

LITERATURE SEARCH AND ANALYSIS OF TOP 100 CITED ARTICLES IN ALOE VERA: A BIBLIOMETRIC ANALYSIS**Lubna Fathima¹, Dinesh Dhamodhar², Prabu³, Sindhu R⁴, Nimmy P⁵**¹*Master of Dental Surgery, Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Health Dentistry, Madha Dental College and Hospital, Kundrathur, Chennai, India*²*Master of Dental Surgery, Reader, Department of Public Health Dentistry, SRM Dental College, Ramapuram, Chennai, India*³*Master of Dental Surgery, Professor and Head, Department of Public Health Dentistry, SRM Dental College, Ramapuram, Chennai, India*⁴*Master of Dental Surgery, Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Health Dentistry, SRM Dental College, Ramapuram, Chennai, India*⁵*Postgraduate (Master of Dental Surgery), Department of Public Health Dentistry, SRM Dental College, Ramapuram, Chennai, India***Received: 08-05-2022 / Revised: 12-06-2022 / Accepted: 10-07-2022****Corresponding author: Dr. Prabu D****Conflict of interest: Nil****Abstract**

Background: There is a tremendous increase in the growth of researchers in the field of aloe vera over the years. Although there are numerous articles which are published every year, few of them provide an important and relevant conceptual advance in that particular field and are found to be influential in the evolution of the field. The number of Citations can always be a reflector as a proxy marker in that particular field.

Aim: The aim of the current bibliometric analysis is to assess the top cited articles (n=100) on herbal medicine as of August 2019.

Materials and Method: Google scholar database was searched using freely available software, Publish or Perish. Information related to number of citations, publication title, publication year, and name of the journal was assessed in the current analysis.

Result: Top 100 cited articles were analysed. Nearly 1000 articles were screened in which top 100 were selected according to the citation research. These citation classics provide an important insight into the historical developments.

Conclusion: Herbal medicine has gone its long way from 1900 to the trending topic of today's scenario. Hence this citation analysis will help the further research who works in the field of herbal medicine to get the best obtained result so far.

Key words: Herbal medicine, Citation classics, bibliometric analysis, publications, top-cited articles

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Introduction

In recent years, ayurvedic medicine plays an important role in providing an effective alternative medicine which has been used throughout the world and this often represents the original source of most of the drugs available in commercial market [1-3]. According to world health organisation they are nearly 21,000 plant species available worldwide. These herbal extract is derived from the crude form available in the commercial market which includes in syrup form, ointment, powders, infusions and herbal teas. Evidence of use of herbal medicine goes back some 60 000 years to a burial site in a cave in northern Iraq, which was uncovered in 1960 [4]. A research conducted analysed that they are nearly eight species of plant pollen available in the soil seen around the bones of the human. Among the eight species found, seven medicinal plants are available throughout the world [5]. With the trending development in the medicines they have found some active species have been isolated and duplicates of some form of synthetic drugs [6]. Nevertheless, the preparation of some drugs is unknown and some drugs are practically impossible. For this reason, scientists contribute in the research work to test the herbal medicine with the little known knowledge available and conserve the herbal properties and become crucial to fight against the known and unknown disease. Herbal-5.

derived substances always remain in large proportion and are available as commercial medications and it is used in the treatment of various heart problems, pain, lung disease and high blood pressure. Aloe vera is one of the effective ayurvedic medicines which is used to treat various problems which includes wounds, digestive tract disturbance and sunburn. It is available in gel form and contributes nearly 75% of active agents [7]. The available gel form consist of water and other compounds like aloemodin, methylchromones are also incorporated [8, 9]. In this article, the top 100 cited articles of aloe vera was extracted and bibliometric analysis was done.

2. Materials and Method:

Study Design:

A bibliometric analysis was done to cite the top 100 articles about aloe vera.

Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion Criteria

1. All articles available in the search engine were included.
2. All full text and abstract available articles were included.
3. Articles in English were included.
4. Articles which include the field of herbal medicine were included.

Table 1:Top 100 articles cited about aloe vera for analysis

| S.No | Publication year | Citation | Reference |
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| 4. | 1999 | 641 | Vogler BK, Ernst E. Aloe vera: a systematic review of its clinical effectiveness. <i>Br J Gen Pract</i> . 1999 Oct 1;49(447):823-8. |
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Table 2: Journals contributing maximum citation article in top 100-cited in the field herbal medicine

| Rank | Journal |
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| 1. | Journal of biotechnology progress |
| 2. | Journal of ethno pharmacology |
| 3. | Journal of molecules |
| 4. | British journal of general practice |
| 5. | Journal of ethno pharmacology |
| 6. | Journal of Critical reviews in food science and nutrition |
| 7. | Journal of Ultrasonics sonochemistry |

3. Discussion:

This comprehensive and well-illustrated article includes information about the top 100 cited articles on aloe vera which will be useful to analysis and gather information about the aloe vera and will be helpful for all the researchers who are interested in carrying out studies and this article will create a platform to master the topic of aloe vera. In the current bibliometric analysis, the highest citation of article which was 1728 was published in the *Journal of biotechnology analysis* and the article was about the use of aloe vera leaf extract in forming the gold nano-triangles and silver nanoparticles and found that aloe vera extract may increase the size of the nano-particle and if the aloe vera extract were decreased it found they is a reduction in the size of the nano-particle formed [10]. Followed to this the second highest citation was 1530 citation which was published in the *journal of ethno pharmacology* and this article explained about

the use of aloe vera extract in curing various health disease which includes its role in cancer, diabetic and also act as anti-oxidant property. It's available in gel form which is found to be effective in curing the disease [11]. The third highest was 805 citation published in the *journal of molecules* in which the article mainly focussed on composition and application of aloe vera leaf extract in which the potential of whole leaf extract filled with gel liquid preparation was used to enhance the bioavailability and absorption of intestine as well as used for skin permeation. In addition, important pharmaceutical uses and application overall was also discussed [9]. The lowest citation in top 100 cited articles had a citation score of 117 which was published in the *Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology* [12].

4. Conclusion:

This paper has enlighten all the article with citation score and all information regarding

the about the top 100 cited articles on aloe vera which will be useful to analysis and gather information about the aloe vera and will be helpful for all the researchers who are interested in carrying out studies and this article will create a platform to master the topic of aloe vera.

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