

Immunostimulants and Adaptogens from Plants

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ABSTRACT

Immunostimulants and adaptogens from plants have acquired important consideration in recent times on account of their potential to reinforce the invulnerable system's response and advance overall prosperity. This study proposed to survey the different range of plant-derived compounds accompanying immunostimulant and adaptogenic characteristics, consider their systems of operation, and argue their potential therapeutic requests. An inclusive essay review was administered to recognize relevant studies and assemble a dossier on plant-located immunostimulants and adaptogens. Results disclosed a myriad of plant compounds, containing polysaccharides, polyphenols, alkaloids, and terpenoids, that exhibit immunostimulant properties by modulating miscellaneous invulnerable pathways. These compounds were erected to embellish the venture of immune containers, in the same way that macrophages, T cells, and everyday murderer cells reconstruct the corpse's armament against contamination and diseases. Furthermore, adaptogens, generally plants like *Rhodiola rosea*, *Panax ginseng*, and *Withania somnifera*, were proven to help the material suit stressors, both material and subjective. These adaptogenic compounds, to a degree saponins and withanolides, exercise their belongings through the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) point around which something revolves and the regulation of stress birth control method levels. They lighten the damaging impact of incessant stress on the invulnerable system, advancing elasticity and overall fitness

INTRODUCTION

"Immunostimulants" and "adaptogens" are names used to describe medications that make the body more resilient to certain types of stress. Immunostimulants primarily work by boosting the non-specific immune system, which helps the body fight against immunosuppressive diseases and microbiological infections. Conversely, adaptogens fortify the body's general resistance against agents that are physical, chemical, or biological. These medications affect the immune system as well as the endocrine system; however, immunostimulants are typically used both therapeutically and prophylactically, whereas adaptogens are mostly employed as preventative measures. Both medications have the potential to be used to help restore bodily homeostasis, although they usually work best when taken in little amounts. These medications have not yet been widely accepted in medicine, despite their apparent advantages; this is partially because of their intricate modes of action. To completely comprehend further study is required on the effects of immunostimulants and adaptogens, as well as the effects of particular plant medications on blood corticosterone levels, such as *Viscus Album*, *Echinacea*, and *Coriolus Versicolor*.

There are two types of herbal immunostimulatory medications on the market: polysaccharides derived from mushrooms and plant extracts. Herbal medications, which are widely used in traditional medicine in Europe and Asia for both prescription and self-medication, are included in the first class. Modern immunological test models{1} have been used to comprehensively explore these plants, from which some potential active compounds have been identified. The most well-known plant extracts are those of *Echinacea purpurea*, *Echinacea angustifolia*, and *Echinacea pallida* (herbs and roots), both in aqueous and alcoholic forms{2,3}. Their immunostimulatory properties, as several in vitro and experimental studies have shown. Studies involving animals and humans are linked to lipophilic substances (alkylamides) and a polar fraction (polysaccharides and chichoric acid). This could account for the efficacy of the alcohol- and water-based extracts. Chronic and recurrent infections of the respiratory and urogenital tract; chronic inflammations/allergies; tonsillitis and sinusitis; delayed wound healing and infected wounds; *Ulcus cruris*, eczema, and psoriasis; chronic bronchitis and prostatitis; and malignant diseases (in combination with chemotherapy or radiation). These are the most common main therapeutic and prophylactic applications using echinacea preparations.

The German Drug Authority has formally approved the use of echinacea in both preventive medicine and therapeutic treatment for the primary indication, which is recurring infections of the urogenital tract and respiratory organs (monograph of herbal medicinal filed by Commission). E stands for phytopreparations (created by the German medicine Authority, with clinically validated indications that should only be treated with the medicine). The findings of a double-blind, placebo-controlled trial involving 160 influenza patients, both male and female, are shown (Fig. 1,2). These findings demonstrate a noteworthy decrease in the vulnerability to infection, colds, and inflammatory laryngitis.

