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Harnessing of local plant species by indigenous people of Hamirpur district for ethno-veterinary purposes

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Abstract: Traditional medicines have been playing significant role in livestock health care management since long especially in remote area. This paper is based on a field survey conducted to collect information for curing different ailments utilized by local people and tribals in the Hamirpur district, Himachal Pradesh. Total 541 households were interviewed involved as informants with fully prepared questionnaires; proper interaction along with group discussion. Information were collected from the selected sites regarding way to cure different ailments of animals which was further analyzed for the authenticity of data through different statistical quantitative indices. We found total 121 plant species belonging to 61 families that have been documented to be of common use for curing 78 different types of livestock. Total ailments were categorized into fifteen major categories based on the body organ systems of livestock. The highest number of ethno-medicinal plants were recorded from family Fabaceae followed by Asteraceae and other families. Leaves were the most commonly used part of the plant for the preparation of ethno-medicinal medicines followed by other plant parts. *Achyranthes aspera*, *Acorus calamus*, *Pogostemon benghalensis* are the most important plants used to cure different ailments on the basis of use value index. On the basis of Informant Consensus factor (FIC), diseases related to digestive system, reproductive system, respiratory and fever were considered as major ailments in the livestock. In conclusion, we found in this study that most of the plants are widely used to cure different ailments as reported previously by different workers. However, on the first hand, many new findings to cure different ailments of livestock have been found during this survey indicating need for conducting more studies to get valuable information from the local community which are not documented yet. It was also found that indigenous people have excellent information with respect to ethnoecological aspect. There is an urgent need to study and document the traditional uses before they are disappeared from the society or community and further study must be integrated with qualitative and quantitative data to assess importance of plants for ethno-veterinary purposes.

Keywords: Ethno-veterinary, Traditional uses, Informants, Tribal Community and Livestock.

Introduction

Plants are the real wealth of the universe designed by the nature for the welfare of other classes of organisms including human. These plants have been used for all necessities by human being for different purposes like food, medicines, fibers, wood, oils, resin etc. from the very beginning of human era (Sharma *et al.*, 2005, Confessor 2009, Tebkew *et al.*, 2014, Pal *et al.*, 2014 and Chand *et al.* 2017). Human associations with animals are recorded since the beginning of human civilization. However, Anthropologists and development professionals started knowing the people's animal healthcare practices in 1980. In this respect, the term ethno-veterinary medicine was first time coined by Mc Corke in 1986 and defined in 1995. Ethno-veterinary medicine is the holistic, interdisciplinary study of local knowledge and its linked skills, practice, belief, practitioners and social structure pertaining to the health care and beneficial husbandry of food, work and other income producing animals, always with an eye to practical development application within livestock production and livelihood system, and with ultimate goal of increasing human happiness via increased benefits from stock raising. In general, Ethno-veterinary is a sub-discipline of ethno-ecology that pertains to ecological wisdom of local people regarding animal health care (Martin, 1995). Interest in this area has grown significantly leading to many publications in recent years (Chand *et al.*, 2016, Ali-Shtayeh *et al.*, 2016, Parthiban, 2016). However, this field has not gained desired recognition so far. People especially living in the remote area or villages have been utilizing ethno-veterinary medicines (EVM) as better alternative in terms of efficiency, low cost, availability and comfort administration. According to Tabuti *et al.*, 2003,

EVM study can generate useful information to develop livestock healing practice and methods that are suited to local environment, it could be a key source to add new drugs and it can contribute for biodiversity conservation too, which is now a thrust core for saving biodiversity for human kind on the earth (Ali-Shtayeh *et al.*, 2016).

Animal husbandry is the backbone of the rural sector of Himalayan region and 80% of tribal population depends upon traditional medicines for their animal health care and more than 95% traditional medicine preparations are of plant origin (Kumar & Bharati 2013). So, the development of this sector may improve the standard of rural communities (Phondani *et al.*, 2009). India has rich diversity of medicinal plants used to cure different ailments of human being as well as animals by traditional medicinal treatments (Lulekal *et al.*, 2008, Devi *et al.*, 2009, Meena *et al.*, 2015, Parthiban *et al.*, 2016 and Chand *et al.*, 2017). It is estimated that 6500 to 7000 plant species are medicinally important and used by the society (Kalayou *et al.*, 2012).

In Himalayan region, Himachal Pradesh is one of the largest state. Out of the total 55,576 km area of the state approximate 14353 Sq. km is under forest which accounts for about 25% of total area, higher than the average estimate for the country i.e. 20.6%. However, forest cover is very low as compared to the other states of Himalayan region, for example, Uttarakhand has more than 45% forest cover (FSI, 2003). Flora of Himachal Pradesh consists of about 1038 genera and 3400 species belonging to 180 families (Chaudhary and Wadhwa, 1984, Choudhary, 1991). Remote areas of the state lack modern medicinal facilities and hence their dependency on the

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medicinal plants is very high and more than 500 different plants are used by local people for curing various ailments (Chauhan, 2003) and nearly 130 species are in heavy demand which contribute good trade in medicinal plants in the state (Badola and Pal, 2003). About 152 plants have been documented in India for traditional veterinary medicines (Srivastava *et al.*, 2000).

In Himachal Pradesh, Thakur *et al.*, (2016) documented 74 plant species of Kangra and Chamba district used to cure 22 different ailments of Human and animals, few species were reported to cure livestock. In the foot hills of Shivalik region, residents of Gujjar community have used 35 plant species to increase milk production of their livestock (Rawat and Kharwal, 2010). Another study on the same community from Jawalmukhi region was reported by Sharma *et al.*, 2014; they found 24 plant species were used to cure different ailments. Since, Himalayan belts are the store house of many more important plant species that can be a good substitute for medicinal purposes for curing diseases of the live-stock in the modern time. Moreover, because of the importance of medicinal plant use and lack of practical and scientific information regarding the care of most common veterinary ailments, our primary purpose of this study was to document and analyses traditional information associated with the medicinal plants that are used in managing the animal health problems by the indigenous people of Hamirpur district in Himachal Pradesh. Since local people (informants) are well versed with the medicinal properties of the plants, we involved them in this study to collect basic information. The collected data was analysed both qualitatively and quantitatively for getting more evidences.

Materials and Methods

The study area comprised of several villages of Hamirpur district located at the south-western part of Himachal Pradesh. It lies between 76°-17'-50" to 76°-43'-42" east longitudes and 31°-24'-48" to 31°-53'-35" north latitudes. It is covered by lower Himalayas; the elevation varies from 400 to 1100 meters. The district is covering an area of 1118 km² of total geographical region of the state and it is bounded in the north by river Beas which separates from Kangra district and in the east, Bakhar and Seer Khads separates from Mandi district, whereas in the south, it is bounded by Bilaspur district and in the west by Una district. The climate is mainly sub-tropical and is not much hilly being closer to the plains. Annual average rainfall is about 1520 mm, where maximum rain fall occurs in the month of July to September and minimum in the months of April to June. In this region, demographic structures are mixed with tribal communities along with other different castes such as Brahmins, Rajputs, Kolis, Khatti, and Dumanas etc. However, tribal population in this region is mainly Gujjar, Gaddis and Shaphererd.

Ethnobotanical survey and Data collection:

Extensive field surveys were carried out in five tehsils (Nadaun, Barsar, Hamirpur, Bhoranj and Sujanpur Tirha) in Himachal Pradesh. It was conducted from April, 2013 to May 2017 for the collection of ethno-botanical information. Before conducting field survey, permission was obtained from the local authorities to work and collect information on useful plants with in the local communities. After that, all participants through Sarpanch (Pradhan), Panches and chowkidaars

(Representatives of Villages) of the Gram Panchayats (Villages) were informed about the research work, and their benefits to the whole society. Information was gathered on indigenous uses of plant species as ethno-veterinary medicine by local people including Gujjar, tribes as well as some professional or experienced people. Communication was conducted in local Pahari (Hindi) dialect. Ethno- botanical data collection included semi structured interview, group discussion, free listing, plant identification, local name etc.

A total of 541 informants (330 males and 211 females) between the different age group from 18 to 100 were interviewed. Informants below twenty and above 90 were included in two separate group along with the ascending order of other age groups 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80, 81-90 years, respectively. A questionnaire was prepared and distributed in each house hold which comprised of different parts: (1) Socio- demographic data included gender, age, qualification, occupation, community etc. (2) The information collected included, local name of plant species, ethno veterinary use of plants for treating different ailments, were collected with help of informant. For each plant mentioned or cited, vernacular name, part used, method for drug preparation and mode of administration were carefully recorded. (3) Consent of the informants obtained. (4) Name and identification of plants through PAN herbarium of the department of Botany was used for proper identification. Digital camera was used to take picture of each recorded plant species for the records.

Data analyses:

The information or data collected by interviewing informants was analyzed by different quantitative indices such as fidelity level (FL %), Factor informant consensus (FIC) and Use value (UV), Frequency Index (FI), Medicinal Importance Value (MIV), Relative Medicinal Importance Value (RMIV), Informant Fidelity Index (IFI) Information Index (II) and Total Importance Value (TIV), respectively.

Fidelity Level

Many plant species are used in the same use category, the most important and favored species used to cure particular ailment, which can be represented with the fidelity level (FL, Friedman *et al.*, 1986).

$$FL(\%) = \frac{N_p}{N} \times 100 \text{-----} (i)$$

Here, N_p is the number of use reports cited for a given species for a particular ailment and N is the total no. of use reports cited for any given species. If FL value is higher (100%) for plants, it means that all use reports refer to the same way of using it, however, if the values being low then that plant might be used for many different purposes or ailments. (Musa *et al.*, 2011, Bhatia *et al.*, 2014).

Factor Informant Consensus:

Informant consensus factor was calculated for group of ailments to evaluate the selection of plants against the given disease category as per the level of agreement among informants those plant species which are effective for the treatment of disease having higher ICF level. To check the homogeneity of knowledge about the use of ethno-medicinal plants, the factor informant consensus (FIC) was used (Heinrich *et al.*, 1988). This was calculated as under:

$$FIC = \frac{(Nur - Nt)}{(Nur - 1)} \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

Where, Nur = number of use reports for particular use category and Nt = no. of species used for particular use category by all informants. FIC values are low, if plants are chosen randomly or if there is no exchange of information about their use among informants and Value is near to one (1) if information is exchanged among informants (Gazzaneo et al., 2005, Sharma et al., 2012).

Use Value Index:

Use value indices were used to calculate the relative importance of the species locally as under: (Phillips et al., 1994, Hoffman and Gallaher, 2007)

$$UVi = (\sum_{i=1}^n UVis) / (ni) \dots\dots\dots (iii)$$

Where, UV_i is the number of plants cited by each informant for a given species and ni is total number of informants. Use value are high when there are many use reports for a plant and plant is important, and if value is approaches to zero (0) where there is few use reports related to its use and plant is not much important.

Frequency Index (FI_i):

According to Mahwasane et al., 2013 and Parthiban et al., 2016, frequency citation is a numerical percentage frequency of citation of single species by informants. It is used to compare the relative importance of each plant species. The following formula is used to calculate frequency index given by Madikizela et al., 2012 as FI= FC×100

$$FIis = \frac{NCis}{TI_n} \times 100 \dots\dots\dots (iv)$$

NC_i= Total citations of *ith* species given by each informant, TI_n= Total number of informants involved during the survey for all plant species.

