



A Review on *Sumbulteeb* (*Nardostachys jatamansi* DC)

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Abstract

Sumbulteeb (*Nardostachys jatamansi* DC) is a perennial herb containing a cylindrical rhizome covered with brown to deep greyish fibres. It is found in India and Bhutan and its species is strewn in Himalayas, Nepal, Pakistan, Tibet, Bhutan, and Sikkim between 3000-to-4500-meter elevation. The dried rhizomes, dark brown 2.5-7.5 cm long, cylindrical, covered with reddish brown fibres forming a network with a skeleton of seedling leaf bases, brittle, internal colour reddish brown, strongly aromatic taste acrid, slightly bitter.

Key words: Sumbulteeb, *Nardostachys jatamansi* DC, Review, Unani

1. INTRODUCTION^{1,2}

The term Sumbul means aroma and it is of three types:

- Sumbulteeb
- Sunbulhindi
- Sumbul jail

All mentioned Jatamansi are found in India. The best Sumbulteeb is that which has more hair and yellowish in colour, aroma like nagarmotha whereas Sumbuteeb causes abrasions or cut on the tongue.

2. NOMENCLATURE^{1,2,3}

Botanical Name: *Nardostachys jatamansi* DC

Vernacular Names

English: Spikenard

Urdu: Sumbulutteeb

Arabic:	Sumbul-e-hindi, Submulasafer
Persian:	Sumbulutteeb
Hindi:	Jatamansi, Balcharh
Sanskrit:	Jaila, Mamsi, Jaa

3. GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

It is found in India and Bhutan and its species is strewn in Himalayas, Nepal, Pakistan, Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim between 3000 to 4500 meter elevation.⁴ Sumbulteeb is a perennial herb containing a cylindrical rhizome covered with brown to deep greyish fibres. The fibres came into existence due to an accumulation of skeletons at the base.^{1, 5, 6}

4. MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

The dried rhizomes, dark brown 2.5-7.5 cm long, cylindrical, covered with reddish brown fibres forming a network with a skeleton of seedling leaf bases, brittle, internal colour reddish brown, strongly aromatic taste acrid, slightly bitter.^{1, 3, 6}

5. PARTS USED^{1, 2, 7}

- I. Root
- II. Dried rhizome
- III. Oil of dried rhizome

6. TEMPERAMENT^{7, 8, 9}

Hot and Dry 2⁰

Hot 1⁰ and Dry 1⁰

Hot 1⁰ and Dry 2⁰

7. DOSE^{8, 9, 10}

- I. 4.5 masha
- II. 3-6 grams
- III. 2-5 masha
- IV. 2 masha

8. SUBSTITUTE^{1, 8}

- I. Sumbulromi
- II. Tejpaat
- III. Doda
- IV. Iskhar makki

9. ADVERSE EFFECT^{1, 8}

Renal system

10. CORRECTIVE^{2, 4, 8}

- I. Aspagol
- II. Tabasheer
- III. Kateera

11. CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS

Volatile oil of Jatamansi possesses an alcohol and its isovaleric ester, a saturated bicyclic sesquiterpene ketone, named jatamansone, and jatamansi.⁵ *N. jatamansi* has been discovered with both volatile and non-volatile constituents. Sesquiterpenes and coumarins present in considerable amount in the, roots of Sumbul teeb plant are mainly responsible for its essential oil. Sesquiterpenes contribute to the major portion of the volatile compounds while coumarins, lignans, and neolignans.¹¹

Alkaloids form the major components of the non-volatile extracts. Major sesquiterpenes are jatamansone and valerone while the rest of sesquiterpenes are jatamansol, jatamansic acid, dihydrojatamansin, nardosatchone. Some minor contributors like jatamol A, jatamol B, nardosinone, jatamansinone, valeranal, seselin nardostachyins, seychelane, seychellene, coumarin and xynthogalin have also been reported.¹²

