

A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF PHYTOMOLECULES USED IN THE TREATMENT OF SKIN DISEASES

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ABSTRACT

Background: Skin diseases are prevalent and diverse, presenting significant challenges in dermatological care. The utilization of plant-derived compounds, or phytomolecules, has long been a cornerstone in traditional medicine for treating various skin disorders. Recent research has validated many of these traditional uses, highlighting the therapeutic potential of phytomolecules in modern dermatology.

Objective: This review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of key phytomolecules used in the treatment of skin diseases. It focuses on their mechanisms of action, clinical efficacy, and relevance in contemporary dermatological practices. **Methods:** A thorough literature review was conducted to identify and summarize the role of major phytomolecules, including alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, terpenoids, saponins, phenolic acids, and essential oils, in the management of skin diseases. Relevant studies, clinical trials, and traditional applications were analyzed to elucidate their therapeutic

benefits. **Results:** The review highlights several phytomolecules with notable anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and wound-healing properties. Key compounds such as berberine, quercetin, ellagic acid, limonene, glycyrrhizin, salicylic acid, and tea tree oil have demonstrated efficacy in treating conditions such as acne, psoriasis, eczema, and rosacea. These compounds offer diverse mechanisms of action, from reducing inflammation and combating infections to enhancing skin regeneration and protecting against oxidative stress. **Conclusion:** Phytomolecules represent a valuable resource for dermatological therapy,

offering natural alternatives to conventional treatments. Their historical use in traditional medicine, combined with modern scientific validation, underscores their significance in managing skin diseases. Continued research is essential to further understand their mechanisms and integrate these natural compounds into effective treatment strategies.

KEYWORDS: Phytomolecules, skin diseases, dermatology, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidants, wound healing.

INTRODUCTION

Skin is the largest organ of the body, accounting for about 15% of the total adult body weight. It performs many vital functions, including protection against external physical, chemical, and biologic assailants, as well as prevention of excess water loss from the body and a role in thermoregulation. The skin is continuous, with the mucous membranes lining the body's surface (Kanitakis, 2002). The integumentary system is formed by the skin and its derivative structures (Figure 1). The skin is composed of three layers: the epidermis, the dermis, and subcutaneous tissue (Kanitakis, 2002). The outermost level, the epidermis, consists of a specific constellation of cells known as keratinocytes, which function to synthesize keratin, a long, threadlike protein with a protective role. The middle layer, the dermis, is fundamentally made up of the fibrillar structural protein known as collagen. The dermis lies on the subcutaneous tissue, or panicles, which contains small lobes of fat cells known as lymphocytes. The thickness of these layers varies considerably, depending on the geographic location on the anatomy of the body. The eyelid, for example, has the thinnest layer of the epidermis, measuring less than 0.1 mm, whereas the palms and soles of the feet have the thickest epidermal layer, measuring approximately 1.5 mm. The dermis is thickest on the back, where it is 30–40 times as thick as the overlying epidermis.

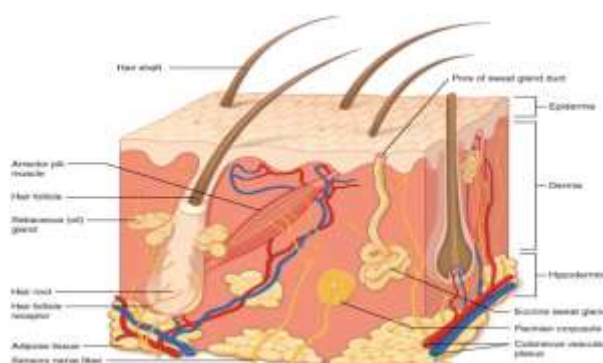


Figure 1: Common skin structure.

