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Potential of medicinal plants against multidrug resistance Staphylococcus aureus

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Unbalanced approaches to health and healing by overuse of antibiotics give rise to a generation of drug resistant bacteria i.e. *Staphylococcus aureus* that can cause localized infection to toxic shock syndrome. This incidence of resistance among microbes against pharmaceutical antibiotics and high cost of these medicines make them unaffordable for poor people and prompts the search for alternative medicine. This review paper aims to address the use of medicinal plants in managing infections due to multi-resistant S. aureus. Efforts are made to aggregate previously published and relevant literature pertaining to each plant with reference to multi-resistant

S. aureus. Also, most of the literatures cited address the issue of S. aureus multi-resistance. Medicinal plants meet these criteria as they are considered to be more readily available, affordable and effective. Unlike pharmaceutical antibiotics, herbal medicines contain hundreds of secondary metabolites such as terpenoids, alkaloids, tannins, and flavonoids that make their chemistry highly complex for resistance to occur. Antibacterial activity of various plants is reported against Staphylococcus species. The herbs show promise as an alternative anti-biotic.

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