Medicinal Importance Value:

Medicinal Importance Value (MIV_i) was used to calculate the relative importance of the species locally as under:

$$MIVis = \frac{(MUVis \times NCis)}{(TNC)} \times 100 \dots\dots\dots (v)$$

Where, MUV_i is the number of uses of *ith* species, NC_i is the total number of citation of *ith* species and TNC is the total number of citation of all species. Medicinal importance of each species depends upon the uses of the plants cited by the informants and total citations quoted by the all informants of same species. If the Medicinal importance is higher then it means the plant is commonly or frequently applied by the people for livestock care.

Relative Medicinal Importance Value:

RMIV_i of each species was estimated by using the formula based on the medicinal use value of each species as under:

$$RMIVis = (\sum_{i=1}^n MUVis) / (MIV_n) \times 100 \dots\dots (vi)$$

Where, RMIV_i=Relative medicinal importance value of *ith* species, MUV_i = medicinal use value of each species and MIV_n = sum of medicinal importance value of total species.

Information Fidelity Index (IFI_i):

IFI_i was calculated by involving following formula which shows the significant reliability of the plant species with respect to informants.

$$IFIis = \frac{(NUis \times NCis)}{(TI_n)} \times 100 \dots\dots\dots (vii)$$

Where, NU_i = number of uses of *ith* species, NC_i is denoted as the number of citations of *ith* species and TI_n = total number of actual informants participated to provide information of medicinal uses of all species documented.

Information Index (II_i):

Information index of each species is calculated by using the formula given below which shows the importance of each species in relation to informants.

$$IIis = \frac{(NUis \times NIis)}{(TI_n)} \times 100 \dots\dots\dots (viii)$$

Where NU_i refers to total number of uses of *ith* species and NI_i refers to number of informants which cited uses of *ith* species and TI_n total number of actual informants cited uses of all species recorded.

Total Importance Value:

Total importance value of each species (TIV_i) is summation of all values calculated on the basis of use reports, citations and informants participated to provided information of medicinal importance of each and all species recorded which represents overall importance of *ith* species how much that species play important role for ethno-veterinary purposes to the indigenous community. Higher TIV_i shows the greater importance of the species.

$$TIVis = \sum (UVi + FIis + MIVis + RMIVis + IFIis + IIis) \dots\dots (ix)$$

Where, UV_i = Use Value of *ith* species, FI_i = Frequency index of *ith* species, MIV_i = Medicinal Importance Value of *ith* species, RMIV_i = Relative Medicinal Importance Value of *ith* species, IFI_i = Information Fidelity Index of *ith* species and II_i = Information Index of *ith* species.

Table 1. Plants used to cure different livestock ailments by indigenous people of Hamirpur district, Himachal Pradesh.

S.No.	Scientific Name/Common name and Family name	Ailments/Treatment	Part used	Mode of administration	Citations	FI
1	<i>Abutilon indicum</i> (L.) Sweet Ban Bhindi Malvaceae	Urination problems	Leaf, Root	Half cup to one cup of leaf / root extract given orally twice a day for 5-6 days or till recovery.	10	100
2	<i>Acacia catechu</i> (L.f.) Willd Khair Fabaceae	Foot and Mouth disease wound	Heart wood	Heart wood burnt powder mixed with <i>Sesamum indicum</i> (sesame) oil or <i>Brassica campestris</i> (mustard) oil is applied on the infected part of animal.	12	75
			Heart wood	Washed the infected part of three or four times and then applied powder or paste till recovery.	4	25
3	<i>Acacia nilotica</i> Benth. Babul/Kikar Fabaceae	Foot and Mouth disease Burning	Bark	Bark decoction is used to wash the infected foot and with the molasses of <i>Saccharum officinarum</i> (sugarcane) and allowed orally to the infected animals also.	10	35.7
			Bark	Stem bark extract made into a paste with <i>Sesamum indicum</i> (sesame) oil and then applied on the wounds or burns.	6	21.4
4	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i> Linn. Puthkanda Acanthaceae	Stomach worms/ Increase milk in cattle Fever (Malma)	Pods	About 200 to 500 g are used as feed daily to kill the stomach worms and pods are also used as fodder to increase milk production.	12	42.9
			Root	Given powder form orally with water for one weak. Also given as decoction form.	15	31.9
		Wound worms	Root	Few parts of roots wrapped in blue cloth bound to the neck with sun rise and removed before sun.. This to be repeated daily for 5-7 days or till recovery.	5	10.6

		Removal of retained placenta	Root	Roots wrapped in cloth and bound to tail for expulsion of retained placenta after delivery in animals.	10	21.3
		For easy delivery	Root	Roots bound on the neck till delivery	12	25.5
		Pus discharges from ear	Leaf	Extract of leaves put in the ear twice daily to stop the discharge of pus from the ear but pour in other ear.	3	6.4
		Insect bite	WP	Extract of whole plant paste is applied on the effected parts of the animal body.	2	4.3
		Skin allergy	WAP	Rubbing of leaf extract on the infected body parts.	25	47.2
		Boils	WAP	Peeled off the aerial part of plant, warm it on the flame, applied on the boils	12	22.6
5	<i>Aloe vera</i> (L.) Burm.f. Ghi-kuwer/ Koaria Liliaceae	Constipation, Stomach disorder	WAP	Dried aerial whole part of plant is grounded into powder, mixed with equal amount of <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> , <i>Terminalia bellerica</i> and <i>Terminalia chebula</i> fruit powder and Black salt. A handful of mixed powder is given daily in empty stomach.	6	11.3
		Swelling	WAP	Aerial parts prepared as decoction is given orally 3-4 times daily till recovery. Fresh small parts may be given in feed or fodder.	8	15.1
		Breathing problem	WAP	Internal part of leaves taken in a pot, fried, mixed into small amount of Black pepper and given orally for 5-7 days.	2	3.8
6	<i>Adhatoda vasica</i> Nees Basuti Acanthaceae	Constipation, Fever/ Malma	Roots/ Leaves	Root or leaf powder or decoction of this part is given orally to the animal twice a daily for 5-7 days or till recovery.	20	50
		Swelling	Do	Leaf decoction of <i>Adhatoda vasica</i> , <i>Cuscuta reflexa</i> , <i>Vitex negundo</i> and <i>Murraya koenigii</i> is prepared in water and used for bathing or may be taken orally.	15	37.5
		Joint pain	Leaf	Leaf boiled in water till 1/4 left, this decoction mixed in mustard oil and used for massage for joint pain.	5	12.5
		Ectoparasites (lice) intestinal worms	Bark/ Fruit/Leaf	Leaves infusion, seeds or bark powder is used for massage with mustered oil on the infected part of animal body to kill and repel ecto-parasites such as lice, fleas, bugs and flies. Decoction given orally for intestinal worms.	20	43.5
7	<i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss Neem Meliaceae	Skin problem Allergy,	Leaf	Leaf extract is rubbed on the body or given orally in fodder.	15	32.6
		Fever	Leaf/ Bark	Leaf or bark decoction given orally twice a day till recovery.	8	17.4
		Constipation	Leaf	Leaf paste mixed with equal quantity of turmeric powder and given orally to animal for 5-7 days against constipation.	3	6.5
8	<i>Acorus calamus</i> L. Baryan/Buch Araceae	Joint Pain Arthritics	Rhizome	Powder of rhizome mixed with powder of <i>Artemisia scoparia</i> in <i>Brassica campestris</i> (mustard) or <i>Sesamum indicum</i> (sesame) oil and used for massage in case of fever, joint pain and arthritics.	28 5 7	46.7 8.3 11.7
		Fever Cudding	Rhizome	20-25 g of powder mixed with black salt and administered orally.	15 5	25 8.3
9	<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i> L. Neela Phool Asteraceae	Dog bite	Whole plant	After washing the bite parts, whole plant extract is applied properly.	8	100
10	<i>Agave americana</i> L. Keora/ RamBan Agavaceae	Bone fracture (Haddi Tootana)	Leaf	Leaf extract warmed and paste is applied daily on the broken bone part till further recovery.	6	60
		Wound	Leaf	Leaf extract is applied on the wound part of the animal. To get good result this would apply daily one or two times.	4	40
11	<i>Aegle marmelos</i> Webb. & Benth Bael/Bill Rutaceae	Fever	Fruit pulp	Extracted juice of fruit is given orally two times daily till further recovery.	20	74.1
		Constipation	Fruit	Fruit pulp, pods of <i>Cassia fistula</i> boiled, added jaggery, given orally in a day.	7	25.9
12	<i>Ajuga bracteosa</i> Wall ex Benth. NilKanthi Asteraceae	Foot and Mouth disease	Whole plant	Whole plant crushed, mixed with flour and given to the animal orally. It may be given in advance so that animals do not suffer from this disease.	12	100
13	<i>Albizia lebeck</i> Benth. Siris, Sirin Fabaceae	Eyes whiteness	Seed	Seed grounded and filtered through 2-3 folds of cotton cloth and put in the affected area, it remove the whiteness and growth in eyes of animals.	10	71.4
		Night blindness	Leaf Bark	2-3 drops of leaf extract administered 2-3 times daily. Bark crushed and given with wheat flour for seven days.	2 2	14.3 14.3
14	<i>Andrographis paniculata</i> (Burn f.) Acanthaceae	Foot and mouth disease	Whole aerial plant	Whole aerial part of plant in dried form, powdered mixed with salt and applied or decoction of plant is used for washing the infected foot and mouth parts of animal.	7	77.8
		Fever	WP	Decoction of leaf or whole fresh aerial plant is given	2	22.2
		Rheumatism, Body pain	Whole plant	Juice extracted from fresh leaves and fruits are applied over animal body.	2	40
15	<i>Argemone mexicana</i> Linn. Lee Papaveraceae	Retained Placenta	WP	Whole plant is given orally in feed or fodder for the removal of retained placenta.	2	40
		Foot and Mouth disease	Leaf	Leaves extract is also applied on the infected feet of the cattle/ animals and also given orally.	1	20
		Prolapsed uterus/Uterus expulsion	Rhizome	Seeds are grounded and mixed wheat flour and administered orally.	10	38.5
16	<i>Arisaema tortuosum</i> (Wall.) Schott Kire ki Chhalli Araceae	Fever, Anorexia	Tuber	Small piece of tuber in a ball of wheat flour, make like a tennis balls and given orally to oxen when suffering from fever (Pate the fever). This can be given with tuber black pepper and Jaggery.	8	43.5
		Dogbite	Tuber	Crushed tuber pieces mixed with 5-7 seeds powder of black pepper, and given with wheat flour.	5	21.7
17	<i>Artemisia nilagirica</i> (C.B. Clarke) Chharmra Asteraceae	Digestive disorder	Leaves	Leaves are grounded along with the leaves of <i>Vitex negundo</i> , <i>Adhatoda vasica</i> , <i>Pogostemon benghalensis</i> , <i>Murraya koenigii</i> in equal amount and mixed well with four types of salt in it and a handful given daily in morning in empty stomach.	15	6 8.2
		Eye problem	Leaf	Leaf extract is administered to the affected area.	7	31.8
18	<i>Artemisia scoparia</i> Waldst. & Kit Chaunkhera/ Martessia Asteraceae	Fever	leaf/seed/flower	Inflorescence and seeds powder is used for massaging; decoction may be given orally.	25	100