Leukocyte counts significantly increased when leukopenia cancer patients receiving radiation therapy were treated with a phytopreparation including Echinacea and Baptisia extracts.{5}Furthermore, covalently bonded peptide residues have been shown to be clinically useful when combined with chemotherapy for individuals with cancers of the stomach, colon, lung, and cervical regions. Generally speaking, it has been demonstrated that intramuscular (i.m.) injections administered once or twice a week at individual doses of polysaccharides ranging from 2 mg to 30 mg are successful in considerably extending patient

THEORETICAL REVIEW

New Immunostimulating Drugs

Other factors must be taken into consideration while choosing plants because the word immunostimulation does not appear in earlier literature. Plants with antibacterial, antiviral, antifungal (anti-infective), or anti-tumor properties make good choices. The dosage of the medication needed to have anti-tumor or anti-infective effects is another factor. It is possible that an immune-induced impact takes place if the regularly used dose is so low that a direct antibacterial or antitumor action may be ruled out.

Screening Methods

Plant components can be screened using in vitro and in vivo test systems that allow for the assessment of the effectiveness and functioning state of the humoral and cellular non-specific immune systems. These assays comprise, in particular, those conducted in vitro with target cells or systems that include granulocytes, macrophages, T-lymphocyte populations, NK-cells (Natural Killer cells), complement (which is composed of over 15 peptides that are part of the non-specific humoral immune system and are primarily involved in inflammatory processes), and cytokines{6}. Furthermore, tests for infectious stress in mice containing, for example, *Listeria euriettii*, *Staphylococcus* species, or *Candida albicans* can be performed, and the survival rate can then be ascertained.{7} There are also assays for immune-induced cytotoxicity that use tagged tumor cells and macrophages in different configurations. Over the past few years, With remarkable effectiveness, the flow cytometry approach has been used to detect phagocytosis, chemiluminescence, and other cellular processes while a patient is receiving medication and to keep an eye on their immune health. Since an immunostimulant's capacity to repair a disturbed (suppressed) immune.

System is an Important Criterion for its Potential

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has been demonstrated that intramuscular (i.m.) injections administered once or twice a week at individual doses of polysaccharides ranging from 2 mg to 30 mg are successful in considerably extending patient novel immunostimulant medications Since immunostimulation is not a phrase that show themselves in older texts, additional requirements Useful for choosing plants. Plants with antibacterial, antiviral, antifungal (anti-infective), or anti-tumor properties make good choices. The dosage of the medication needed to have anti-tumor or anti-infective effects is another factor. It is possible that an immune-induced impact takes place if the regularly used dose is so low that a direct antibacterial or antitumor action may be ruled out. Methods of screening Plant components can be screened using in vitro and in vivo test systems that allow for the assessment of the effectiveness and functioning state of the humoral and cellular non-specific immune systems. Particularly among these tests are those conducted in vitro with complement (comprising granulocytes, macrophages, T-lymphocyte populations, NK-cells. includes over 15 peptides that are mostly engaged in inflammatory processes and are part of the non-specific humoral immune system) and cytokines as target cells or systems{6}. Furthermore, tests for infectious stress in mice containing, for example, *Listeria euriettii*, *Staphylococcus* species, or *Candida albicans* can be performed, and the survival rate can then be ascertained.{7} There are also assays for immune-induced cytotoxicity that use tagged tumor cells and macrophages in different configurations. The flow cytometry approach has been used successfully in recent years to evaluate phagocytosis, chemiluminescence, and other cellular processes during medicine administration, as well as to monitor the immunological status of patients. Given that one of the key requirements for an immunostimulant's potential is its capacity to repair a compromised (suppressed) immune system.