Epidermis

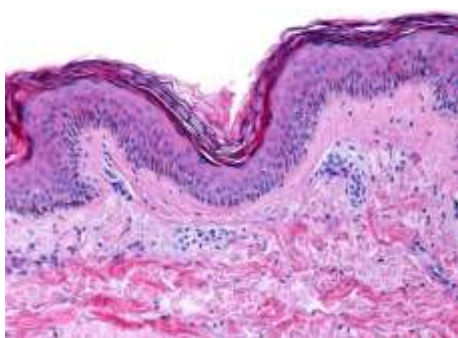
The epidermis is a stratified, squamous epithelium layer that is composed primarily of two types of cells: keratinocytes and dendritic cells. The keratinocytes differ from the “clear” dendritic cells by possessing intercellular bridges and ample amounts of stainable cytoplasm (Murphy, 1997). The epidermis harbors a number of other cell populations, such as melanocytes, Langerhans cells, and Merkel cells, but the keratinocyte cell type comprises the majority of the cells by far. The epidermis commonly is divided into four layers according to keratinocyte morphology and position as they differentiate into horny cells, including the basal cell layer (stratum germinativum), the squamous cell layer (stratum spinosum), the granular cell layer (stratum granulosum), and the cornified or horny cell layer (stratum corneum) (James et al., 2006; Murphy).

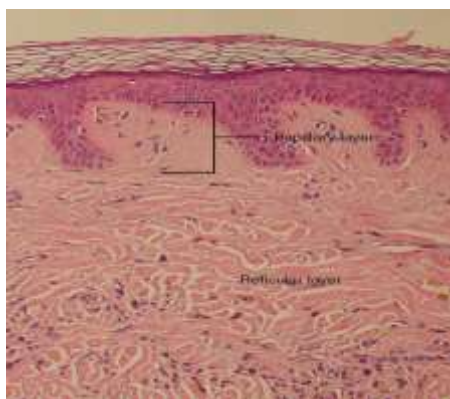
Dermis

The inner layer of the two main layers of the skin. The dermis has connective tissue, blood vessels, oil and sweat glands, nerves, hair follicles, and other structures. It is made up of a thin upper layer called the papillary dermis, and a thick lower layer called the reticular dermis.

Endodermis

The endodermis is the innermost layer of cortex in land plants. It is a cylinder of compact living cells, the radial walls of which are impregnated with hydrophobic substances (Casparian strip) to restrict apoplastic flow of water to the inside.

**A****B**



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Figure: A-Structure of epidermis, B- Dermis, C- Endodermis.

Skin Disease

Skin diseases are conditions that affect the skin, hair, nails, and associated glands. Some common skin diseases include acne, Pemphigus, Psoriasis, Alopecia areate, Rosacea, Scleroderma.



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Figure: A-Acne skin disease, B- Pemphigus, C- Psoriasis, D- Alopecia areata, E-Rosacea, F- Scleroderma.

Acne

Acne is a common skin condition that happens when hair follicles under the skin become clogged. Sebum—oil that helps keep skin from drying out—and dead skin cells plug the pores, which leads to outbreaks of lesions, commonly called pimples or zits. Most often, the outbreaks occur on the face but can also appear on the back, chest, and shoulders. Acne is an inflammatory disorder of the skin, which has sebaceous (oil) glands that connects to the hair follicle, which contains a fine hair. For most people, acne tends to go away by the time they reach their thirties, but some people in their forties and fifties continue to have this skin problem.

Pemphigus

Pemphigus is a disease that causes blistering of the skin and the inside of the mouth, nose, throat, eyes, and genitals. The disease is rare in the United States.

Pemphigus is an autoimmune disease in which the immune system mistakenly attacks cells in the top layer of the skin (epidermis) and the mucous membranes. People with the disease produce antibodies against desmogleins, proteins that bind skin cells to one another, and less commonly other proteins in the skin. When these bonds are disrupted, skin becomes fragile, and fluid can collect between its layers, forming blisters.

Psoriasis

Psoriasis is a chronic (long-lasting) disease in which the immune system becomes overactive, causing skin cells to multiply too quickly. Patches of skin become scaly and inflamed, most

often on the scalp, elbows, or knees, but other parts of the body can be affected as well. Scientists do not fully understand what causes psoriasis, but they know that it involves a mix of genetics and environmental factors. The symptoms of psoriasis can sometimes go through cycles, flaring for a few weeks or months followed by periods when they subside or go into remission.

