or perform repetitive movements, such as hand rubbing, chewing, swallowing or walking in circles around the area.
- b) **Generalized seizures:** In this, seizures appear to result from abnormal activity in all area of the brain; they are called as grand mal seizure and generalized seizures. Thus, these seizures can categorize into six categories:
 - **Absence seizures:** Absence seizure is likely called as petit mal seizures. Generally occurred in children and identified by the staring at the open thing or point without blinking their eyes and mouth watering. These types of seizures can be occurred in group and produce temporary loss of the consciousness.
 - **Tonic seizures:** In tonic seizure the muscles of patient get rigid. In these seizures commonly affected part is legs, arms and back. Due to muscle rigidity the patient can fall on the ground.
 - **Atonic seizures:** It is likely also called drop seizures. In atonic seizures loss of muscle control is occurred, which may cause patient to fall down collapse.
 - **Clonic seizures:** In the clonic seizures continues shaking (jerking) of muscle movement is occurred. clonic seizures mostly affect the neck region, arms and face of patient.
 - v) Myoclonic seizures: This type of seizures normally occurs as quick, sharp jerks or twitching of legs and arms of patient.
 - **vi) Tonic-clonic seizures:** This seizure is also known as grand mal seizures. This type of seizure is mostly occurred suddenly and cause instant loss of awareness, rigidity, shaking, tongue biting and also loss control over bladder.

Symptoms of Epilepsy:

Generalized seizures: Generalized seizures are occurred in all area of brain.

- Patient may produce sound and cry, rigidity, continues shaking of legs and arms.
- > Improper breathing.
- ➤ Patient is come to consciousness in slow and sometimes after few minutes again seizure is occurred.
- Not control on the urine
- > Eyes are opened

Partial seizures: it is generally occurred in only one part of the brain.

- Unusual movement of eye and head
- > Numbness
- ➤ Abdominal pain
- ➤ Lips smacking, chewing, staring
- > Flushed face
- Dilated pupil

> Excessive sweetening

Absence seizures: mostly absence seizures are occurred in children.

- > Staring at the one place blankly.
- ➤ Sometimes continues blinking of eyes
- > Seizures occurs for short period (only for few seconds)

Table 2: Herbal drugs for epilepsy: [14-19]

Plant name	Botanical name	Family	Part use
Brahmi	Bocopa monneria	Scrophulariaceae	Whole plant
Princess vine	Cissus Sicyoides	Vitaceae	Areal part
Rose	Rosa Domescana:	Rosaceae	Flower
Yasthimadhu	Glycerrhiza Glabra	Fabaceae	Root
Tulsi	Oscimum Sanctum	Lamiaceae	Leaves
Karanj	Pongamia Pinnata	Papilionaceae	Leaves
Daruhaldi	Berberis Vulgeris	Berberidaceae	Roots
Punarnava	Boerhaavia Diffusa	Nyctaginaceae	Roots
Plash	Butea monosperma	Fabaceae	Flower
Tagar	Valeriana Officinalis	Valerianaceae	Roots
Kushtha	Saussurea Lappa	Asteraceae	Roots
Lemongrass	Cymbopogon Winterianus	Poaceae	Leaves
English yew	Taxus wallichiana	Taxaceae	Extract
Jatamansi	Nardostachys Jatamansi:	Valerianaceae	Root
Dorstania	Dorstenia Arifolia	Moraceae	Rhizome
Blue skullcap	Scutellaria Lateriflora	Lamiaceae	Arial part
Aavartaki/ tarwar	Sutherlandia Frutescens	Fabaceae	Shoot

Red feathers	Echium Amoenum	Boraginaceae	Flowes
Bhantaka	Clerodendrum Infortunatum	Verbenaceae	Leaves
Vriddaru	Argyreia Speciosa	Convolvulaceae	Leaves
Mukhjali	Drosera Burmannii	Droseraceae	Whole plant
Vidari	Passion flower	Passifloraceae	Leaves and flower
Amarkosh	Acanthus montanus	Acanthaceae	Leaves
Chamomile	Matricaria recutita	Asteraceae	Flowers
Kava	Piper methysticum	Piperaceae	Root
Mishreya	Foeniculum vulgare	Umbelliferea	Fruit
Hyssop	Hyssopus officinalis	Lamiaceae	Leaves
Southern blue gum	Eucalyptus globules	Myrtaceae	Leaves
Sage	Salvia officinalis	Lamiaceae	Leaves
Savin	Juniperus Sabina	Juniperus Sabina	Leaves
Ashwagandha	Withenia somnifera	Solanaceae	Bark
Ashwatha	Ficus religiosa	Moraceae	Bark
Cannabis	Cannabis sativa	Cannabinaceae	Leaves, fruit
Lehsun	Alium sativum	Amaryllidaceae	bulb
Pyaaj	Alium cepa	Amaryllidaceae	bulb
Adaraka	Zingiber officinale	Zingiberaceae	Rhizome

3. Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's disease is a neurogenerative disorders which is occurred due degeneration of neurons in brain. This this disease the dopaminergic neurons get damaged. Due to lack of dopamine in brain Parkinson's disease is occurred. Dopamine is help in the smooth contractions of the muscles in human body. In this disease the symptoms are slowly developed. Due to lack of dopamine in brain person cannot perform their functions properly and these kinds of symptoms occurred like tremor, rigidity, akinesia (loss of movement), and postural instability. The symptoms may be changed in persons to person due different stages of disease in these disease herbal medicines are usually used to treat it [20].

Parkinson's disease is occurred when the dopaminergic neurons get damaged. The amount of dopamine is decreased in the brain. Parkinson's is a neurogenerative disorder. Due to decrease in the level of dopamine, these symptoms may be seen in patients like tremor, rigidity loss of movements, postural instability [21].

Different stages of Parkinson's disease: [20-21,22]

Stage one:

In this stage, people having very less symptoms. People having the symptoms which only occur one side of the body part. Others peoples may be noticing their facial expression, walking behavior and posture. But in general, does not cause any problem with daily works.

Stage two:

In these symptoms of disease becoming more chronic and the movement symptoms and rigidity damage the all body part.in this stage poor posture and difficulty in movement of body part is visible. People can do their work alone but with time it becomes difficult to complete their tasks and take much more time.

Stage three:

In this stage conditions of the people becoming very worst. They cannot do any work without any others persons help like eating and dressing. This stage is also called as mid stage in the development of the disease.

Stage four:

In this stage of Parkinson's disease are more chronic and restricted. The patient can stand without any persons help but cannot move without the help. The patient cannot leave alone they required others persons for doing their daily work.

Stage five:

In this stage the Parkinson's disease gets worst. Persons cannot do their daily work always required a nurse for doing their work. Due to stiffness in legs it is impossible to walk and stand. Person required wheelchair. In this stage motor symptoms and non-motor symptoms are occurred.

Table 3: Herbal medicines for Parkinson's disease: [23-28]

Plant name	Botanical name	Family	Part use
Siberian Ginseng	Acanthopanax	Araliaceae	Root, stem
	senticosus		
Alpinia	Alpinia oxyphylla	Zingiberaceae	Fruit
Catuaba	Anemopaegma	Bignoniaceae	Bark
	mirandum		
Kapikacchu	Mucuna pruriens	Fabaceae	Fruits hairs
Ashwagandha	Withania somnifera	Solanaceae	Bark
Draksha	Vitis vinifera	Vitaceae	Fruit
Mandookparni	Centella asiatica	Apiaceae	Whole plant
Tagar	Valeriana officinalis	Valerianaceae	Root

Brahmi	Bacopa monnieri	Sacrophulaliaceae	Whole plant
Astragalus	Astragalus membranaceus	Leguminosae	Root
Tulsi	Ocimum sanctum	Lamiaceae	Leaves
Senna	Cassia obtusifolia	Leguminosae	Leaves
Caha	Camellia sinensis	Theaceae	Leaves
Rason	Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgoaceae	Bulb
Choli phuliya	Hypericum perforatum	Guttiferae	Arial roots
Szechuan lovage	Ligusticum chuanxiong Hort	Umbelliferae	Root
Bala	Sida cordifolia	Malvaceae	Seed, roots
Chitraka	Plumbago scandens	Plumbaginacea	Leaves, roots
Shahtoot	Morus alba	Moraceae	Fruit
Khadir	Uncaria rhynchophylla	Rubiaceae	Root, bark
Rungla	Toxicodendron vernicifluum	Anacardiaceae	Seed, leaves
Red clover/ wild clover	Trifolium pretense	Fabaceae	Flower tops
Skullcap	Scutellaria baicalensis Georgi	Labiatae	Dried root
Bakuchi	Psoralea corylifolia	Leguminosae	Seeds
Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthemum indicum	Asteraceae	Flower
Rou cong rong	Cistanche deserticola	Orobanchaceae	Stem
Mandarin	Citrus tangerine	Rutaceae	Fruits
Wampee	Clausena lansium	Rutaceae	Fruits
Bermuda grass	Cynodon dactylon	Poaceae	Whole plant, root, rhizome
Vishnukrantha	Evolvulus alsinoides	Convolvulaceae	Whole plant
Sweet tea vine	Gynostemma pentaphyllum	Cucurbitaceae	Roots, areal parts
Kadi patta, sweet neem	Murraya koenigii	Rutaceae	Leaves, bark, roots