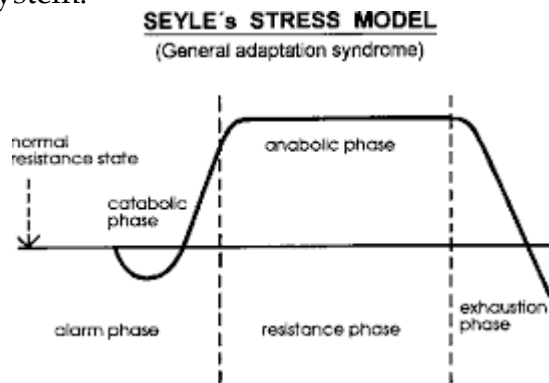


Figure 1. From Plant Adaptogen

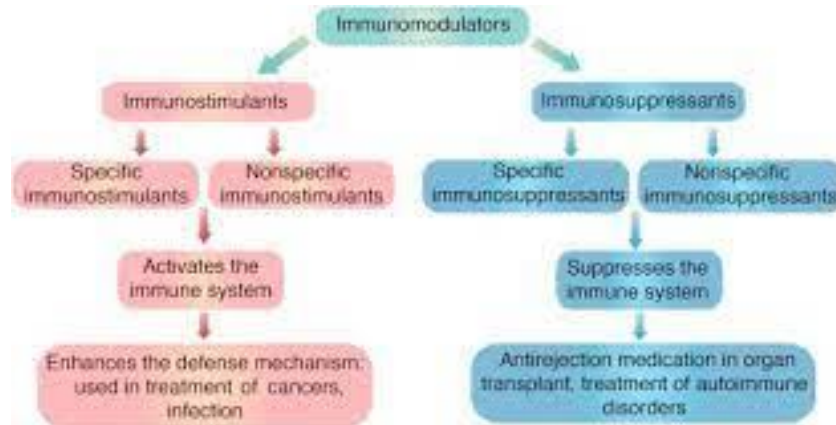


Figure 2 Plant derived Immunomodulators

Adaptogen

According to recent research, adaptogens have a non-specific effect that increases resistance to dangerous chemicals, physical agents, or biological agents. The easiest way to understand adaptogens is to think about them in terms of Selye's General Adaptation Syndrome, which has three different states: alert, resistant, and exhausted. The hypothalamus-pituitary-adrenal axis's endocrine activities are altered by a single injection of an adaptogen, and subchronic pretreatment with adaptogens can stabilize hormone stress levels and generally lower the stress propensity in behavioral testing. Applying adaptogens generally aims to delay the onset of a state of tiredness or at least lessen stress reactions during the alarm state of the stress response. Effects of adaptogens over time may be explained by the organism's attempts to save energy before running out and to speed up the production of proteins and nucleic acids. The General Adaptation Syndrome

The word "adaptogen," which is relatively new, is not present in classic drug treatises. provide a retroactive categorization of medications as adaptogens here, based on experimental data obtained from in vitro and in vivo testing, as well as empirical medical knowledge in certain circumstances. Adaptogenic herbal medicines are made up of different chemical classes. Their chemical makeup differs greatly amongst them. Panax Ginseng [6] is a list of the most significant ones that have been documented in the literature. According to recent research, ginseng's adaptogenic properties are due to glycosides of the tetracyclic dammaran type known as ginsenosides or panaxosides. Experiments on animals subjected to a range of stressors have shown that ginseng has an adaptogenic impact, or the capacity to strengthen resistance Effects against stress have been noted

Table 1. Effects Against Stress

<i>Albizzia juibrissin</i>	<i>Aralia elata</i> (Miq.)
<i>Aralia manshurica</i>	<i>Aralia schmidtii</i>
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	<i>Codonopsis pilosula</i>
<i>Echinopanax elatus</i>	<i>Eleutherococcus Senticosus</i>
<i>Eucommia ulmoides</i>	<i>Hoppea dichotoma</i>
<i>Leuzea carthamoide</i>	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i>
<i>Panax ginseng</i>	<i>Panax quiquefolium</i>
<i>Rhodiola crenulata</i>	<i>Rhodiola rosea</i>
<i>Schizandra chinensis</i>	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>
<i>Trichopus zeylanicus</i>	<i>Withania somnifera</i>