Alopecia Areata

Alopecia areata is a disease that happens when the immune system attacks hair follicles and causes hair loss. Hair follicles are the structures in skin that form hair. While hair can be lost from any part of the body, alopecia areata usually affects the head and face. Hair typically falls out in small, round patches about the size of a quarter, but in some cases, hair loss is more extensive. Most people with the disease are healthy and have no other symptoms. The course of alopecia areata varies from person to person. Some have bouts of hair loss.

Rosacea

Rosacea is a long-term inflammatory skin condition that causes reddened skin and a rash, usually on the nose and cheeks. It may also cause eye problems. The symptoms typically come and go, with many people reporting that certain factors, such as spending time in the sun or experiencing emotional stress, bring them on. There is no cure for rosacea, but treatment can keep it under control. The choice of treatment will depend on the symptoms, and usually includes a combination of self-care measures and medications.

Scleroderma

Scleroderma is an autoimmune disease that causes inflammation and fibrosis (thickening) in the skin and other areas of the body. When an immune response tricks tissues into thinking they are injured, it causes inflammation, and the body makes too much collagen, leading to scleroderma. Too much collagen in your skin and other tissues causes areas of tight, hard skin. Scleroderma may involve many systems in your body. There is no cure for scleroderma. The goal of treatment is to relieve symptoms and stop the progression of the disease. Early diagnosis and on-going monitoring are important.

Major Phytomolecules are used in Dermatology

- ❖ **Alkaloids:** Example: **Berberine** from *Berberis* species, used for its anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties in skin infections.

- ❖ **Flavonoids:** Example: **Quercetin**, found in many fruits and vegetables, known for its antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anti-aging properties.
- ❖ **Tannins:** Example: **Ellagic acid**, a tannin from berries, known for its photoprotective and anti-carcinogenic effects.
- ❖ **Terpenoids:** Example: **Limonene** from citrus fruits, utilized for its antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory effects.
- ❖ **Saponins:** Example: **Glycyrrhizin** from licorice (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*), used for its soothing and anti-inflammatory properties in conditions like eczema and psoriasis.
- ❖ **Phenolic Acids:** Example: **Salicylic acid**, derived from willow bark, known for treating acne and psoriasis due to its keratolytic properties.
- ❖ **Essential Oils:** Example: **Tea Tree Oil** (*Melaleuca alternifolia*), known for antimicrobial activity against acne-causing bacteria.

Herbal therapy has indeed played a significant role in treating skin disorders throughout history. Here's a brief overview of some of the plants you mentioned and their uses in skin treatment.

1. **Achyranthes aspera** (Family: Amaranthaceae): Known for its anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties, it can be used to treat various skin conditions like eczema and psoriasis.
2. **Allium cepa** (Family: Liliaceae): Commonly known as onion, it has antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties, which can be beneficial for treating acne and other skin infections.
3. **Azadirachta indica** (Family: Meliaceae): Also known as neem, it has strong anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, and antifungal properties, making it useful for treating acne, eczema, and fungal infections.
4. **Solanum nigrum**: Known for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, it can be used for treating skin infections and inflammatory conditions.
5. **Ricinus communis**: Commonly known as castor oil plant, it is used for its moisturizing properties, helping with dry skin and minor skin irritations.
6. **Mirabilis Jalapa**: Also known as the four o'clock flower, it has anti-inflammatory and wound-healing properties that can be beneficial for skin treatment.
7. **Aloe vera**: Widely recognized for its soothing, moisturizing, and healing properties, it is used for burns, sunburns, and other skin irritations.