In addition, it contains epoxy iridoesters, amino acids (GABA, tyrosine, arginine), alkaloids, phenolic acids, flavanoids. Carbohydrates, tannin, steroid, sterols, mucilage, gums, terpenes and glycosides. The compounds responsible for the pharmacologic activities of the plant have not been completely identified; however two main groups of valerenic acids and valepotriates would be more responsible for the plant activity. Hydrophilic valerenic acids are from sesquiterpenoids whereas hydrophobic valepotriates are from monoterpenoids.¹³

12. MEDICINAL PROPERTIES^{14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}

- I. Anti-inflammatory
- II. Hepato-tonic
- III. Nervine-tonic
- IV. Stimulant
- V. Carminative
- VI. Cardio-tonic
- VII. Diuretic
- VIII. Stomachic
- IX. Lithotryptic
- X. Anticmetic

- XI. Antacid
- XII. Antispasmodic
- XIII. anti-diaphrotic
- XIV. blood purifier

13. MEDICINAL USES ^{22, 23, 24, 25, 26}

- I. Palpitation
- II. Epilepsy
- III. Ascites
- IV. Asthma
- V. Bronchitis
- VI. warm-e-rahim (endometritis)
- VII. Warm-e-Maida (Gastritis)
- VIII. Warm-e-Kabid (Hepatiits)
- IX. Duwar (vertigo)
- X. Ghashi (Syncope)
- XI. Zoaf-e- dimagh
- XII. all types of *yaraqan*
- XIII. relieves the *sudda*(obstruction) of uterus
- XIV. alleviates halitosis
- XV. chloasma.
- XVI. cognitive and neurological disorders
- XVII. seizures.

14. SOME IMPORTANT COMPOUND FORMULATIONS ^{9, 10, 11, 14, 15}

- I. Dawaulkurkum
- II. KhamiraAbresham Hakeem Arshadwala
- III. Jawarishjalinoos
- IV. Majon-e-Dabidul ward
- V. Dawaulmisk moatadil
- VI. Habb-e-ayarij
- VII. Labob-e-kabeer
- VIII. Mufarreh yaqooti
- IX. Barshasha

15. RESEARCH STUDIES

N. jatamansi essential oil demonstrated fungi static activity against *Aspergillus flavus*, *Aspergillus niger* and *Fusarium oxysporum*, *Mucor fragilis*, *Rhizopus stolonifer* and the oil was found to be fungi static or fungicidal to one of the molds, depending upon the concentration.²⁵

Root extract of jatamansi also possess hepatoprotective activities and it has been proved by several studies.²⁶

Valeranone prolonged barbiturate anesthesia, impaired rotarod performance, inhibited electroshock convulsions, potentiated the hypothermic effects.²⁷

Rao VS *et al.* observe the effect of ethanolic extract of the roots of *N. jatamansi* DC for its anticonvulsant activity and neurotoxicity, alone and in combination with phenytoin in rats.²⁸

Salim S *et al* observed neuroprotective effect of *N Jatamansi*. Pre treatment with an alcoholic extract of *N jatamansi* DC dosed at 250 mg/kg of for 15 days protected rats against focal ischemia caused by middle cerebral artery occlusion.²⁹

Parkinson's disease is the most common neurodegenerative disease, and oxidative stress has been evidenced to play a vital role in its causation. It was evaluated that the ethanolic extract can slow the neuronal injury parkinson's rats.³⁰

German R *et al* investigated sesquiterpene valeranone (Yatamanson) isolated from *Nardostachys jatamansi* DC rhizomes for tranquilizers activity in rodents and significantly the prolongation of barbiturate hypnosis, the impairment of rotarod performance, as regards the hypotensive property was demonstrate.³¹

The antiperoxidative property of jatamansi was investigated as an iron-induced lipid peroxidation model in rat liver, quantified by thiobarbituric acid reactive substance (TBARS) content.³²

The extract of jatamansi has been shown to a significant hypoglycemic activity. It decreases glucose level significantly in diabetic and non-diabetic rats as compared to respective controls.³³

Animal studies done on jatamansone have reported anti estrogenic activity, moreover, jatamansone have reported antiarrhythmic and antihypertensive activity. Anti asthmatic activity, nematocidal activity, and antibacterial were also reported.^{34, 35, 36}

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