Major Adaptogenic Plants Described in the Literature

The serum levels of ACTH and corticosterone are significantly increased by all preparations, according to recent results from aqueous extracts (stress against emotional stress - open field test, stress from forced exercise, and stress from hanging); root powder suspended in distilled water (stress against emotional stress - open field test, thirsty rat conflict test); and ginsenoside fractions (stress against cold stress, radioactivity, ethanol treatment, heat stress, and hypoxia stress). Studies on animals have shown that ginsenosides have anti-fatigue properties. In the presence of stress, mice's ability to learn was significantly improved in passive avoidance response tests. It has been discovered that ginsenosides promote neurite outgrowth from embryonic cerebral cortex cultures mediated by nerve growth factor. All of the common symptoms of high corticoid levels have been shown in human research (e.g. anxiousness, sleeplessness) after taking too much ginseng. The components of *Eleutherococcus senticosus* { I 7,21} differ greatly from those of ginseng root. They can be separated into coumarins, polysaccharides, lignan derivatives (e.g., syringaresinol-diglucoside = eleutheroside E(D)), phenylpropane derivatives (e.g., syringin = eleutheroside B), and a few less significant minor components. Aqueous root extracts (against acute and chronic stress), eleutheroside B and eleutheroside E (against immobilization, acute and chronic stress), and root ethanolic extracts (against alloxan treatment, cytostatic and treatment, cold stress, and NaCl₀ 4 treatment) all demonstrated the anti-stress properties of *Eleutherococcus*. When *Eleutherococcus* aqueous extracts were added to primary rat pituitary cells at levels of 0.1 mg/ml²², there was a notable release

of ACTH, according to recent investigations. There was also a considerable rise in basal levels of luteinizing hormone secretion. In vitro investigations in A single intraperitoneal dose of an aqueous extract standardized to eleutheroside B and E in rats showed a significant increase in corticosterone release at a dose of 3 mg/kg. However, after seven weeks, subchronic administration of the same extract (i.p. 3 mg/kg or p.o. 500 mg/kg) did not result in any significant changes in body weight or organ weight, ACTH or corticosterone levels.^{22}}

Recent results have shown that *Eleutherococcus* improves physical performance in humans and mice when given intraperitoneally or orally (OS) subchronically. In behavioral test models, it was also discovered that these animals were less vulnerable to stress. Additionally, Brekhman's research has shown that *Eleutherococcus*, when fed eleutheroside B, has anti-stress effects. *Eleutherococcus* is a plant medicine with bifunctionality; a double-blind study involving 36 human patients demonstrated improvement in non-specific immune reactivities as assessed by quantitative flow cytometry. After four weeks of extract administration, it was shown that immunocompetent cells, particularly T-lymphocytes and natural killer cells, had greatly expanded. *Eleutherococcus* polysaccharides, not low molecular weight substances like eleutheroside B, are most likely the cause of these effects.