8. **Centella asiatica**: Known for its wound-healing and anti-inflammatory properties, it is often used in treating wounds, scars, and skin aging.
9. **Stellaria media**: Also known as chickweed, it has soothing and anti-inflammatory properties, making it useful for treating skin irritations and rashes.
10. **Euphorbia hirta**: Known for its anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties, it is used to treat various skin conditions.
11. **Ageratum conyzoides**: This plant has antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties, which can help with skin infections and wounds.
12. **Aegle marmelos**: Commonly known as bael, it has anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties and can be used for various skin conditions.
13. **Calendula officinalis** (Marigold): Known for its anti-inflammatory, antifungal, and healing properties, it is used to soothe irritated skin, treat wounds, rashes, and eczema.
14. **Curcuma longa** (Turmeric): It contains curcumin, which has strong anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and antimicrobial properties. Turmeric is used for treating acne, psoriasis, and healing wounds.
15. **Chamomilla recutita** (Chamomile): This plant has soothing, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties and is used to relieve irritated skin, eczema, and minor wounds.
16. **Lavandula angustifolia** (Lavender): Known for its antimicrobial and calming properties, lavender is often used to treat burns, insect bites, and other minor skin irritations.
17. **Tea Tree** (*Melaleuca alternifolia*): Tea tree oil has potent antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antiseptic properties, making it highly effective for treating acne, fungal infections, and skin inflammation.
18. **Glycyrrhiza glabra** (Licorice): This plant contains anti-inflammatory and antioxidant compounds that are helpful in treating eczema, rosacea, and other inflammatory skin conditions.
19. **Hypericum perforatum** (St. John's Wort): Known for its antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties, it is used to treat wounds, minor burns, and skin infections.
20. **Santalum album** (Sandalwood): Sandalwood has cooling and anti-inflammatory properties, often used for soothing skin irritations, acne, and reducing inflammation.
21. **Plantago major** (Plantain): It has soothing and anti-inflammatory effects, commonly used for insect bites, minor cuts, rashes, and eczema.
22. **Avena sativa** (Oat): Oats are well-known for their anti-inflammatory and moisturizing properties, and they are widely used to soothe irritated skin, eczema, and dry skin conditions.

23. **Comfrey** (*Symphytum officinale*): Contains allantoin, which promotes cell regeneration and healing, often used for treating wounds, burns, and skin inflammation.
24. **Neem** (*Azadirachta indica*): Though already mentioned, it's worth noting its wide-ranging uses due to its potent antifungal, antibacterial, and anti-inflammatory properties, used for treating various skin infections.
25. **Basil** (*Ocimum basilicum*): Known for its antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties, basil is used to treat acne and soothe skin irritations.
26. **Thyme** (*Thymus vulgaris*): Contains strong antibacterial and antifungal properties, making it effective against acne, eczema, and fungal infections.
27. **Rosemary** (*Rosmarinus officinalis*): Known for its antioxidant, antimicrobial, and anti-inflammatory properties, rosemary is used in treating acne, dermatitis, and other inflammatory skin conditions.
28. **Moringa** (*Moringa oleifera*): Rich in antioxidants and vitamins, moringa has anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties and helps in treating skin aging, acne, and wounds.
29. **Pongamia pinnata** (Karanja): Known for its antibacterial, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory properties, it is used to treat eczema, psoriasis, and fungal infections.
30. **Coriander** (*Coriandrum sativum*): Contains antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory compounds, and is often used to treat itchy skin, rashes, and acne.
31. **Gotu Kola** (*Centella asiatica*): Known for its wound-healing and skin-rejuvenating properties, it helps in treating scars, burns, and inflammatory skin conditions like eczema.
32. **Nettle** (*Urtica dioica*): Used for its anti-inflammatory properties, nettle is helpful in treating eczema, psoriasis, and other skin rashes.
33. **Peppermint** (*Mentha piperita*): Has cooling and anti-inflammatory properties, making it beneficial for relieving itching, rashes, and burns.
34. **Witch Hazel** (*Hamamelis virginiana*): Known for its astringent and anti-inflammatory properties, it is used to treat acne, oily skin, and inflammation.
35. **Hibiscus** (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*): Rich in antioxidants and natural acids, hibiscus is used for skin exfoliation, improving skin tone, and treating acne.
36. **Sea Buckthorn** (*Hippophae rhamnoides*): High in vitamins and essential fatty acids, sea buckthorn oil is used to treat burns, wounds, dry skin, and conditions like eczema.
37. **Ashwagandha** (*Withania somnifera*): Known for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects, ashwagandha is used to soothe irritated skin and promote overall skin health.