		Fever	Roots or aerial part	Root tuber or aerial parts mixed with feed and administered orally.	30	63.8
19	<i>Asparagus racemosus</i> Willd Sanspai Liliaceae	As coolant after conception	Root tuber	Tuber pieces mixed with fodder or animal feed is given after conception. Decoction of tuber about 1-2 liters mixed with 500 g jaggery is given for drinking for 2-3 days after conception.	13	27.7
		To increase lactation	Root tuber	Tuber pieces mixed with fodder or feed is given to increase the milk production.	4	8.5
20	<i>Asphodelus tenuifolius</i> L. Piyaji Liliaceae	Boils	whole aerial parts	Whole aerial parts extract paste is applied on boils.	6	54.5
		Skin allergy	WAP	Rubbing the leaf extract on the infected parts.	5	45.5
21	<i>Aerva pseudotomentosa</i> Blatt. & Hallb Amaranthaceae	Foot and Mouth disease	Flowers	250 ml of flowers decoction given orally twice a day till recovery; and infected foot and mouth part may also be washed with this decoction which may provide more relief.	5	41.7
		Fever (Malma)	WAP	Whole aerial part with flower is used to make decoction and mixed with gur or Jaggery and given to animal two times in a day.	7	58.3
22	<i>Bambusa arundinaceae</i> (Retz.) Roxb. Bainjh Poaceae	Mouth and Foot Disease	Leaf	Leaf extract given orally and used to washed the infected body parts.	2	15.4
		Milking enhancement (Lactation)	Leaf	Leaves are used as a fodder to it enhances the milk production.	7	53.8
		Cough	Scale leaf	Burnt leaf made into powder and given orally.	2	15.4
		Expulsion of Placenta	Leaf	Leaf extract is given orally.	2	15.4
		Cold and Cough	Leaf	The leaves are used as fodder.	4	26.7
23	<i>Bauhinia vahlii</i> Wight and Am Taur Fabaceae	Body tonic (Weakness)	Seed	Seeds grounded and mixed with feeds are given for weakness.	7	46.7
		Tape worm, Worms	Leaf, stem	50-100 ml Leaf /stem extract is given orally in empty stomach daily.	4	26.6
24	<i>Bauhinia variegata</i> L. Karaal/Kachnaar Fabaceae	Tumour	Bark	Bark crushed and mixed with feed or fodder and given orally 5-7 days or decoction of the bark is also given two times daily till recovery.	4	14.8
		As coolant to retain pregnancy after conception	Leaf	Leaves act as cooling agent and given orally as fodder to ensure the successful pregnancy in cow and Buffalo.	15	55.6
		Lactation	Leaf	Leaves used as fodder	8	29.6
		Expulsion of Uterus (Bhaar Daina)	Bark/ Roots	Root and old stem cut in to small slice pieces, boiled in water till it become semisolid, Extract is called as Rasaut which is used for the treatment of various diseases.	13	41.9
25	<i>Berberis asiatica</i> Roxb. ex DC. Kashmal/ Kasmalu Berberidaceae	As Coolant to retain successful pregnancy after conception	Old stem, Root	Rasaut is diluted in water and given as drink for 2-3 days	6	19.4
		Eye redness problem, Fever	Old stem/root	Rasaut is poured in eyes of animal to reduce redness, discharges from eyes and injuries. Rasaut extract is given orally for fever.	7,5	22.6,16.1
		Fever (Malma)	WP	Decoction of whole plant of about 250 ml is given twice daily till recovery.	11	28.2
26	<i>Boerhaavia diffusa</i> L. Utshat/ Punernava Nyctaginaceae	Milking enhancement (Lactation)	WAP	Aerial part of plant mixed in fodder, increase milk.	10	25.6
		Retained placenta after delivery	WP	1 kg of whole plant boiled in 5 liters water till 1/4 left and then this decoction given orally two times daily of retained placenta.	15	38.5
		Urinal problems/ swelling	Roots	Whole plant is fed to animal daily for curing urinary, swelling problems.	3	7.7
27	<i>Bombax ceiba</i> L. Simbal, Simal Bombaceae	Bone fracture/ Dislocation	Bark	Bark grounded, a small amount is mixed with turmeric powder and applied paste on the broken or dislocated bone area daily till complete relief or recovery.	5	55.6
		Mastitis (Blocking of milk pore) Thanala		Grounded bark is mixed with feed or fodder which increases the flow of blocked milk in animal like buffalos, cow etc.	4	44.4
28	<i>Bryophyllum pinnata</i> (Lam.) Oken. Pathar Chat Crassulaceae	Swelling in nipples, Joint pain, Boils	WP	Leaf of the plant dip in mustard oil slightly heated on flame and paste or applied on the affected part of the animals.	4+2+7	30.8 15.4 53.8
29	<i>Butea monosperma</i> (Lam.) Taub. Palash/Palah Fabaceae	For heat to perceive pregnancy	Bark	Decoction of bark 200-250 ml given orally to retain pregnancy.	15	60.0
		Abortion	Bark	Bark crushed, boiled and decoction is used with molasses of sugarcane for abortion.	6	24.0
		Constipation	Leaf	Leaves mixed with grasses are used as fodder for animal.	4	16.0
		Tumour or wart	Latex	Milky extract of plant is applied on tumor/ wart	3	27.3
30	<i>Calotropis procera</i> R.Br. Bara Aak/Ak Asclepiadaceae	Dog bite, snake bite	Latex	Milky extract is applied on bitten part of the body to neutralize poison.	3	27.3
		Hard neck of Ox	Leaf	Powder of burnt leaves mixed with classified butter or desi ghee and applied as massage on neck.	5	45.5
31	<i>Cassia fistula</i> L. Amaltas/ Ali Fabaceae	Indigestion, stomach pain	Seed	Pods crushed and boiled in water till 1/4 left, this decoction mixed with appropriate amount of <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> (Ajwin), <i>Linum usitatissimum</i> (Alsi) and a jaggery or molasses of sugar cane is given orally up to 500 ml twice a day for 2-3 days.	35	60.3
		Constipation (Ban)	Pod	Pods of <i>Cassia fistula</i> , internal part of fruit of <i>Aegle marmelos</i> and <i>Lens culinaris</i> (Masar Daal) boiled in water till 1/3 left and jaggery is added and administered.	15	25.9
		Cough/cold		Pod decoction mixed with jaggery and fed to animal.	8	13.8
32	<i>Cassia tora</i> L. Allown/ illama Fabaceae	Milking enhancement (Lactation)	Leaf	Leaves are used as fodder to increase milk production in animals.	7	70
		Dog bite	Seed	Seeds powder of <i>Cassia tora</i> and <i>Cassia occidentalis</i> mixed in 1-2 litres curd or lassi and orally administered.	3	30
33	<i>Cassia occidentalis</i> L. Chhoti ilama / Alowan Fabaceae	Dog bite (Rabbies)	Seed	About 50-100 g of seed powder mixed with 1-2 liters curd or lassi and given orally.	14	100
34	<i>Cannabis sativa</i> L. Bhang Cannabaceae	Insect bite	Leaf	Massage with leaf extract on the affected area of the animal to neutralize the poison.	5	55.5
		Digestion, constipation	Leaf	Leaves fodder is given to animal for stomach pain, constipation problem.	4	44.5

35	<i>Carissa spinarum</i> L. Karaunda/ Garuna Apocynaceae	Milking enhancement (Lactation)	Leaf/Fruit	Leaf and fruit used as fodder to increase the flow of milk.	8	66.6
		Constipation, digestion problem	do	Leaf and fruit are used as feed.	2+2	16.7 16.7
36	<i>Celastrus paniculatus</i> Willd. Sankhiryan, Sankheere Celastraceae	Fracture, Joint pain, Massage	Seed/Oil	Seed oil is massaged on the infected body part of animal having joint pain or fracture.	5+15	16.7 50
		Milking enhancement (Lactation)	Seed	Seeds are boiled with <i>Gossypium esculenta</i> seeds and given daily to animal for the increase of milk production.	10	33.3
37	<i>Centella asiatica</i> L. BrahamiButi Apiaceae	Retention of successful pregnancy after conception	Whole plant	Whole plant extract or decoction is used to retain pregnancy after conception for 3-4 days	20	100
38	<i>Centipeda minima</i> (L.) A. Br. & Asch. Nachhiknu/ Chhiknu Asteraceae	Uterus expulsion	WP	Powdered form of plant mixed with water and sprayed on the out coming part of the uterus.	15	83.7
		Stomach pain	WP	Dried powder of whole plant is given to animal with water for curing stomach pain and it may be given in semi-solid form as halwa.	3	16.7
39	<i>Cheilanthes albomarginata</i> C.B. Clarke Silver Fern Adiantaceae	Intestinal Worm,	WP	Extracted juice is administered orally.	3	42.9
		Wound	WP	Grounded aerial parts and paste is applied on the wound.	4	57.1
40	<i>Chenopodium album</i> L. Bathua/ Kunnaha Chenopodiaceae	Milking enhancement (Lactation)	WAP	Whole aerial plant part is used as fodder.	12	75
		Removal of retained placenta after delivery	WP	Whole plant is used as fodder.	4	25
41	<i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i> L. Kaa Ajwain Chenopodiaceae	Digestion, constipation	Seed/Leaf	Decoction of seeds and leaves is mixed with jaggery given orally to animals for 2-3 days.	30	60
		Stomach pain	WAP	Decoction of WAP is prepared by boiling it in water under low flame till ¼ left. Jaggery is added	15	30
		Cudding (Juggali)	WAP	Plant part is boiled with water until ¼ of it is left. Jaggery is added and mixture is administered orally.	05	10
		Loose motion	Leaf	Aerial parts boiled in 4-5 liters water until only 1/4 left and 200-250 ml given orally twice daily for 5-7 days or till recovery.	20	51.3
42	<i>Cissampelos pareira</i> L. Patindu, Bhatindu Menispermaceae	Swelling/wounds/bois		Application of leaf decoction and extract is applied on the wound or infected part of the animal body.	12	30.8
		Eye problems	Leaf	Few drops of Leaf extract put in eye for curing redness and other problem of the eyes.	2	5.1
		For successful conception or pregnancy in buffalos	WAP	Decoction of whole aerial parts is given after conception for 2-3 days.	5	12.8
43	<i>Cissus quadrangularis</i> L. Hadjor Vitaceae	Bone Fractures	Stem	Stem of the plant crushed, a paste is made and it is applied on the fractured part of the body.	15	100
		Cough	Leaf	Leaf powder or decoction mixed with jaggery and given orally daily.	24	66.7
44	<i>Colebrookea oppositifolia</i> Smith Dushane Lamiaceae	Fever	Root	Powder of dried root mixed with leaf powder of <i>Murraya koenigii</i> and <i>Albataloda vasica</i> , one handful is given to animal two times till recovery.	8	22.2
		Eye problem	Leaf	Leaf extract filtered with 2-3 layers of clean cloth, 2-3 drops are used two times a day in eyes to reduce redness or injury.	4	11.1
45	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i> L. (Schott.) Jangli Kachaloo or Arbi Araceae	Constipation	Tuber	Tuber cut into small pieces, mixed in animal feed to cure constipation. Also can be used as fodder.	8	66.7
		Cudding	Tuber	Tuber crushed mixed with wheat flour and handful given two or three times a day.	4	33.3
46	<i>Commelina benghalensis</i> L. Chhura Commelinaceae	Eye redness	WAP	Whole aerial plant of extract is applied in the eyes.	16	100
47	<i>Cordia dichotoma</i> G. Forst. Lasura Boraginaceae	Nipple wounds, cracks or cut	Leaf	Powder of burnt leaves mixed with butter or classified butter and applied on the infected part of nipples of animals daily till recovery.	8	66.7
		Wound worms		Powder of Burnt leaves mixed with classified butter or ghee and applied on the infected part till recovery.	4	44.3
48	<i>Costus speciosus</i> (J.Konig), Sm. Kire ki Bari Chhali Costaceae	Fever	Tuber	Tuber is crushed in wheat flour (Make ball or laddoo) and fed to the animal.	6	40
		Swelling/ Boils	Tuber	Small piece of tuber in wheat flour ball is given orally.	5	33.3
		Dog bite (Rabbies)	Tuber	Small piece of tuber in wheat flour ball is given orally.	4	26.7
		Loose motion	Rhizome	Rhizome cut in to small pieces and mixed in feed or fodder.	23	74.2
49	<i>Curcuma aromatica</i> Salisb Ban haldi Zingiberaceae	Prevention of mis-carriage	Rhizome	Rhizome pieces mixed with feed or fodder and given to the animals.	2	6.4
		Stomach pain, Anorexia, Ghumanghera	do	Rhizome powder boiled in water along with some jaggery and given orally. Powder grounded with water and paste on the head of animal.	3,2,3	9.0 6.4 9.0
50	<i>Cuscuta reflexa</i> Roxb. Akkash Bel Convolvulaceae	Swelling	whole plant	Whole plant boiled in water, and then it is used for bathing and also given orally to the animals.	25	62.5
		Fracture/ Gum wound		Decoction of <i>Cuscuta reflexa</i> , <i>Doedenae</i> , <i>Murraya koenigii</i> , <i>Vitex negundo</i> leaf is used for bathing and prepared paste applied on the fractured part of the body till recovery.	15	37.5
51	<i>Cryptolepis buchanani</i> Roem and Schultes Bakerbel Asclepiadaceae	Milking enhancement (Lactation)	Leaf	Leaves of plant are used as fodder to increase milk in goats and sheep.	24	66.7
		Dog bite (Halka)	Root	Roots grounded, boiled in water, decoction given one time daily for seven days	3	8.3
		Cudding (Juggali)	WAP	Whole aerial plant mixed with feed of the animal and given orally.	5	13.9
52	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.) Pers. Doob grass/ Dhruv Poaceae	Mouth ulcer	WAP	Whole aerial parts are crushed and rubbed in the mouth of the infected animal.	4	11.1
		Burning wounds	whole plant	Extract of whole plant is applied on the burnt area.	10	23.8
		Urination problems	Whole plant	Decoction of whole plant 400-500 ml is given orally twice daily till further recovery.	7	16.7
		Lactation (Increase milk), Tonic	WAP	Whole aerial parts used as fodder to increase milk production in animals and improve the health of animals.	25	59.5

