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# Osteoporosis and Complementary and Alternative Medicine

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Osteoporosis (OP) is a bone disease that is characterized by a decrease in bone density and microstructure quality

► Clinically, it is defined as a bone mineral density (BMD) 2.5 standard deviations below the mean peak bone mass of the healthy population - known as the T score - as measured by dual x-ray absorptiometry (DXA) ► The main consequence of osteoporosis is the manifestation of fragility bone fractures due to reduced bone strength and is often seen in the vertebrae, wrists and hip.

Considering that osteoporosis is a disease of progressive bone loss that affects a large population of elderly people who often require a long term therapy.

▶ it would be of great relevance to search for natural compounds that will provide an alternative and effective way for the treatment of osteoporosis

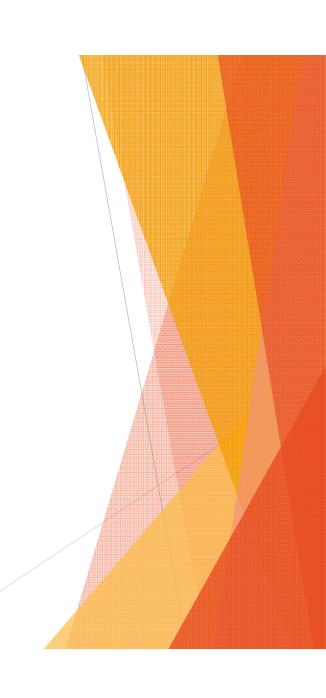
- ▶ 1) phytoestrogen with estrogenic effects
- ▶ 2) antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agents
- ▶ 3) compounds that exert their effects with pleiotropic actions or unknown mechanisms.

## 1. PHYTOESTROGENS & TREATMENTS WITH ESTROGENIC EFFECTS

- Estrogen is involved in the regulation of life cycle and activity of osteoblasts as well as osteoclasts, directly through ERα and ERβ, and indirectly through PTH.
- ► Estrogen also controls the expression and activity of various inflammatory cytokines involved in bone remodeling.

#### Genistein, Daidzein,

- ► Erythrina variegate
- Soybean
- ▶ Genista tinctoria



➤ Zhang et al. [9] conducted a double blind, placebocontrolled trial in 100 postmenopausal women (85 of 100 completed the trial

three phytoestrogens icariin, daidzein, and genistein, supplemented with calcium, against placebo group receiving only calcium. ▶ Study parameters included BMD, bone turnover, biochemical markers, serum estradiol, and endometrial thickness, and these parameters were measured at baseline and 12 and 24 months.

▶ On trial completion, BMD in women in phytoestrogen group was preserved, especially in the vertebrae but not as much in femoral neck, in comparison to the placebo group.

#### **Icariin**

- ► Epimedium has been commonly used in traditional Chinese medicine to 'nourish the kidneys and reinforce the Yang'.
- According to Traditional Chinese Medicine, kidney system is composed by Kidney Yin and Kidney Yang.
- ► Kidney yang is the essential of the yang qi, the latter promotes the functions of the organs and tissues in the whole body.

Icariin OH OH OH OH OH	OB, OC	suppress inflammatory osteoclastogenesis; promote osteoblast differentiation through ERK, JNK signal and Wnt/β-catenin-BMP signaling pathway	mandibular distraction rabbit; OVX rats; OPG- knockout mice	[7, 23] [25-33]
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#### Berberine

➤ Yogesh et al. [44] have explored the effects of Berberis aristata extracts, with its proposed active component being berberine, in a rat model. Though not discussed in detail, their discovery of increased rat uterine weight indicates estrogenic properties of B. aristata extract.

Cold and dry



## 2. ANTIOXIDANTS & ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENTS

- Green Tea
- Black Tea
- Curcumin
- ► Feverfew (Parthenolide )
- Safflower (Carthamus Tinctorius)

#### Tea

► Effect of green tea extract on bone turnover markers in type 2 diabetic patients; a double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial study

K Mirzaei, A Hossein-Nezhad, M Karimi, MJ Hosseinzadeh-Attar, N Jafari, ... DARU Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences, 38-44

- Green tea shows a strong anti-oxidative stress effect in human primary osteoblasts.
- ▶ It increases the expression of osteocalcin and collagen1A1 in osteoblasts and improves the cell viability.

▶ theaflavin-3,3'-digallate (TFDG), a black tea polyphenol, decreased the formation and differentiation of osteoclasts , suppressed matrix metalloproteinase -2 and -9 (MMP-2 and MMP-9) enzymatic activity and down-regulated MMP-9 expression of osteoclasts.

► MMPs are highly expressed in osteoclasts, and play an important role in osteoclast bone resorption. Thus, the authors concluded that TFDG might be a suitable agent for the treatment of osteolytic bone diseases.

#### turmeric

► Curcumin is a component of turmeric and thought to have positive effects on bone. Mice that received curcumin showed an increase in BMD and trabecular bone mass and reduction in the levels of TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-6.