- 38. Calendula** (*Calendula officinalis*): Though mentioned earlier, it's often reiterated because of its soothing, healing, and anti-inflammatory properties, used widely for eczema, wounds, and dermatitis.
- 39. Goldenseal** (*Hydrastis canadensis*): It has antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties, and is used to treat wounds, rashes, and skin infections.
- 40. Burdock Root** (*Arctium lappa*): Known for its blood-purifying and anti-inflammatory properties, burdock root is used to treat acne, eczema, and psoriasis.
- 41. Yarrow** (*Achillea millefolium*): With its astringent, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial properties, yarrow is helpful for healing wounds, rashes, and reducing skin inflammation.
- 42. Sage** (*Salvia officinalis*): Rich in antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory compounds, sage is used to treat acne, oily skin, and other skin infections.
- 43. Cucumber** (*Cucumis sativus*): Known for its hydrating, cooling, and soothing properties, cucumber is often used to treat sunburn, puffiness, and irritation.
- 44. Echinacea** (*Echinacea purpurea*): Echinacea has strong antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties, making it effective in wound healing and treating infections.
- 45. Red Clover** (*Trifolium pratense*): Often used to treat eczema, psoriasis, and rashes due to its anti-inflammatory and detoxifying properties.
- 46. Ginseng** (*Panax ginseng*): Ginseng is rich in antioxidants and helps improve skin elasticity, reduce wrinkles, and treat skin irritation.
- 47. Frankincense** (*Boswellia sacra*): Known for its healing and anti-inflammatory properties, frankincense is used to treat acne, scars, and skin irritations.
- 48. Brahmi** (*Bacopa monnieri*): Traditionally used in Ayurvedic medicine, brahmi is known for its anti-inflammatory and healing properties, helping with wound healing and skin irritations.
- 49. Pineapple** (*Ananas comosus*): Rich in bromelain, an enzyme with anti-inflammatory and healing properties, pineapple is used to treat burns, wounds, and exfoliate the skin.
- 50. Cocoa Butter** (*Theobroma cacao*): Known for its deeply moisturizing properties, cocoa butter helps in treating dry skin, scars, and stretch marks.
- 51. Papaya** (*Carica papaya*): Contains papain, an enzyme that helps exfoliate the skin, promote healing, and treat acne and blemishes.
- 52. Horse Chestnut** (*Aesculus hippocastanum*): Known for its anti-inflammatory properties, horse chestnut is used to treat varicose veins, skin inflammation, and other conditions related to poor circulation.