Jatamansi	Nardostachys jatamansi	Valirenaceae	Rhizome
Garden peony	Paeonia lactiflora	Ranunculaceae	Roots, flowers
Blueberries	Vaccinium Cyanococcus	Ericaceae	Leaves, fruits
Expand	Selaginella delicatula	Selaginellaceae	Whole plant
Sanjivani	Polygala sibirica	Polygalaceae	Leaves, roots
Sarpakshee	Polygonum cuspidatum	Polygonaceae	Roots
Bhukushmandi	Pueraria lobata	Leguminosae	Root, leaves, flower

4. Alzheimer disease

Alzheimer disease is the common mental disorders occurs commonly in old age persons. This disease is occurred due to degeneration of neurons in brain. The cells of brains get damaged. Alzheimer disease is also taken as the main cause of dementia in old age persons. Main symptoms of Alzheimer disease are person is emotionally disturbed and they are not able to manage with family routine. In Alzheimer disease the thinking skills and memory is destroyed, person cannot do any simple task. This disease is irreversible, with the age it can be worsen then. For the treatment of Alzheimer disease many herbal drugs are used because herbal medicines are much safer than modern medicines and also having the fewer side effects [26-28].

Alzheimer disease is a neurogenerative disorders in which the cells of brain or neurons get damaged. In this disease the amount of acetylcholine is decreased in the brain. Due to lack of acetylcholine memory loss and thinking skills get decreased. Person is unable to remember the recently events. The person is always confused and cannot do any simple task. This disease is always occurred in old age.

Symptoms of Alzheimer:

- The always do the repeated questions and conversion
- Misplaced their personal things
- Cannot remember the appointments and parties
- They not friendly with their family
- Persons having the lack of understand the things and safety risk will be more
- They are not able to manage their finances
- Decision making for person is very difficult
- They are unable to think technically

- They don't have ability to recognize the face and the common things
- They having the disability to speaking and learning the things
- Difficulty thinking of common words while speaking, hesitations

Factors for causing of Alzheimer's disease:

For the development of Alzheimer disease these risk factors can be include:

- Age
- Family background with Alzheimer disease
- Having the certain genes which cause Alzheimer disease

These factors may help in preventing the disease:

- With regular exercise
- With healthy cardiovascular system

Different stages of Alzheimer's disease:

Alzheimer disease is divided into these three stages:

- A. Early stage or mild stage
- B. Middle stage or moderate stage
- C. Late stage or severe stage

Mild stage:

In this stage mild symptoms are occurred persons can do their functions independently. The problems are seen by the others persons like family and friends. They have the problems with remembering the things.

Moderate stage:

This stage is longer than the mild stage and occurred for years. In this stage the symptoms of dementia are prominent. Taking care of the person required more because they having difficulty to do their routine work.

Severe stage:

Person having the loss of memory and they are not able to remembers their address. In this stage the dementia is at severe. This stage is also known as late stage.

Table 4: Herbal medicines used in Alzheimer disease: [26-28, 30-32]

Plant name	Botanical name	Family	Part use
Sage	Salvia officinalis	Lamiaceae	Leaves
Lemon balm	Melissa officinalis	Lamiacea	Leaves
Ginkgo	Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgoaceae	Leaf

Senega	Polygala tenuifolia	Polygalaceae	Root
Fish hook vine	Uncaria rhynchophylla	Rubiaceae	Stem, thorn
Toothed clubmoss	Huperzia serrate	Lycopodiaceae	Leaf
Green snowdrop	Galanthus woronowii	Amaryllidaceae	Bulbs
Haldi	Curcuma longa	Zingiberaceae	Rhizome
Draksha	Vitis vinifera	Vitaceae	Fruit
Red spider lily	Lycoris radiate	Amaryllidaceae	Bulb
Surprise lily	Lycoris squamigeric	Amaryllidaceae	Roots
Calabar bean	Physostigma venensosum	Leguminosae	Seed
Brahmi	Bacopa monniera	Scrophulariaceae	Whole plant
Ashwagandha	Withania somnifera	Solanaceae	Bark
Mandookparni	Centella asiatica	Umbelliferae	Whole plant
Ginseng	Panaxi ginseng	Araliaceae	Root

CONCLUSIONS

Traditional medicines are found to be very beneficial for the treatment of neurological disorders like migraine, epilepsy, Parkinson's and Alzheimer. Many peoples are used herbal medicines for the treatment and alternative health care. All the neurological disorders are dangerous because nervous system is a system that controls all the function of body. If any problem is occurring in brain it harms all the function of whole body. Herbal medicines also cause side effects but lesser then the other medicines. In the neurological disorders mostly, those herbal plants are used which having the good therapeutic effect on brain like brahmi, jatamansi, mandookparni, Ashwagandha, haldi, ginseng, bakuchi etc.

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