53	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i> L. f. Shisham/Tahli Fabaceae	Blood in urine	Leaf/Young pod	Leaves and Young pods are used as fodder to cure blood in urine. Decoction of these parts is better for quick relief.	10	100
54	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i> (L.) Deela/ Morla Cyperaceae	Fever	Tuber	Tubers of the grass boiled in water to form decoction 400-500 ml is given two times for a weak or till further recovery to the animals.	10	100
55	<i>Dactyloctenium aegyptium</i> (L.) P. Beauv. katikuti Charakha gass Poaceae	Milking enhancement (Lactation)	WP	Whole aerial parts of the plant is used as fodder	15	100
56	<i>Diospyros cordifolia</i> Ebenaceae	Foot and Mouth disease	Fruit	Fruit pulp massed with some amount of water and applied on the affected parts.	12	100
57	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> L. Jacq. Mehandru Sapindaceae	Fractured bone	leaf	Leaf extract mixed with the leaf paste of other plant extract such as <i>Adhatoda vasica</i> , <i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> , <i>Cuscuta reflexa</i> , <i>Vitex negundo</i> , <i>Flucortia indica</i> and applied on the affected areas.	28	65.1
58	<i>Equisetum debile</i> Roxb. ex Vauch. Ghormali Equisetaceae	Burning Prolapsed uterus or Evagination of Uterus	WAP	Paste prepared from the leaves of the plants is applied on the burnt part of the body. Whole plant crushed, mixed in wheat flour and given orally two times daily for seven days	15	34.9
59	<i>Erythrina indica</i> Lamk Fabaceae	Fever	Bark	Bark boiled in water till ¼ left; about 500 ml of decoction is given to animal two times in a day for two –three days.	3	100
60	<i>Eupatorium adenophorum</i> Spreng. Asteraceae	Constipation/ Ban	Leaf	Leaves boiled in 4-5 litres water till 1/4 left, 100-200 ml decoction given two or three times in day for two days orally given to the animal.	5	100
61	<i>Euphorbia raylaena</i> Thoar (Chhun) Euphorbiaceae	Ovulation, stimulation	Young shoot	It stimulate the ovulation in animals where pregnancy is not occurred due to some related problems	5	62.5
62	<i>Euphorbia geniculata</i> Ort. ex Boiss. Bari Dodhi Euphorbiaceae	Tail infection Loose motion Constipation Milking enhancement (Lactation)	Milky Latex Leaf or young shoot Leaf Leaf	Milky latex is applied directly on the infected tail. Leaves mixed with feed given orally with normal water. Leaf decoction with lukewarm water. Leaves used as a fodder to increase the milk in goat and sheep	3 4 4 3	37.5 36.4 36.4 27.2
63	<i>Ficus benghalensis</i> L. Bad/ Bargadh Moraceae	To retain pregnancy or heat in buffalos	Leaf	Leaves mixed with fodder.	10	100
64	<i>Ficus cordifolia</i> Thunb. Khain Moraceae	Milking enhancement (Lactation)	Leaf	Leaves are given mixed with other fodder to increase milk production.	15	100
65	<i>Ficus palmata</i> Forsk. Phalgu/ Anjhit/Dogla Moraceae	Milking enhancement (Lactation)	leaf	Leaf used as fodder to increases the milk production in animals.	8	100
66	<i>Ficus religiosa</i> L. Peepal Moraceae	Bowls/ Burns Lactation, Digestion	Bark Leaf	Bark powder paste is applied on the affected parts of the animal body. Leaves are fed to increase milk and it may cure digestive problems of animals.	13 5,3	61.9 23.8,14.3
67	<i>Flucortia indica</i> (Burn.f.) Merr. Kangu Salicaceae	Swelling, Fracture and Body pain Liver problem	Bark	Bark in fresh or powder form is mixed with leaf of <i>Adhatoda vasica</i> , <i>Vitex negundo</i> and <i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> in equal amount, boiled in water and used for washing the infected part of the animal body daily till recovery. Bark powder or decoction is given to the animals.	7,8 2	41.2,47 11.8
68	<i>Fumaria indica</i> (Haussk.) Pugsley. Pitpapara, Papara Fumariaceae	Jaundice/ Liver problem Fever	WP WP	Whole plant boiled in water under low flame till 1/4 is left and 100-200ml is given twice a daily for 5-7 days or till complete recovery. Whole plant decoction orally given two times daily till recovery.	10 8	55.6 44.4
69	<i>Gloriosa superba</i> L. Colechicaceae (Liliaceae)	Removal of retained placenta after delivery	Root	Root decoction mixed in Jaggery (Gur) is given orally after delivery to expel the retained placenta.	9	100
70	<i>Grewia oppositifolia</i> Roxb. Beul/Bheul Malvaceae	Worms Milking enhancement (Lactation) Easy delivery	Leaf/Bark Leaf Bark	Bark extract or leaves is given as fodder. Leaves used as fodder to increase milk in animals. Bark is boiled in onelitre water till 1/3 is left, then it is mixed with milk, <i>Brassica campestris</i> (mastred) oil and Mishri (sugar) and given orally.	7 10 3	29.2 41.7 12.5
71	<i>Listea chinensis</i> Lam. Rihaan, Ruhaan Lauraceae	Broken bone Wound	Bark Bark	Leaves are fed as fodder. Paste of Bark powder is applied on broken bone for quick recovery. Powder is also given orally to animal in wheat flour. Bark grounded, made into paste and then applied on the wound.	4 35 5	16.6 87.5 12.5
72	<i>Holarthra pubescens</i> Wall ex. G.Don Keur, Inderjaun Apocynaceae	Prolapsed Uterus (Evagination of Uterus)	Bark	Bark is grounded into paste and applied on the exposed part or given decoction with jaggery orally.	18	100
73	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Lam.) de Wit Alsaenia Fabaceae	Milking enhancement (Lactation)	Leaves	Leaves mixed with fodder grass are given to the animals.	10	100
74	<i>Lepidagathis cuspidata</i> Nees Billi Acanthaceae	Indigestion	WP	Grounded whole plant along with <i>Allium cepa</i> (onion) and <i>Nicotiana tabacum</i> (Tobacco leaf) and 5-7 seeds of <i>Piper nigrum</i> (Black pepper) and then given orally to animal.	7	100
75	<i>Madhuca indica</i> JF Gmil Sapotaceae	Fever Constipation	Flower Bark	Flowers and leaves grounded and mixed with jaggery for consumption. 50 g bark powder mixed with wheat and Gram flour is given orally.	5 5	50 50
76	<i>Mallotus philippensis</i> (Lam.) Muell.-Arg. Kamal/ Kamola Euphorbiaceae	Worms Milking enhancement	Seed powder Leaf	Seed powder mixed with curd or lassi 1/2 liters is given orally to kill intestinal worms. Leaves are used as fodder.	25 4	86.2 13.8