- 53. Arnica** (*Arnica montana*): With anti-inflammatory and analgesic properties, arnica is used to reduce bruising, inflammation, and skin irritation.
- 54. Clove** (*Syzygium aromaticum*): Clove oil has strong antimicrobial and antiseptic properties, making it effective for treating acne, infections, and fungal conditions.
- 55. Mimosa** (*Albizia julibrissin*): Known for its wound-healing and regenerative properties, mimosa bark is used in treating burns, wounds, and scars.
- 56. Alfalfa** (*Medicago sativa*): Rich in vitamins and antioxidants, alfalfa helps in skin regeneration and treats conditions like dry skin and eczema.
- 57. Shea Butter** (*Vitellaria paradoxa*): Used for its moisturizing, healing, and anti-inflammatory properties, shea butter helps in treating dry skin, eczema, and stretch marks.
- 58. Bay Leaf** (*Laurus nobilis*): Contains antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory compounds, used to treat wounds, infections, and soothe irritated skin.
- 59. Fenugreek** (*Trigonella foenum-graecum*): Used for its anti-inflammatory and soothing properties, fenugreek can help treat acne, boils, and eczema.
- 60. Chickpea** (*Cicer arietinum*): Chickpea flour (besan) is commonly used as a natural exfoliant for cleansing and brightening the skin, as well as treating acne and oily skin.
- 61. Amaranth** (*Amaranthus spp.*): Known for its high antioxidant content, amaranth helps in reducing skin inflammation and preventing premature aging.
- 62. Grape** (*Vitis vinifera*): Grapeseed extract and oil are rich in antioxidants, particularly resveratrol, and help in healing wounds, treating acne, and protecting the skin from damage.
- 63. Saffron** (*Crocus sativus*): Known for its skin-brightening and anti-inflammatory properties, saffron is often used in skincare to improve complexion and treat scars.
- 64. Pomegranate** (*Punica granatum*): Rich in antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds, pomegranate is used to promote skin regeneration, treat acne, and reduce wrinkles.
- 65. Black Seed** (*Nigella sativa*): Known for its powerful antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties, black seed oil is used to treat acne, eczema, and various skin infections.
- 66. Licorice Root** (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*): Licorice is widely used for its anti-inflammatory and brightening properties, helpful in treating hyperpigmentation, dark spots, and irritated skin.
- 67. Elderberry** (*Sambucus nigra*): Rich in antioxidants, elderberry is used for its anti-aging properties and in treating acne and promoting overall skin health.

- 68. Hops** (*Humulus lupulus*): Hops have antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties and are used in skincare to treat acne and soothe irritated skin.
- 69. Marshmallow Root** (*Althaea officinalis*): With its anti-inflammatory and moisturizing properties, marshmallow root is used to soothe irritated skin, eczema, and dry patches.
- 70. Celandine** (*Chelidonium majus*): Used traditionally for its antiviral and skin-cleansing properties, celandine is effective in treating warts, eczema, and other skin irritations.
- 71. Flaxseed** (*Linum usitatissimum*): Rich in omega-3 fatty acids, flaxseed oil helps to soothe inflammation, hydrate dry skin, and improve skin elasticity.
- 72. Cassia Alata** (*Senna alata*): Known for its antifungal and antimicrobial properties, this plant is used in treating fungal skin infections like ringworm.
- 73. Yellow Dock** (*Rumex crispus*): Contains anti-inflammatory and detoxifying properties, yellow dock is used to treat conditions like eczema, psoriasis, and acne.
- 74. Milk Thistle** (*Silybum marianum*): Known for its detoxifying properties, milk thistle is used to improve skin health and reduce redness, inflammation, and breakouts.
- 75. Neem** (*Azadirachta indica*): While already mentioned, it's worth noting neem's widespread use in treating almost all kinds of skin infections, thanks to its antifungal, antibacterial, and anti-inflammatory properties.
- 76. Fennel** (*Foeniculum vulgare*): Fennel has anti-inflammatory and skin-soothing properties, helping to treat acne, swelling, and skin irritations.
- 77. Cinnamon** (*Cinnamomum verum*): Known for its antimicrobial and antioxidant properties, cinnamon is used in treating acne and other skin infections.
- 78. Horsetail** (*Equisetum arvense*): Rich in silica, horsetail is used to promote collagen production, wound healing, and improve skin elasticity.
- 79. Jojoba** (*Simmondsia chinensis*): Jojoba oil mimics the skin's natural sebum and helps in moisturizing, treating acne, and balancing oily skin.
- 80. Kalanchoe** (*Kalanchoe pinnata*): Known for its wound-healing and anti-inflammatory properties, it is used to treat cuts, burns, and skin ulcers.
- 81. Pepper** (*Capsicum spp.*): Capsaicin, found in peppers, has analgesic and anti-inflammatory properties and is used topically to relieve pain and treat conditions like psoriasis.
- 82. Tamarind** (*Tamarindus indica*): Tamarind pulp has exfoliating and brightening properties, often used in face masks and scrubs to improve skin tone and texture.
- 83. Almond** (*Prunus dulcis*): Almond oil is rich in vitamin E and is used to moisturize and improve skin elasticity, treat dry skin, and lighten scars.