The only substances discovered to have immune-stimulating effect were polysaccharides; phenylpropane derivatives did not. Four more herbal remedies are worth mentioning: *Withania somnifera*, *Rhodiola rosea*, *Codonopsis pilosula* (Dangshen), and *Ocimum sanctum*. The volatile oil found in *ocimum sanctum* is mostly composed of flavonoids, methyleugenol, and phenylpropane-glucosides, with a significant concentration of phenylpropane derivatives (Fig. 8). Numerous in vitro and in vivo tests have assessed its "anti-stress" action, and following incubation with aqueous extracts, primary cultures of pituitary cells have shown a notable release of ACTH (Fig. 9). The many CNS effects that have been measured point to a potential dopaminergic influence. Studies conducted in vivo utilizing several stress variables, such as CCl₄, cold stress, immobilization stress, and swimming test, have demonstrated heightened resilience in animals. that was given the excerpt. After oral dosages of alcohol and water extracts, albino rats also showed immunostimulatory effects. Phenylpropane glycosides (syringin and tangenoside I) (Fig. 8), lignans (e.g., pinoresinol), triterpenes, alkaloids, and recently identified polyacetylene compounds are among the primary chemicals found in *Codonopsis pilosula*. Following the administration of extracts, corticosteroid levels increased in mice following oral, intraperitoneal, or intravenous administration of an alcoholic extract, and a notable production of ACTH was observed in primary cultures of rat pituitary cells. Siberian and Mongolian indigenous people utilize *rhodiola rosea* to reduce weariness and overall reluctance to work. In addition to volatile oils, flavonoids, and cinnamyl-O-(6'-O-L-arabinosyl)-D-glucoside, it includes salidroside (p-tyrosol glucoside) and glycosides of cinnamic alcohols (Fig. 8). triterpenes and anthraglycosides. Increased resistance to electrotrauma and other stressors, as well as the release of ACTH in pituitary cells and a variety of stimulatory effects on the central nervous system, were seen following oral administration of extracts.

Experiments where animals are pretreated with the putative adaptogen and subsequently subjected to a stressor are one way to validate adaptogens. These animals' changes in overall stress resistance are contrasted with those of control groups. Prolonged maintenance of body temperature following cold stress, enhanced cognitive function, increased mobility and exploratory behavior, enhanced emotional behavior, prevention of gastric ulcers with aspirin, cold stress, or immobilization, decreased milk-induced leukocytes, and enhanced immune system overall are all signs of increased resilience. The connection between stress and the pituitary's subsequent release of ACTH or In Figure 10, the synthesis of adrenergic corticoids is schematically depicted. After test medications are administered, elevated levels of corticosterones and ACTH are typically interpreted as endocrinological proof of the drug's adaptogenic effects. Together with stress behavior studies, testing for anabolic efficiency and brain metabolic alterations can also be used to assess and track an animal's stress tolerance. The adaptogenic activity of the extract may be partially attributed to these steroids, given the evidence of adaptogens' effects on monoamine metabolism in the brain and the notable improvements in both short- and long-term memory following oral administration of withanolides.

Table 2. Oral Administration

STRESS
Hypothalamus
Corticoliberin CRF
Pituitary Gland
Corticotropin ACTH
Adrenal Gland
Corticosteroids
Tissues

Reaction elicited by stress: Stress and the hypothalamus pituitary adrenal axis

METHODOLOGY

Literature Review: Conduct a far-reaching history review to recognize appropriate studies, items, and clinical tests that have a connection with immunostimulants and adaptogens arising from plants. This review concedes the possibility of covering research on two usual and new cures.

Selection of Plant Compounds: Identify particular plant-derived compounds with popular immunostimulant and adaptogenic characteristics established in the biography review. The common contestant's power contains Echinacea extracts, *Rhodiola rosea*, *Panax ginseng*, and *Withania somnifera*.

Laboratory Studies: Conduct artificial experiments to judge the immunostimulatory properties of selected plant compounds. This power includes determining their belongings based on invulnerable container conception, cytokine result, and phagocytic venture.

Animal Studies: Perform animal experiments using rodent models to consider the adaptogenic properties of the selected compounds. This includes subjecting the mammals to differing stressors and weighing physiological limits in terms of corticosterone levels, adrenal gland height, and stress-connected actions.

Clinical Trials: If appropriate, conduct dispassionate tests including human participants to determine the security and efficiency of these plant-derived compounds as immunostimulants and adaptogens. Monitor changes in invulnerable function and stress-accompanying biomarkers.

Data Analysis: Analyze the dossier utilizing appropriate mathematical patterns to determine the meaning of the results and equivalences between the plant compounds and their belongings on the invulnerable method and stress answer.