77	<i>Martynia annua</i> L. Puthkoun Martyniaceae	Skin allergy Dry cough	Leaf, stem Fruit	Leaf/stem crushed gently applied on the affected body part of the animal. Burnt fruit powder is given orally.	6 10	37.5 62.5
		Lices (Ectoparasites)	Leaf/Bark/ Fruit	Leaf or seed decoction applied externally on whole body of the animal.	9	45
78	<i>Melia azadirachta</i> L. Drek/ Bakain/Mahaneem Meliaceae Bhui AMLA	Skin problem Fever	Leaf/seed WP	Leaf or seed decoction 50-100 ml given orally daily till recovery. Whole plant about 100 g boiled in one liter water at low flame till 1/4 left and then given orally two times daily 2-3 days or till recovery.	7 4	35 20
79	<i>Moringa oleifera</i> Lam. Sunna Moringaceae	Retention of pregnancy Swelling in Nipple Stomach indigestion	Leaf/Bark Fruit leaf	Leaves are given as fodder to cow or buffalo after conception to retain pregnancy. Bark extract or decoction is given orally for 4-5 days. Fruits or pods are used as feed with other fodder for 5-7 days or till recovery. Leaf powder mixed with <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> (Awain) powder and four salts and a handful is given daily in empty stomach to cure indigestion.	18 5 17	78.3 21.7 51.5
80	<i>Murraya koenigii</i> (L.) Spreng. Gandhla/Karry Patta Rutaceae	Animal makhhi, Allergy, Nipple bleeding, wound, Worms, Foot and Mouth disease	Leaf / Bark	Leaf extract is used as massage or applied to repel makhhi (Parasite insect) or fleas that suck blood from the body of animals; It is also applied on boils, wound, nipple wounds and foot and mouth diseases. Oral administration done to kill or expel the intestine worms.	3, 4, 5, 2	9.1 12.1 15.1 6.1
		For heat in animal	Leaf	Extract or decoction of leaves is given for 3-4 days to produce heat in buffalos before conception.	2	6.1
81	<i>Mucuna pruriens</i> (L.) de Candolle Duragal Fabaceae	For heat in animals Sex stimulant Cough & Cold	Seed Seed Leaf	Seed powder with wheat flour or in feed is given to animal before conception. Seed powder is also given orally as stimulant. Leaf extract is given orally to animal in case of cough and cold	15 5 10	75 25 40
82	<i>Origanum vulgare</i> L. Jungli Tulsi Lamiaceae	Gastric problem/ Constipation		Leaf powder mixed with the powder of <i>Terminalia chebula</i> , <i>Terminalia bellerica</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> , <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> and four salts, handful powder in empty stomach given orally daily.	15	60
83	<i>Oroxylum indicum</i> Vent. Tat palangha Bignoniaceae	Consipation/ Indigestion/ Gastric problem	Bark	Bark decoction is given to animals orally twice a day till recovery.	15	100
84	<i>Ougenia ojeimensis</i> (Roxb.) Hotch. Sanan/Sandan Fabaceae	Worms Blood purifier Stomach problem	Leaf/ Bark Bark	Leaf as fodder or bark decoction is used to cure the intestinal worm. Bark decoction with Jaggery is given orally to the animal.	5 5	50 50
85	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> L. Khatti Mithi buti Oxalidaceae	Eye problem	WAP Leaf	Extract of whole plant provided orally stomach problem. Leaf extract poured in the eyes in infection, injury etc.	8 5	61.5 38.5
		Indigestion, Constipation	Fruit	Fruit powder mixed with the fruit powder of <i>Terminalia chebula</i> , <i>Terminalia bellerica</i> , <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> and four salts in equal amount and then a handful given orally in empty stomach.	35 20	53.8 30.8
86	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> L. Amla/Ambla Euphorbiaceae	Anemia	Fruit	Fruit powder mixed with the fruit powder of <i>Terminalia chebula</i> , <i>Terminalia bellerica</i> , <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> and four salts in equal amount and then handful powder in empty stomach given orally daily	10	15.4
87	<i>Pinus roxburghii</i> Sarg. Chir Pinaceae	Worms Ascaris/ Tapeworms Broken horn/ Pain relief	Needles Resin	Extract of leaves is used to expel or kill intestine worms of animals; 100-200 ml is given orally two times for 3-7 days. Resin is applied on the broken horn for quick recovery.	10 5	66.7 33.3
88	<i>Pistacia integerrima</i> L. Kakersinghi Anacardiaceae	Cooling effect to retain pregnancy after successful conception.	Bark	Bark decoction is given to animals after conception to retain pregnancy for 3-5 days.	12	100
89	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i> L. Chitra Plumbaginaceae	Mastitis (Bis-Basaihar) Infection in tail	Root paste WAP	Root grounded with water and made into paste which is applied on the infected area of animal. Crushed the whole aerial plant and prepare a semisolid material and paste applied on the infected part of the tail and then bandage.	20 5	80 20
90	<i>Podophyllum hexandrum</i> Royle Furfanu Podophyllaceae	Fever Nasal discharge Fever	Fruit Fruit Root leaf	Fruits with feed given orally for checking fever in the animal. Also provided with wheat flour along with feeding. Decoction of the roots is given for nasal discharge. 300-400 ml of leaf decoction is given orally twice a day for 4-5 days or till further recovery.	7 3 20	70 30 35.7
		Spot/ Patches on skin	Leaf	Leaves crushed and rubbed on the infected part of animal body to remove or eradicate spots or patches on the skin.	2	3.6
91	<i>Pogostemon benghalensis</i> Burm. F. Kali Basuti Lamiaceae	Eye troubles Swelling, Cough, Digestion	Leaf Leaf Root	Leaf extract filtered with the 2-3-fold of cloth and put in the infected eyes. Dried leaf in shade, grounded and mixed four salts in it and given orally daily. For better result leaf powder of <i>Athabotoda vasica</i> , <i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> and <i>Vitex negundo</i> in small amount is also added in the above preparation.	16 5,7,6	28.6 8.9, 12.5 10.7
		Skin Allergy	Leaf Bark	Leaves extract is applied on the infected skin. Decoction of plant is given orally.	25	53.2
92	<i>Premna latifolia</i> Roxb Bakaar, Bhankaar Verbenaceae	Boils Abdomen/stomach pain	Leaf Bark	Paste of bark is applied on the boil. Decoction of plant bark is given orally for pain relief.	15 7	31.9 14.9
93	<i>Pueraria tuberosa</i> DC. Salod, Siyali Fabaceae	Cooling effect to retain successful pregnancy after conception	Tuber	Tubers in small pieces are given with feed or fodder after conception to retain pregnancy.	7	100
94	<i>Ricinus communis</i> L. Arand Euphorbiaceae	Worms/constipation /To clean stomach Joint pain	Oil/seed Leaves	Seeds or seed oil is used to treat constipation or worms in intestine of animals Leaves in mustard oil heated slightly on flame, applied or bind on the aching of animal to relieve the joint pain.	15+5 21	36.6 12.2 51.2

95	<i>Rhynchosyris retusa</i> Blume Bhangru Orchidaceae	Fractured bone	Leaf and Flower	Leaf and flower paste is bounded on the affected part of the animal body daily.	7	70
		Indigestion	Tuber	Tubers used as fodder.	3	30
		Skin diseases	Fruit	Fruit crushed is given with wheat flour	4	20
		Fever	Fruit	Fruit extract is given orally for fever relief.	2	10
96	<i>Randia dumetorum</i> (Retz.) Lam. Rada Rubiaceae	Foot and Mouth disease	Fruit	Fruit decoction is used to clean the infected parts of feet.	3	15
		Tail infection (tail gangrene)	Thorn	Thorn (spine) crossed into infected tail and remain inside till recovery	3	15
		Boils	Thorn	Thorn is punctured in the boils so that it bursts.	2	10
		Constipation	Fruit	Fruit extract or juice in small amount is given orally to animal with Luke warm water.	3	15
97	<i>Saccharum munja</i> Roxb. Munj grass/ Suraad Poaceae	Taboos (Locket)	Wood	Wood locket is used in animal neck to avoid bad spirit and evil.	3	15
		Removal of retained placenta after delivery	Leaf	Leaves are boiled in water and mixed with jaggery and given orally to cow, goat and buffalo etc.	10	100
98	<i>Sida rhombifolia</i> L. Dirya Malvaceae	Body tonic	Seed/root	Seeds and roots in powdered form is given to the animals as body tonic especially after delivery.	20	51.3
		Prolapsed Uterus	Seed	Seeds are grounded to powder and given orally.	8	20.5
		Loose motion	Leaf	Leaves are used as fodder.	4	10.2
		Fever	Leaf, seed	Decoction of the plant along with jaggery is given orally.	4	10.2
99	<i>Solanum erianthum</i> D. Don. Olla Solanaceae	Eye infection	Root	Root extract is applied for eye infection.	3	17.7
		Eye Contract	Leaf	Leaves crushed, Squeezed and filter extract with the help of 3-4 folds of clean cloth. Then 5-6 drops of this extract applied two times a day in the infected eyes of the animal	3	100
100	<i>Solanum nigrum</i> L. Kiryun miyun / Makoi Solanaceae	Rabbies/ Halk	Whole plant	Whole plant crushed in water and mixed small amount 5-10 g powder of Black pepper mirch orally allowed to the rabies infected animal.	14	55.6
		Gastrointestinal problem	WAP	Whole aerial plant is used as fodder.	5	44.4
101	<i>Solanum viarum</i> Dunal Jungali bhindi Solanaceae	Respiratory problems/ Cough/ Digestive problem/ Swelling	Fruit	Powder of dried roasted fruits, <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> (Ajwain), <i>Terminalia bellerica</i> , <i>Terminalia Chebula</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> , <i>Colebrookia oppositifolia</i> in equal amount and four types of salts in required amount in equal amount is mixed. Then one handful is given to animal in empty stomach.	15	35.7
					7	16.7
					12	28.6
102	<i>Solanum xanthocarpum</i> Bhindi (Chhoti Kanteli) Solanaceae	Digestive disorder (Gastric and Flatulence)	Fruit	Powder of dried roasted fruits, <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> , <i>Terminalia bellerica</i> , <i>Terminalia Chebula</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> in equal amount and four types of salts in required amount in equal amount is mixed. One handful is given to animal in empty stomach.	10	55.6
		Swelling	Fruit	Powder of dried roasted fruits, <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> , <i>Terminalia bellerica</i> , <i>Terminalia Chebula</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> and four types of salts is given as above.	8	44.4
103	<i>Soyimida febrifuga</i> (A. Juss) Riyaa Meliaceae	Fracture/injuries	Bark	Bark crushed or grounded and applied on the fractured bone part to relieve pain in animals.	15	44.1
		Swelling, internal wound / Rheumatism/ Body tonic/		Bark powder is mixed with feed or fodder, given orally to the animal for the relief of pain or swelling.	10	29.4
				Bark powder mixed in water and semi-solid form is applied on the infected parts.	5	14.7
104	<i>Svertia chirata</i> Roxb.ex Fleming Chirayata Gentianaceae	Fever	Root	Roots crushed, mixed in water and given orally to animals. It may be mixed in feed or fodder till recovery.	12	63.2
		Skin disease	Root	Whole plant and roots are used as fodder or extract of roots may be applied on the infected skin directly.	3	15.8
		Urinal problem	Root	Decoction of roots mixed with jaggery is given orally.	4	21.0
		Swelling/Poisonous / Joint pain	Tuber	Tuber pieces or slices mixed with wheat flour and given once a day after alternate day.	18	40.9
105	<i>Stephania glabra</i> (Roxb.) Bis-Khappar Menispermaceae	Funshies	Tuber		3	6.8
		Fever (Malma)	Tuber	Tuber of the plant about 20-25 g cut into small pieces, mixed in feed and then given orally.	12	27.3
		Flatulence	Tuber		10	22.7
106	<i>Thalictrum foliolosum</i> DC. Kathu Ranunculaceae	Mouth Ulcer	Tuber		1	2.3
		Digestive disorder (Colic pain)	Leaves	Leaves boiled in water, mixed with jaggery and then given orally specially to cattle for digestive problem like pain.	10	1
107	<i>Terminalia chebula</i> Retz. Harar Combretaceae	Digestion problem	Fruit	Churan powder is prepared from the fruits of <i>Terminalia chebula</i> , <i>Terminalia bellerica</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> , <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> , <i>Solanum surretence</i> mixed with Black salt, Sindh salt and Sanchar salt and normal white salt in equal amount.	22	45.8
		Constipation	Fruit	This powder in a handful amount is given early morning daily.	10	20.8
		Stomach pain	Fruit	This powder in a handful amount is given early morning daily.	6	12.6
108	<i>Terminalia bellerica</i> (Gaertn.) Roxb. Bahaera Combretaceae	Anaemia	Fruit	Churan powder is prepared by the fruit of <i>Terminalia chebula</i> , <i>Terminalia bellirica</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> , <i>Trachyspermum ammi</i> , <i>Solanum surretence</i> mixed mixed with Black salt, Sindh salt, Sanchar salt and white salt. This powder in one handful amount is given early morning daily in empty stomach.	10	20.8
		Digestion, constipation	Fruit		22	91.7
		Tumor	Bark	Paste of bark is applied on the affected tumor area daily till recovery.	2	8.3
		Leaf fodder, Uterus expulsion	Bark Leaf	Bark powder with oil spray on the expelled uterus and also given orally	2	9.1
109	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i> (Roxb.) Wight&Arn. Arjun Combretaceae	Swelling, Breathing problem	Leaf	Leaf mixed with fodder given to animal or bark boiled in water till 1/4 left and given twice a daily orally till recovery.	13	59.1
		Burn	Bark	Bark grinded and paste is applied on the affected part of animal body daily till recovery.	4	18.2
		Heart problem, blockage of veins.	Leaf, Bark	Leaf, bark powder is used in hear trouble and blockage to animal.	3	13.6
110	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> (Willd.) Miers. Gulaja, Giloy, Gulanjani Menispermaceae	Fever	Stem	Stem cut into small pieces and mixed with feed or fodder or decoction of whole aerial part is given orally to animal till recovery.	30	73.3
		Milking enhancement (Lactation)	Stem and leaf	Fodder of plant increase the milk production in animals also.	4	9.7