- 84. Henna** (*Lawsonia inermis*): Henna has cooling and antimicrobial properties and is used to soothe burns, boils, and inflamed skin.
- 85. Cedarwood** (*Cedrus atlantica*): Cedarwood essential oil has antiseptic and anti-inflammatory properties, helping to treat acne, eczema, and other skin irritations.
- 86. Lemon Balm** (*Melissa officinalis*): Known for its antiviral and calming properties, lemon balm is used to treat cold sores, acne, and skin irritations.
- 87. Bayberry** (*Myrica cerifera*): It has astringent and anti-inflammatory properties and is used to treat skin infections, wounds, and rashes.
- 88. Catnip** (*Nepeta cataria*): Catnip has anti-inflammatory and soothing properties, and can be used to treat acne, reduce redness, and calm irritated skin.
- 89. Plantain Lily** (*Hosta plantaginea*): The leaves of this plant have anti-inflammatory properties and are used to soothe burns, rashes, and other skin irritations.
- 90. Myrrh** (*Commiphora myrrha*): Known for its antibacterial and antifungal properties, myrrh is used in treating wounds, acne, and skin infections.
- 91. Cranberry** (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*): Rich in antioxidants and vitamins, cranberry extracts are used to treat acne and improve skin tone by promoting collagen production.
- 92. Birch** (*Betula alba*): Birch bark and leaves contain anti-inflammatory compounds and are used to treat eczema, psoriasis, and other skin conditions.
- 93. Garlic** (*Allium sativum*): Garlic has strong antimicrobial properties and is traditionally used to treat fungal infections, acne, and other skin infections.
- 94. Bay Laurel** (*Laurus nobilis*): Bay laurel has antimicrobial and astringent properties and is used for treating wounds, acne, and other skin infections.
- 95. Horse Chestnut** (*Aesculus hippocastanum*): Used to treat varicose veins and improve circulation, horse chestnut extract is also applied to skin to reduce inflammation and swelling.
- 96. Carrot** (*Daucus carota*): Carrot seed oil is rich in vitamins and antioxidants, used to rejuvenate skin, reduce scars, and treat skin aging.
- 97. Sweet Clover** (*Melilotus officinalis*): It has anti-inflammatory properties and is used in treating skin swelling, wounds, and bruises.
- 98. Bamboo** (*Bambusa vulgaris*): Bamboo extract contains silica and is used in skincare products to promote collagen production, improve skin elasticity, and heal wounds.
- 99. Boldo** (*Peumus boldus*): Known for its antifungal and antimicrobial properties, boldo is used to treat skin infections, particularly fungal conditions.