## TREATMENTS THAT EXERT THEIR EFFECTS BY MULTIPLE ACTIONS

- Pomegranate Seed Oil
- Onion
- Dried Plum
- Cajanis Cajan
- Rhizoma drynariae

#### pomegranate

Pomegranate	oil extract of seed	punicic acid	suppress expression of CTR, ITG β3, CA, CTSKMMP 2, MMP9 and TRAP; anti- inflammation; activate Wnt/β-catenin pathway.
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#### Plum

Dried plum - dried plum polyphenols

down-regulate NFATc1 and products of inflammation such as NO and TNF- α in osteoclast; upregulate Runx2, Osterix, IGF-I, and RANKL expressions in osteoblast; upregulate BMP-4 and IGF-1 while downregulate NFATc1, P1NP and DPD; antioxidant and modulate immune response

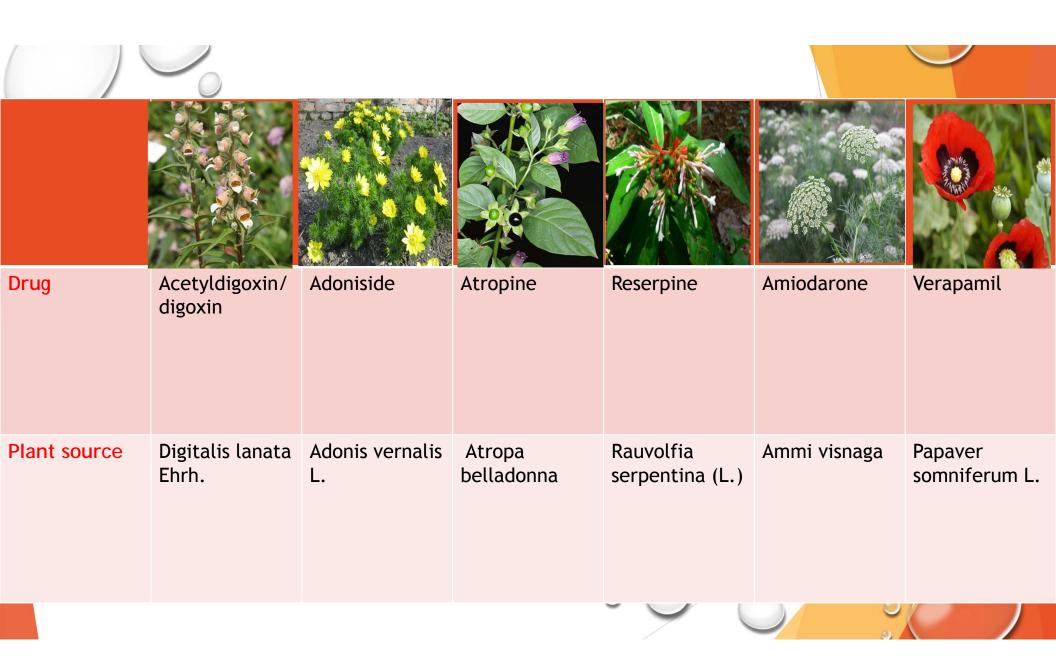


► Fossil records date human use of plants as medicines at least to the Middle Paleolithic age some 60,000 years ago.

▶ 1. Solecki R. Shanidar IV, a Neanderthal flower burial in northern Iraq. Science 190:880-881 (1975)

► However, the value of these systems is much more than a significant anthropologic or archeologic fact.

► Their value is as a methodology of medicinal agents, which, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), almost 65% of the world's population have incorporated into their primary modality of health care.



# The goals of using plants as sources of therapeutic agents

- ▶ a) to isolate bioactive compounds for direct use as drugs, e.g., digoxin, digitoxin, morphine, reserpine, taxol, vinblastine, vincristine.
- ▶ b) to produce bioactive compounds of novel or known structures as lead compounds for semisynthesis to produce patentable entities of higher activity and/or lower toxicity,

e.g., metformin, nabilone, oxycodon, verapamil, and amiodarone

 c) to use agents as pharmacologic tools, e.g., lysergic acid diethylamide, mescaline, yohimbine

d) to use the whole plant or part of it as a herbal remedy, e.g., cranberry, echinacea, feverfew, garlic, ginkgo biloba, St. John's wort, saw palmetto. ► The number of higher plant species (angiosperms and gymnosperms) on this planet is estimated at 250,000, with a lower level at 215,000 and an upper level as high as 500,000.

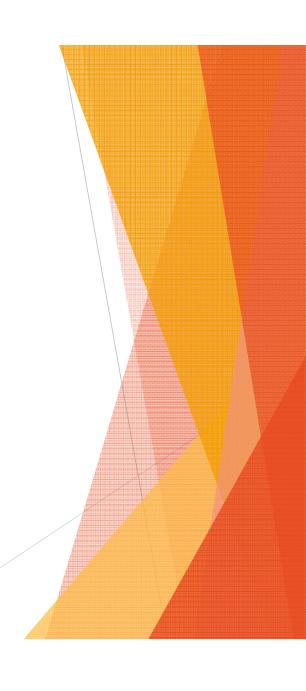
▶ Only about 6% have been screened for biologic activity, and a reported 15% have been evaluated phytochemically

## Approaches to Drug Discovery Using Higher Plants

- Random selection followed by chemical screening.
- ► Follow-up of biologic activity reports.
- ► Follow-up of ethnomedical (traditional medicine) uses of plants.



- ▶ Derive name from catalogue of frequently used plants
- Review literature
- Evaluate data in literature
- Decide on need to test
- Select tests
- Establish priorities for testing
- Collect plants
- ▶ Determine type of biological activity
- Carry out human studies



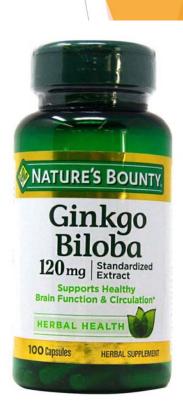
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#### Spatholobus suberectus







## Butea monosperma































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#### Cudrania tricuspidata s



# Eucommia ulmoides





### Carthamus tinctorius













# Cissus quadrangularis











# Cimifuga racemosa























#### Astragalus membranaceus







#### Glechoma hederacea