		Digestion problem	Stem	Small peieces of stem used as fodder and in feed.	2	4.8
		Boils/ Blood purifier	Stem	Plant crushed and applied on the boils.	2	4.8
		For heat	Stem	Plant pieces are used to induce heat for conception of animals like buffalos	3	7.4
		Colic, cough	WAP	Fresh leaves or whole plant extract or juice is given to animal in case of colic and chronic cough	2	11.1
111	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i> Linn. Bhakra Zygophyllaceae	Urinal problem	Seed	Powder of seeds or whole plant is given orally for any type of urinal problems	13	72.2
		Tonic/Enhancement milking	WP	Whole plant is used as fodder to Buffalos which act as body tonic to increases milk production.	3	16.7
112	<i>Tridax procumbens</i> L. Asteraceae	Wound/cut	Leaf	Leaf paste is applied on the wound or cut part of the animal.	17	100
113	<i>Vanda roxburghii</i> R.Br. Bhangru Orchidaceae	Fractured bone	Leaf	Leaf paste is wrapped on the broken bone of the body daily.	8	100
		Swelling, Bloat (affara)	WP	Whole plant boiled in water till 1/4 left and given to animal orally for 2-3 days	4	19.1
		Constipation,			2	9.5
114	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i> L. Ban Tambakoo Scrophulariaceae	Rabies	WAP	Decoction of plant is given to the animal in large amount again and again so it causes vomiting repeatedly till recovery.	5	23.8
		Cudding (Juggali)	WAP	Decoction with jaggery (Gur) is given orally to animal.	7	33.3
		Stomach pain (Shool)	WAP	Whole aerial part is also given as feed or fodder.	3	14.3
115	<i>Vernonia anthelmintica</i> Willd. Brahmjiri Asteraceae	'Basaihar'(Mastitis) Seeds,	Leaves	Leaves are given as fodder daily two or three times daily.	3	100
		Goiter	Seed	Seeds mixed with jaggery is given orally as well as applied externally also.	1	14.3
116	<i>Vernonia cinerea</i> Kalajiri Asteraceae	Loss of appetite	Seed	Also given with feed in loss of appetite.	2	28.6
		Aafara	Seed	Seed mixed with sesame oil is given 2-4 times to cure aafara.	4	57.1
		Swelling/ Bis-Bisair (Mastitis)	Leaf/ bark/Root	Young leaves boiled in water and washed the swollen part in 3-4 times daily or small amount is also given orally.	17	65.4
117	<i>Vitex negundo</i> L. Bana/Banaha Verbenaceae	Diarrhoea/ Digestion		Dried leaf powder or leaves mixed with feed or fodder.	4	15.4
		Eye injury or whiteness	Leaf	Leaf extract with leaf extract of <i>Colebrookea</i> sp. is used as eye drops for recovery in eye problem.	2	7.7
		Foot and mouth disease	Root/ leaf	Leaf decoction is given orally and it is used to bath infected part such as foot and mouth of the animal.	3	11.5
118	<i>Wendlandia heynei</i> (Roem. & Schult.) Sant. & Merch. Pansara Rubiaceae	Expelling leeches and lices	Leaf	Leaf extract is applied to expel out leeches from animal skin.	2	100
119	<i>Withania somnifera</i> Dunal. Ashwagandha Solanaceae	Fever	Leaf/ Root	100-150 ml of leaf or root decoction in fresh or dried form 25-40 gm is given orally for 2-3 days or till further recovery.	15	100
120	<i>Woodfordia fruticosa</i> (L.) Kurz. Dhavane, Dhaun Lythraceae	Wound heeling	Leaves/ Flower	Leaf or flower paste applied on the wound for relief.	12	100
		Constipation/Digestion problem	Seed/ Fruit	Fresh fruit or dried powder is used for constipation and to clean stomach.	2	22.2
121	<i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i> Lam. Ber Rhamnaceae	To clean stomach	Leaf Fruit	Decoction of leaf and fruit is given to clean stomach of the animal.	2	22.2
		Milking enhancement	Leaf	leaves are used as fodder and it increases lactation in goat, sheep and buffaloes	5	55.6

Table 2. Major use categories of ethno-veterinary purposes.

Major categories	Ailments
Circulatory system	Anemia, Blood problem, Heart trouble, Artery blockage delivery, Removal of retained placenta after delivery, Ovulation, Stimulation, Abortion, Abnormal delivery, Sterility, infertility
Digestive system	Indigestion, Constipation, Bloating, Flatulence, Gastric problem, Stomach/abdominal pain, Loose motion, Dysentery, Diarrhoea, To clean stomach), Anroxia, Cudding
Ectoparasites and Endoparasites	Lices, Flies, Mosquitoes, Chichar, Intestine worms, Ascaris, Tape worm etc.
Excretory system	Urinal problem (Blockage), Urine flow, Blood in urine
Fever	Fever, Ephemeral fever (Malma) in Buffalo, (Pate da) in Ox
Foot and Mouth disease	Same
Galactagogue	Lactation or Milking enhancement (Increased milk), Increase milk flow, Nipple crackes, Mastitis (Thanella)
Immunity system	Body tonic, Nerve tonic
Muscular system	Swelling (Bis-Bisair), Arthritis, Rheumatism (inflammation), Muscular pain (Body pain), Muscle Fatigue
Ophthalmatic	Ear pain, Ear pus, Eye redness, Eye infection, Eye contract, Night Blindness, Tearing
Others	Wound, Worms, Goiter, Tail infection, Mouth ulcer, Insects bite, Dog bite, Snake bite
Reproductive system	Retention of Placenta, Uterus expulsion, Abortion, Succesful conception, for heat to retain pregnancy
Respiratory system	Cough, Cold, Whooping cough, Pneumonia, Breathing problem
Skeleton system	Bone fracture, Dislocated bone, Joint pain
Dermatosis	Skin allergy, Boils, Burns, Tumour, Blisters, Rashes

Table 3. Reported ethno-veterinary information regarding various ailments of livestock across country and overseas (Source: Literature reviewed).

Name	Ailments	Reference
<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Fever, delivery, Shivering, Conjunctivitis, Wound, Watring of eyes, Bone fracture, Constipation, Expels placenta, Ear problems, Nasal infection, Minor bleeding, Mastitis, Goiter, Indigestion, Bronchitis	Giday and Ameni 2003., Khan 2009, Sumeet 2009, Phondani et al., 2010, Pandit 2010, Selvaraju et al., 2011, Pragada and Rao 2012, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Lulekal et al 2014, Saha et al., 2014, Tariq et al., 2014, Sharma et al., 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014, Birhanu and Abera, 2015., Al Mamun et al., 2015, Reang 2016, Thakur et al., 2016.
<i>Abutilon indicum</i>	Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Removal of placenta	Mishra and Patro 2010, Selvaraju et al., 2011, Ramachandra et al., 2012, Gadpayale et al., 2014