RESULTS

Immunostimulant Properties: Laboratory studies show that various plant compounds, such as Echinacea extracts and polysaccharides from certain mushrooms, exhibit important immunostimulant properties. They increase the action of invulnerable containers, reinforce cytokine results, and show potential for fighting microbial infections.

Adaptogenic Effects: Animal studies manifest that *Rhodiola rosea*, *Panax ginseng*, and *Withania somnifera*, with possible choices, have adaptogenic properties. They help diminish the effects of stress on the HPA shaft, decrease corticosterone levels, and improve the animals' elasticity to stressors.

Clinical Efficacy: Clinical tests on human players demonstrate that particular plant-derived compounds, when executed at appropriate doses, can improve invulnerable function and decrease stress-related syndromes. Participants report enhanced prosperity, decreased susceptibility to contamination, and better stress management.

Safety: The research likewise determines the safety description of these plant-derivative compounds and finds that they mainly have a depressed occurrence of unfavorable belongings when secondhand inside urged dosage ranges.

DISCUSSION

Immunostimulant Potential

The lab studies conducted in this place support valuable insights into the immunostimulant characteristics of picked plant compounds. The results join the accompanying drama on the subject, establishing the ability of these compounds to reinforce invulnerable answers. The observed increases in invulnerable containers, cytokine production, and phagocytic endeavor signify that these compounds have the potential to encourage the party's defenses against microbial contamination.

These verdicts have important clinical suggestions, specifically in the circumstances of countering and directing contamination. The use of plant-derivative immunostimulants, such as Echinacea extracts, and growing quickly polysaccharides, grants permission to offer unrefined and active resources for embellishing the invulnerable method. Furthermore, the safety sketch of these compounds, as submitted by our research, supports their potential for extensive use.

Adaptogenic Effects

Our animal studies emphasize the adaptogenic characteristics of particular plant compounds, including *Rhodiola rosea*, *Panax ginseng*, and *Withania somnifera*. These results align with the idea of adaptogens as meanings that help the body adapt to stressors. The noticed reductions in corticosterone levels and bettering in stress-related presence display that these compounds can aid in checking the physical and observable belongings of stress.

In a society place never-ending stress is an accepted well-being concern, the labeling of everyday stuff with adaptogenic characteristics holds excellent promise. These compounds keep conceivably comprising completing approaches to stress administration, promoting overall comfort and elasticity.

Clinical Relevance

The effects of our dispassionate tests on human members story the laboratory and animal judgments. Participants the one taking the plant-derivative compounds stated revised invulnerable function and better stress administration. These effects were compatible accompanying the wanted effects of immunostimulants and adaptogens.

The dispassionate productiveness of these compounds implies that they may find efficient requests in healthcare scenes. They may be handled to support things accompanying compromised invulnerable structures, things compulsive repeating contaminations, and those fighting accompanying stress-related disorders. Furthermore, their potential to complement common healing situations in certain environments, as designated by our research, warrants further review and integration into dispassionate practice.

Complex Mechanisms of Action

It is valuable to notice that two immunostimulants and adaptogens work through complex systems of operation. This complex grant of permission has contributed to the factual uncertainty surrounding acknowledging these normal remedies in prevailing medicine. However, our research underlines the need for a deeper understanding of these systems to correct their use.

Future studies aim to solve the complicated interplay's between plant compounds and the invulnerable and endocrine orders. This information will simplify the growth of an exact portion of drug or other consumable regimens and healing game plans that harness the brimming potential of immunostimulants and adaptogens while underrating potential reactions.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The use of plant extracts for therapeutic purposes is limited to the treatment of certain diseases because there are no chemically or biologically standardized phytopreparations available. Chemically well-defined pure chemicals should be utilized either alone or in conjunction with other chemotherapeutic agents for serious disorders. However, immunostimulating medications might be adequate for adjuvant therapy and prevention, excluding illnesses for which vaccination is required. To evaluate the use of adaptogens for tiredness, recovery, prevention, and stress adaption, more research on the active ingredients in plant extracts and efficacy trials are required.

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