

Pharmacological Review on Zingiberofficinale

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Abstract: *Zingiberofficinale* is a spice which is having a strong historical medicinal background and used by different systems of medicine for various ailments. The medicinal properties of ginger are due to the presence of gingerol and paradol, shogaols. The aim of these review is to provide an overview about the main aspects related with pharmacology, phytochemistry and pharmacological activities of *Z. officinale*.

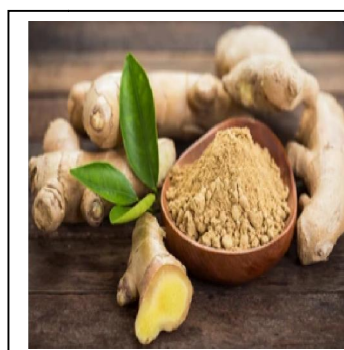
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I. INTRODUCTION

Ginger is not a simple spice, it is miraculous drug having a lot of medicinal benefits. It is a rhizomatous herbs belonging to family zingiberaceae. It is an aromatic herbs which is branched and lumpy. Ginger scientifically known as *Zingiberofficinale* Roscoe, belonging to family zingiberaceae. Is one of the most important plant with several medicinal, nutritional ethnomedical values therefore, used extensively world wide as a spice, flavouring agents and herbal remedy. Traditionally, *Z. officinale* is used in Ayurveda, Siddha, Chinese, Arabian, Africans, Caribbean and many other medicinal system to cure a variety of diseases viz, nausea, vomiting, cough, asthma, palpitations, inflammation, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, constipation, indigestion and pain.^[15]

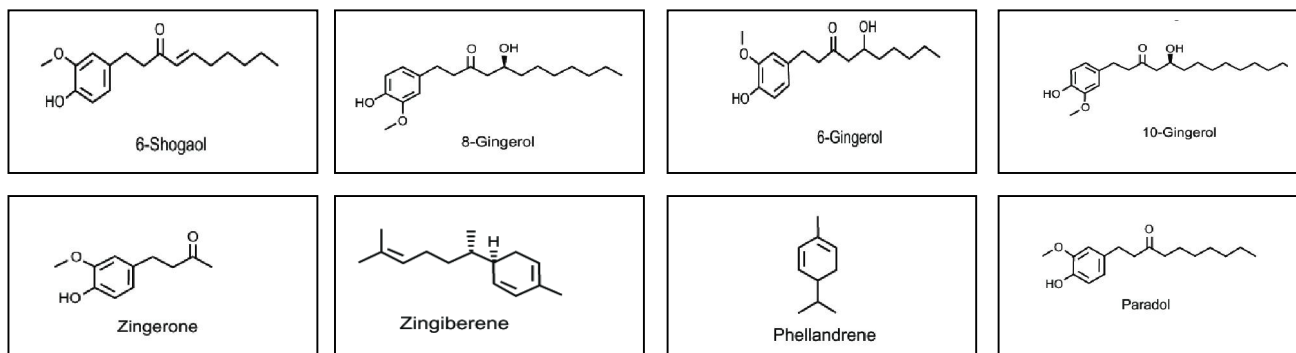
II. DESCRIPTION

It is a perennial herb. Rhizome is thick lobed, pale yellowish with narrow and linear lanceolate, bistichous, subsessile, dark green leaves with slender tip. A yellow or white flowers grows directly from the root and termonate in long spike. It is creeping type thick rhizome, which extends underground. It's fruits are not observed. The plant has narrowed lanceolate 15 -30 cm long leaves which die of each year and produces cluster of white and pink flower buds that bloom into yellow flowers. Ginger is originated in South – East – Aasia and is the most common spice commonly used all over world.^[14]



III. CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS

It contains major constituents is carbohydrates, protein, alkaloids, glycoside, saponine, steroids, terpenoides, tannin, flavonoids, phenolic compound. Minor constituents sesquiterpene are relatively minor constituents but it has main significant in flavour properties.^[13]



IV. CLASSIFICATION

4.1 Classification

Kingdom	Plantae
Division	Angiospermae
Class	Monocotyledoneae
Order	Zingiberales
Family	Zingiberaceae
Genus	Zingiber
Species	<i>Z. officinale</i>

4.2 Therapeutic Effect

A. Antioxidant Effect

Antioxidant are the chemical substances that decrease oxidation stress and have the capacity to stabilize damaging effects on free radicals in tissues . They are thought to defend against cancer arteriosclerosis heart diseases and some other diseases.^[1]

B. Lipid Effects

Oral eating of ginger extract has been arevealed to have hypocholesterolemic ,hypolipidemic and antiatherosclerosis effect in cholesterol- fed in rats .^[2]

C. Anti-Imflamatory Effect

Ginger supresses prostaglandin production through inhibition of COX-1 and COX-2.^[3]

D. Anti-Cancer Effect

An ethanolic ginger extract applied topically to mouse skin provide a extremely important protective against the increase the skin tumors.^[4]

E. Immunomodulator Effect

Ginger is one of the most effective natural immunomodulator . The powdered ginger rhizome is capable to improved non specificimmuno response in rainbow truots .^[5]

F. Anti-Microbials Effect

Gingerol and limited compound have been examined for anti- microbial activities. 10 – gingerol has been stated as active inhibitor of *Mycobacterium avium* and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.^[11]

G.GIT Effect

Ginger has been notes as being beneficially in preventing post operative nausea and vomiting in humans , without significant on result on gastric emptying.^[6]

H. Cardiovascular Effects

Ginger exerts many direct and indirect effects on blood pressure and heart rate. In vitro studies show that gingerols and the related shogaols exhibit cardio depressant activity at low doses and cardiostimulant properties at higher doses.^[9,12]

I. Anti – Arthritic Effect

An important study on osteoarthritis patient on knee has exposed that, extremely purified and standardized ginger extract had major effect on reducing symptoms on osteoarthritis of knee.^[7]

J. Neuroprotective Activity

Neuroprotective effect is relatively attributable to an opposed action of ginger root extract to on monosodium glutamate, glutamate effect, so the monoamines content was increased.^[8]

V. CONCLUSION

Fresh, but not dried zinger is effective against HRSV induced plague information on airway epithelium by blocking viral attachment and internalisation. Medicinal plants are a source of great economic value all over the world. Zingiber officinale is an important plant because of their numerous medicinal, ethnomedicinal and nutritional values used in traditional medicine. Ginger is one of well-known medicinal herbs that are used both by traditional healers and in some modern treatments modalities.^[1]

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