100. **Bilberry** (*Vaccinium myrtillus*): Rich in antioxidants, bilberry helps in reducing inflammation, soothing sensitive skin, and treating acne and rosacea.
101. **Evening Primrose** (*Oenothera biennis*): Evening primrose oil is high in gamma-linolenic acid (GLA), known for its moisturizing and anti-inflammatory effects, useful in treating eczema, psoriasis, and acne.
102. **Sarsaparilla** (*Smilax ornata*): Traditionally used to treat skin conditions like eczema and psoriasis due to its anti-inflammatory and detoxifying properties.
103. **Rosehip** (*Rosa canina*): Rosehip oil is rich in vitamins A and C and is widely used for skin regeneration, reducing scars, and improving skin texture.
104. **Mullein** (*Verbascum thapsus*): Known for its soothing and anti-inflammatory properties, mullein is used to treat skin irritations, wounds, and burns.
105. **Periwinkle** (*Vinca minor*): Contains compounds that are beneficial for improving skin elasticity and treating skin inflammation.
106. **Calendula** (*Calendula officinalis*): While mentioned previously, it's widely used for its healing, antimicrobial, and anti-inflammatory effects, making it a staple in treating wounds, rashes, and eczema.
107. **Green Tea** (*Camellia sinensis*): Rich in antioxidants, green tea extracts are used to reduce inflammation, treat acne, and prevent premature aging of the skin.
108. **Willow Bark** (*Salix alba*): Contains salicylic acid, which is widely used to treat acne by exfoliating the skin, unclogging pores, and reducing inflammation.
109. **Blueberry** (*Vaccinium corymbosum*): Rich in antioxidants, blueberry extracts help protect the skin from free radicals and reduce signs of aging.
110. **Purslane** (*Portulaca oleracea*): Known for its anti-inflammatory and healing properties, purslane is used to calm sensitive skin, reduce irritation, and treat eczema.
111. **Chaste Tree** (*Vitex agnus-castus*): Known for its hormone-balancing properties, it is often used to treat acne related to hormonal imbalances.
112. **False Daisy** (*Eclipta prostrata*): Commonly used in Ayurveda, it has anti-inflammatory properties that help soothe skin irritations and promote wound healing.
113. **Horse Radish** (*Armoracia rusticana*): Its antibacterial properties make it effective in treating acne, and it is also used to brighten the skin and treat hyperpigmentation.
114. **Patchouli** (*Pogostemon cablin*): Known for its antifungal and antibacterial properties, patchouli oil is used to treat skin infections, acne, and eczema.
115. **Black Walnut** (*Juglans nigra*): Black walnut is rich in tannins and juglone, which are used for treating fungal infections, eczema, and psoriasis.

116. **Spinach** (*Spinacia oleracea*): Rich in vitamins A, C, and E, spinach extract helps in skin regeneration, healing wounds, and reducing inflammation.
117. **Coconut** (*Cocos nucifera*): Coconut oil is widely used for its moisturizing and antimicrobial properties, helping to treat dry skin, eczema, and dermatitis.
118. **Feverfew** (*Tanacetum parthenium*): Known for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, feverfew is used to soothe sensitive skin and treat rosacea.
119. **Lemongrass** (*Cymbopogon citratus*): Lemongrass oil has antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties, commonly used in treating acne and fungal infections.
120. **Tea Tree** (*Melaleuca alternifolia*): Known for its potent antimicrobial, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory properties, tea tree oil is widely used to treat acne, fungal infections, and other skin conditions like eczema and psoriasis. It helps reduce inflammation and promotes healing without causing excessive dryness.

These herbs have been used for centuries as part of traditional skincare treatments across various cultures. Ancient systems of medicine like Ayurveda, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), and Indigenous healing practices have long recognized the therapeutic properties of plants for treating skin diseases for example.

- **In Ayurveda**, herbs like neem, turmeric, and aloe vera have been used to treat conditions such as acne, eczema, and wounds.
- **In Traditional Chinese Medicine**, herbs like licorice, ginseng, and green tea are commonly used for their cooling, detoxifying, and anti-inflammatory properties.
- **Indigenous cultures** across the globe have used plants like witch hazel, calendula, and tea tree for wound healing and treating skin infections.

These plants have been passed down through generations for their ability to address a wide range of skin issues naturally, and their efficacy continues to be supported by modern research.

CONCLUSION

The integration of herbal remedies into dermatological care reflects a longstanding tradition of utilizing natural resources to manage and treat skin diseases. Historical practices in Ayurveda, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Indigenous healing systems underscore the value of plants in addressing diverse skin conditions, from inflammatory disorders like acne and psoriasis to chronic ailments such as scleroderma and pemphigus. Phytomolecules such as alkaloids, flavonoids, and essential oils play critical roles in these treatments, offering anti-

inflammatory, antimicrobial, and healing properties. Contemporary research continues to validate the efficacy of these traditional remedies, emphasizing their relevance in modern dermatology. As we advance our understanding of these herbal treatments, it is crucial to approach their use with a balanced perspective, integrating them into broader therapeutic strategies while remaining mindful of the need for professional medical guidance. The enduring legacy of herbal medicine in skincare highlights its potential to complement conventional treatments and improve patient outcomes in the management of skin diseases.

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