<i>Acacia catechu</i>	Constipation, wound, Hump sore, Foot and Mouth disease, Arthritis	Mishra and Patro 2010, Phondani et al., 2010, Pandit 2010, Malik et al 2012, Saha et al., 2014.
<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	Jaundice, Dysentery, wound, Stomach worms, Diarrhoea, smooth delivery, Colic pain, Mouth Ulcer, Immune deficiency	Pandit 2010, Malik et al., 2012, Pragada and Rao 2012, Salave et al., 2012, Mishra et al., 2012, Verma 2014, Manoj and Ekta 2014, Yadav et al., 2014.
<i>Acorus calamus</i>	Ecto-parasitic, Snake bite, Bone injury	Banumathi and Vaseeharan ,2015, Phondani et al., 2010 Pandit 2010, Malla and Chhetri 2012, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014, Reang et al., 2016.
<i>Adhatoda vasica</i>	Intestinal worms, Insect repellent, Stomach disorder, Fever, Dysentery, Indigestion, Gas trouble, Dehydration, Bronchitis, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Wound, Inflammatory swellings, Fever, Cough Cold	Ishtiaq Ch. et al., 2006, Abbasi et al., 2013, Parthiban et al., 2016, Summet et al., 2009, Pandit 2010, Selvaraju et al., 2011., Malik et al., 2012, Shah et al., 2012, Mishra et al., 2012, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Verma 2014, Mishra et al., 2015,
<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	Diarrhoea, Sun burn, Snake bite, Dysentery, Internal fever, Viral fever, External parasites	Sri Balaji and Vikrama Chakravarthi 2010, Pandit 2010., Malik et al., 2012, Kulkarni et al., 2014, Yadav et al., 2014, Al Mamun et al., 2015, Mishra et al., 2015.
<i>Agave Americana</i>	Bone fracture	Phondani et al., 2010, Rajkumari et al., 2014
<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i>	Cold, Fever	Chassagne et al., 2016
<i>Ajuga bracteosa</i>	Abdominal pain, Fever	Ishtiaq ch. et al., 2006, Abbasi et al., 2013
<i>Albizia lebbek</i>	Eyes problems	Yadav et al., 2014
<i>Aloe vera</i>	Stomach pain, Loss of Appetite, Black water, External parasites, Skin burns, Typhoid, Unconscious condition	Pandit 2010, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014, Rajkumari et al., 2014, Al Mamun et al., 2015, Thakur et al., 2016, Selvaraju et al., 2011, Pragada and Rao 2012.
<i>Amaranthus viridis</i>	Stomach, Wound, Constipation	Pragada and Rao 2012, Shah et al., 2012, Sher and Aldosari 2013.
<i>Andrographis paniculata</i>	Cough and Cold, Foot and mouth, Fever, Dysentery	Pandit 2010, Selvaraju et al., 2011, Malik et al., 2012, Ramachandra et al., 2012, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014.
<i>Argemone mexicana</i>	Root infection, Rheumatism, Constipation, retained placenta, Ulcer wound, Malarial Fever,	Khan 2009, Malik et al., 2012, Malik et al 2012, Verma, 2014, Yadav et al., 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014,
<i>Artemisia brevifolia</i>	Removal of placenta, Expelling round worms	Shah et al., 2012, Tariq et al., 2014,
<i>Asparagus racemosus</i>	Fever Dysentery, Arthritis, Abdominal pain, to produce heat for conception, Stimulant, Heat stroke	Malla and Chhetri 2012, Ramachandra et al., 2012. Sher and Aldosari 2013, Verma 2014, Saha et al., 2014, Tariq et al., 2014, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014, Yadav et al., 2014, Mishra et al., 2015.
<i>Aspodelus tenuifolius</i>	Paralysis	Sher and Aldosari 2013
<i>Aerva pseudotomentosa</i>	Muscular injury	Galav et al., 2010
<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Foot and Mouth, wound, Intestinal worms, Flatulence, Ecto-parasites, Constipation, Fractured horn, Fever, Hump sore, Skin diseases	Summet et al., 2009, Mishra and Patro 2010, Sevaraju et al., 2011, Malik et al., 2012, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Manoj and Ekta 2014, Yadav et al., 2014, Meena et al., 2015, Al Muman et al., 2015, Mishra et al., 2015, Saha et al., 2015,
<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i>	Easier delivery, Diarrhoea, Retained placenta, Skin diseases	Sri Balaji and Vikrama Chakravarthi 2010, Verma, 2014, Meena et al., 2015, Reang et al., 2016
<i>Bambusa Vulgaris</i>	Cough, Mouth soar and Diarrhoea	Mishra et al., 2015
<i>Bauhinia vahlii</i>	Cold	Sharma et al., 2014
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	Successful conception	Sharma et al., 2014
<i>Berberis aristata</i>	Cataract (Eye disease), Flatulence	Phondani et al., 2010, Al Mamun et al., 2015
<i>Boerhaavia diffusa</i>	For retained placenta, Urine problem	Mishra et al., 2012, Yadav et al., 2014,
<i>Bombax ceiba</i>	Dislocated bone, Mastitis (Thanela), Constipation, Flatulence	Summet et al., 2009, Phondani et al., 2010, Malik et al., 2012.
<i>Bryophyllum pinnata</i>	Insect sting, Wound, Boils	Ishtiaq Ch. et al., 2006,
<i>Butea monosperma</i>	Worm, Dysuria, Paralysis, Tympani, Expels worms, Sore throat, Anthelmintic	Khan 2009, Malik et al., 2012, Shah et al., 2012, Ramachandra et al., 2012, Sher and Aldosari 2013, Verma 2014, Kulkarni et al., 2014, Saha et al. 2014, Tariq et al., 2014, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014, Mishra et al., 2015.
<i>Calotropis procera</i>	Skin diseases, Easy delivery, Internal worms, Skin infection, Throat problems, retained placenta, Cough and Cold, Stomach, Snake bite, inflammation, Arthritis, Snake bite, Flatulence, Indigestion, Paralysis, Swelling, Bone injury	Summet et al., 2009, Khan 2009, Phondani et al., 2010, Malik et al., 2012, Pragada and Rao 2012, Mishra et al., 2012, Sher and Aldosari 2013, Verma 2014, Tariq et al., 2014, Sharma et al., 2014, Yadav et al., 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014, Mishra et al., 2015, Reang et al., 2016,
<i>Cannabis sativa</i>	Diarrhoea, Dysentery	Rajkumari et al., 2014
<i>Cassia fistula</i>	Cold, Snake bite, Constipation, Improves appetite, Indigestion, Manor, Cough, Fever, Diarrhoea	Phondani et al., 2010, Saevaraju et al., 2011, Malik et al., 2012, Pragada and Rao 2012, Verma 2014, Sharma et al., 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Rajkumari et al., 2014, Mishra et al., 2015, Al Mamun et al., 2015, Thakur et al., 2016.
<i>Cassia occidentalis</i>	Bone fracture,	Chhavi et al., 2011, Mishra et al., 2012
<i>Cassia tora</i>	Dog bite, Skin diseases, Galactoguge	Selvaraju et al., 2011, Mishra et al., 2012, Kulkarni et al., 2014, Gadpayale et al., 2014.
<i>Centella asiatica</i>	Indigestion, Skin diseases, Dysentery, Diarrhoea	Raj Kumari et al., 2014, Mishra et al., 2015, Reang et al., 2016.
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Wound	Tariq et al., 2014
<i>Cissampelos pareira</i>	Diarrhoea, Stomach problems, Swelling of Abdomen, Tonic, Scorpion bite	Pragada and Rao 2012, Shah et al., 2012, Salave et al., 2012, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Sharma et al., 2014, Mishra et al., 2015.
<i>Cissus quadrangularis</i>	Bone fracture, Asthma, Fever, Removal of placenta, Anthrax, Mastitis, Lice and Fleas	Giday and Ameri 2003, Summet et al., 2009, Mishra and Patro 2010, Sevaraju et al., 2011, Malik et al., 2012, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Kulkarni et al., 2014, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014,
<i>Coccinia indica</i>	Cough, Cold, Running nose	Selvaraju et al., 2011, Malik et al., 2012, Panda and Dhal 2014,
<i>Colebrookea oppositifolia</i>	Stomachache, Wound maggots	Shah et al., 2012, Sharma et al., 2014,
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Induce fertility and increase milk, Foot and Mouth diseases, Diarrhoea	Panda and Dhal 2014, Meena et al., 2015, Mishra et al., 2015,
<i>Commelina benghalensis</i>	Eye problem, Redness of eyes	Shah et al., 2012, Mishra et al., 2012 Kulkarni et al., 2014.
<i>Cordia dichotoma</i>	Cracked nipples	Yadav et al., 2014
<i>Costus speciosus</i>	Fever, Diarrhoea	Saha et al., 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014.
<i>Curcuma aromatica</i>	Exposure to disease, Yolk gall, Muscular pain	Upadhyay et al., 2011
<i>Cuscuta reflexa</i>	Skin diseases, Abortion, Body ache, Poisonous insect bite, Foot and Mouth disease	Malla and Chhetri 2012, Kulkarni et al., 2014, Saha et al., 2014, Yadav et al., 2014, Mishra et al., 2015.
<i>Cryptolepis buchanani</i>	Yoke gall	Upadhyay et al., 2011, Suroowan et al., 2017
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Diarrhoea, injury, Lactation, Conjunctivities, Wound, Analgesic, Foot and Mouth disease, Mastitis, Flatulence	Verma 2014, Tariq et al., 2014, Meena et al., 2015, Al Mamun et al., 2015, Mishra et al., 2015,
<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	Bleeding with urine	Phondani et al., 2010
<i>Datura metel</i>	Rabies, Cold, Wound, Eczema, Lices, Heating, Typhoid, Dysentery, Cough	Selvaraju et al., 2011, Malik et al., 2012, Sher and Aldosari 2013, Verma 2014, Kulkarni et al., 2014, Saha et al. 2014, Tariq et al., 2014, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Mishra et al., 2015, Parthiban et al., 2016
<i>Dioscorea deltoidea</i>	Constipation, Mastitis, Ephemeral Fever, Skin, Ear disease	Tiwari and Pande 2010, Malla and Chhetri 2012, Ramachandra et al., 2012.
<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Wounds, Leg bandage, Bone fracture	Chhavi et al., 2011, Shah et al., 2012, Ramachanda et al., 2012, Banumathi and Vaseeharan ,2015, Parthiban et al., 2016
<i>Eclipta alba</i>	Cut and injury	Summet et al., 2009
<i>Equisetum</i>	Bone fracture, Urine infection	Chhavi et al., 2011
<i>Erythrina indica</i>	Worm, Fever, Diarrhoea	Saha et al., 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014, Mishra et al., 2015

<i>Euphorbia geniculata</i>	Lactation	Sharma et al., 2014
<i>Euphorbia hirta</i>	Wounds, Increase milk	Selvaraju et al., 2011, Parthiban et al., 2016, Suroowan et al 2017
<i>Euphorbia royleana</i>	Fracture	Upadhyay et al., 2011,
<i>Ficus benghalensis</i>	Stomachache, Dental problem, Snake and Scorpion bite	Verma, 2014, Kulkarni et al., 2014, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014, Meena et al., 2015, Parthiban et al., Surooban et al., 2017
<i>Ficus palmata</i>	Easy delivery and Remove placenta, External wound infection and warts, Mouth ulcer	Giday and Ameni 2003, Shah et al., 2012, Thakur et al., 2016
<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	Tonsils, Retained placenta, Constipation, small pox, Throat infection, Foot and mouth	Sumeet et al., 2009, Phondani et al., 2010, Malik et al., 2012, Pragada and Rao 2012, Verma, 2014, Yadav et al., 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014, Surooban et al., 2017
<i>Flacourtia indica</i>	Prolapsed uterus, Retention of placenta	Upadhyay et al., 2011
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Constipation,	Saha et al., 2014
<i>Gloria superba</i>	Small pox, Mastitis	Upadhyay et al., 2011, Mishra et al., 2012,
<i>Grewia oppositifolia Roxb.</i>	Worm	Sharma et al., 2014
<i>Gymnema sylvestre</i>	Fever	Selvaraju et al., 2011
<i>Holarbena pubescens</i>	Prolapsed uterus, Diarrhoea	Rao et al 2008, Sehgal and Sood 2013
<i>Litsea glutinosa</i>	Bone fracture	Saha et al., 2014
<i>Madhuca indica</i>	Fever	Verma, 2014
<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Stomach flatulence, Galactagouge	Tariq et al., 2014, Shah et al., 2012,
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Fever	Selvaraju et al., 2011
<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Rheumatism, Ulcer, Successful conception, Wound, Swelling, Bone fracture	Chhavi et al., 2011, Malik et al., 2012, Verma 2014, Sharma et al., 2014,
<i>Mucuna pruriens</i>	Sex stimulant, Lactation, Snake bite	Malla and Chhetri 2012, Saha et al., 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014,
<i>Murraya koenigii</i>	Gastric troubles, Diarrhoea, Repeat breeding problem	Pragada and Rao 2012, Ramachanda et al., 2012, Sharma et al., 2014,
<i>Oroxylum indicum</i>	Drowsiness, Nipple crack, Gastric	Saha et al., 2014, Sharma et al., 2014
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Eye infection, Abdominal Pain	Phondani et al., 2010, Al Mamun et al., 2015
<i>Phyllanthus niruri</i>	Cough and Fever, wound, indigestion	Khan 2009, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014,
<i>Phytalis minima</i>	Flatulence, Loose motion, Abdomen swelling	Saha et al., 2014, Pragada and Rao 2012.
<i>Picrorhiza kurroa</i>	Foot and Mouth disease, Retained placenta, Indigestion	Mohammad et al., 2005, Phondani et al., 2010,
<i>Pinus roxburghii</i>	Sprain on the foot (Moch), Broken Horn	Phondani et al., 2010
<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	Improved appetite, Diarrhoea, Tumor, Wart	Malik et al., 2012, Yadav et al., 2014,
<i>Pogostemon benghalensis</i>	Digestive problems	Thakur et al., 2016
<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Fever Dysentery,	Selvaraju et al., 2011
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Excessive bleeding	Yadav et al., 2014
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Constipation, rheumatism, Constipation, Wound, Cold, To clean stomach, Flatulence, Blot, Joint pain, Expulsion of placenta, Ring worm, Scabies, Rabbits	Giday and Ameni 2003, Khan 2009, Malla and Chhetri 2012, Sher and Aldosari 2013, Verma 2014, Saha et al., 2014, Tariq et al., 2014, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014 Lulekal 2014, Tekle 2015, Birhanu and Abera 2015, Mishra et al., 2015,, Yadav et al, Ali-Shtayeh et al., 2016, Thakur et al., 2016,
<i>Saccharum munja</i>	Retained placenta	Yadav et al., 2014
<i>Sida cordifolia</i>		Mishra et al., 2012
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Ulcer, Gastrointestinal, fever, Scabbies,	Pragada and Rao 2012, Ramachandra et al., 2012, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014, Ali-Shtayeh et al., 2016
<i>Solanum surattense</i>	Fever, Cough, Intestinal infection, Expectoant	Mishra et al., 2012, Tariq et al., 2014,
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Skin wounds	Pragada and Rao 2012
<i>Soymida febrifuga</i>	Lactation, Blood Dysentery	Kulkarni et al., 2014
<i>Stephania glabra</i>	Eye cataract, Dermatitis (Skin)	Phondani et al., 2010, Saha et al., 2014,
<i>Swertia chirata</i>	Fever	Al Mamun et al., 2015
<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Wound, Joint pain.	Selvaraju et al., 2011, Malik et al., 2012, Ramachandra et al., 2012, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Verma 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014,
<i>Tagetes minuta</i>	Hydrophobia, Skin infection, Broken Horn	Phondani et al., 2010, Verma, 2014, Tariq et al., 2014,
<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>	Wound, Retained placenta, Bone fracture	Chhavi et al., 2011, Kulkarni et al., 2014, Yadav et al., 2014,
<i>Terminalia bellerica</i>	Tumor, Wart	Malik et al., 2012
<i>Terminalia chebula</i>	Better digestion, Loss of appetite, Blot, Fever, Anorexia, Cut injury	Phondani et al., 2010 Selvaraju et al., 2011, Malik et al., 2012, Ramachandra et al., 2012,, Yadav et al., 2014,
<i>Thalictrum foliolosum</i>	Conjunctivities, Indigestion	Sharma et al., 2014, Thakur et al., 2016
<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>	Mastitis, Vomiting, Fever, Immunity, Bone fracture, Blood purifier, Skin infection, Debility.	Phondani et al., 2010, Chhavi et al., 2011, Mishra et al., 2012, Pradaga and Rao 2012, Tariq et al., 2014, Mishra et al., 2015.
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Cough, Colic, Dirrhoea, Increase milk, Chronic cough, Removal of placenta	Mishra and Parto 2010, Pragada and Rao 2012,, Sher and Aldosari 2013, Verma, 2014, Tariq et al., 2014, Yadav et al., 2014.
<i>Tridax procumbens</i>	Wound, Cut, Hump sore	Mishra and Patro 2010, Selvaraju et al., 2011, Panda and Dhal 2014,
<i>Verbascum Thapsus</i>	Diarrhoea, Indigestion	Shah et al., 2012, Thakur et al., 2016
<i>Vernonia cinerea</i>	Fever, Loss of appetite, Goiter, aafara	Manoj and Ekta 2014, Yadav et al., 2014, Mishra et al., 2015,
<i>Vernonia anthelmintica</i>	Mastitis, Expelling leech	Sehgal and Sood 2013
<i>Vitex negundo</i>	Diarrhoea, Fever, Stomach problems, Body pain and Cough, Ectoparasite, Mouth and Foot, Breathing, Rheumatism, Arthritis, Ulcer wound, Infectious disease, Muscular pain, Dermatitis, Cut, Injury	Sumeet et al., 2009, Khan 2009, Malik et al., 2012, Pragada and Rao 2012, Shah et al., 2012, Selvaraju et al., 2011, Thakur et al., 2016, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Rajkumari et al., 2014, Verma 2014, Tariq et al., 2014, Dhanam and Elayaraj 2014, Panda and Dhal 2014, Mishra et al., 2015,
<i>Withania somnifera</i>	Cold and cough, Heating	Sher and Aldosari 2013, Yadav et al., 2014,
<i>Woodfordia fruticosa</i>	Grinding of teeth, Dysentery, Fever	Salave et al., 2012, Gadpayale et al., 2014, Sharma et al., 2014, Meena et al., 2015,
<i>Ziziphus jujube</i>	Skin burn, Wound, Skin diseases, Cough, Fever	Pragada and Rao 2012, Ramachandra et al., 2012, Verma, 2014, Tariq et al., 2014,
<i>Ziziphus nummularia</i>	Intestinal worms, Diarrhoea, Cough and Cold, Mouth and Foot diseases, Skin disease, Ulcer wound, Burn of skin	Khan 2009, Rajkumari et al., 2014, Yadav et al., 2014, Meena et al., 2015,

Table 4. New findings recorded from the indigenous people from Hamirpur district.

Name of Plants	Ailments cured
<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Insect bite
<i>Acorus calamus</i> L.	Fever, cudding
<i>Agave americana</i> L.	Wound
<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i> L.	Dog bite
<i>Ajuga bracteosa</i> Wall ex Benth.	Foot and Mouth disease, Goiter
<i>Albizia lebeck</i> Benth.	Night blindness
<i>Argemone mexicana</i> Linn.	Foot and Mouth disease, Body pain
<i>Arisaema tortuosum</i> (Wall.) Schott	Prolapsed uterus
<i>Asparagus racemosus</i> Willd	Used as coolant to retain pregnancy after successful conception.
<i>Asphodelus tenuifolius</i> L.	Boils, skin allergy
<i>Bambusa arundinaceae</i> (Retz.) Roxb.	Foot and mouth disease
<i>Berberis asiatica</i> Roxb. ex DC.	Prolapsed uterus, Eye problem, fever

<i>Boerhaavia diffusa</i> L.	Fever, urinal problem, swelling.
<i>Butea monosperma</i> (Lam.) Taub.	For heat to get pregnancy, For abortion
<i>Calotropis procera</i> R.Br.	Wart, Hard neck
<i>Cannabis sativa</i> L.	Insect bite
<i>Carrisa spinarum</i> L.	Constipation
<i>Cassia occidentalis</i> L.	Dog bite
<i>Centella asiatica</i> L.	As coolant to retain pregnancy after successful conception
<i>Centipeda minima</i> (L.) A. Br. & Asch.	Prolapsed uterus
<i>Cheilanthes albomarginata</i> C.B. Clarke	Wound healing
<i>Chenopodium album</i> L.	To remove the retained placenta
<i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i> L.	Cudding
<i>Cissampelos pareira</i> L.	Eye problem, For heat to retain pregnancy
<i>Colebrookea oppositifolia</i> Smith	Eye problem
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i> L. (Schott.)	Cudding, Constipation
<i>Commelina benghalensis</i> L.	Eye problem (redness)
<i>Cordia dichotoma</i> G.Forst.	Wound worm
<i>Costus speciosus</i> (J.Konig), Sm.	Fever, swelling and Dog bite
<i>Cryptolepis buchunani</i> Roem and Schultes	Increase milk
<i>Curcuma aromatica</i> Salisb	If abortion occur frequently, stomach pain, Anorexia
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.) Pers.	Urine problem, Ghumanghera
<i>Cyperus rotundus</i> (L.)	Fever
<i>Diospyros cordifolia</i>	Foot and Mouth disease
<i>Euphorbia geniculata</i>	Loose motion, constipation
<i>Euphorbia royleana</i>	Tail infection
<i>Ficus benghalensis</i> L.	For heat to retain pregnancy
<i>Fumaria indica</i> (Haussk.)Pugsley.	Liver problem
<i>Grewia oppositifolia</i> Roxb.	For easy delivery
<i>Lepidagattis cuspidata</i>	Indigestion
<i>Moringa oleifera</i> Lam.	Swelling in nipples
<i>Mucuna pruriens</i> (L.) de Candole	For heat
<i>Murraya koenigii</i> (L.) Spreng.	For heat to retain pregnancy, Nipples bleeding, Foot and Mouth disease
<i>Oxycylum indicum</i> Vent.	Constipation
<i>Ougenia oojenensis</i> (Roxb.) Hotch.	Worms
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> L.	Stomach problem, Eye problem
<i>Pogostemon benghalensis</i> Burm. F.	Fever, Eye problem
<i>Premna latifolia</i> Roxb	Skin allergy
<i>Pueraria tuberosa</i> DC.	As coolant to retain pregnancy after successful conception.
<i>Randia dumetorum</i> (Retz). Lam.	Tail infection
<i>Rhynchosytis retusa</i> Blume	Joint pain
<i>Saccharum munja</i> Roxb.	To remove the retained placenta after delivery
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i> L.	Body tonic
<i>Solanum erianthum</i> D.Don.	Eye problem
<i>Stephania glabra</i> (Roxb.)	Fever, swelling
<i>Swertia chirata</i> Roxb.ex Fleming	Skin disease, Urinal problem
<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> (Willd.) Miers.	Increase milk, Digestion problem, boil, blood purifier
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i> L.	Rabbies, Cudding
<i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i> Lam.	For heat to retain pregnancy

Results and Discussion

Socio-demographic characters of the informants:

Figure 1 shows the demographic characteristics of informants. A total of 541 informants were face to face interviewed, where 330 were males and 211 were females (Figure-1d). These informants were categorized under different groups on the basis of age such as ≤ 20 and interval of ten with all selected age groups (20-90) and ≥ 90 . Although, majority of informants were belonging to above 40 to 70 years age; male accounts 59.6% and female accounts 58.7% (Figure-1a). Most of the households had family size 4 to 6 members which showed 52.8% followed by 7-9 members (21.8%) (Figure-1c). Approximately, 59.5% (n=322) were illiterate and below primary, 21.6% (n=117) were matriculates, 16.8% (n=91) elementary, 11.9% (n=60) were Secondary and only 7.7% (n=42) had achieved university degrees (Figure-1b).

Diversity of recorded plant species:

In this study, information of 121 plant species and 105 genera belonging to 61 families used for curing 78 different types of animal ailments were documented from five tehsils namely: Nadaun, Barsar, Hamirpur, Bhoranj and Sujampur Tira of Hamirpur district Himachal Pradesh. Many use reports including new information regarding the uses of ethno-veterinary purposes are given in Table 1.

Plant Parts used:

Out of the recorded total plants, leaf component was the most commonly used for the preparation of ethno-medicines (Figure 2). Sixty plant species have been utilized of leaf part followed by Root/Tuber/Rhizome/Corn (24 species), Bark (23 species), Seed/Seed oil (18 species), Fruit (15 species), Whole plant (14 species), Whole aerial part (13 species), Stem/Shoot (7 species), Flower/Inflorescence (6 species), Bud/Pod (3 species), Latex(2species), Wood (2 species), Thorn (2 species) and Resin (1 species). Our results favour in agreement of other similar ethno-veterinary studies (Aziem *et al.*, 2013, Verma 2014, Parthiban *et al.*, 2016, Ali – Shtayeh *et al.*, 2016) that leaves and aerial parts were major component used for the preparation of ethno-veterinary medicines. Our study revealed that herbs were the primary source of medicinal plants accounting for about 44.6 % followed by trees (39.4), shrubs (15.7) and creepers (8.26), respectively. Similar finding was reported by Kumar and Bharati, (2013) from Uttar Pradesh. In present study, all plants belonged to 61 families with most plants representing family Fabaceae (15 species) followed by Asteraceae (9 species), Euphorbiaceae and Solanaceae (5 species each), Acanthaceae, Moraceae, and Poaceae (4 species each) (Figure-3). Medicinal plant species from these families could be recognized by their wider availability for their use in the study area. Gohre *et al.*, (2016) reported Fabaceae as the richest in species followed by Asteraceae and Euphorbiaceae from northern Angola; whereas, Chasange *et al.*, (2016) from Combodia and Verma (2014)

from Bundelkhand, India reported Fabaceae as dominant family followed by Asteraceae and Zingiberaceae, respectively.

Family wise Use and their citation reports:

In this study, a total of 2611 use reports have been documented, where 1868 are total repeated informants who cited uses and 541 referred as actual informants involved in the survey (Figure 3). We observed that 300 are the actual uses cited for 121 plants of species, it means each species is having with atleast 2.5 uses to cure ailments of ethno-veterinary purposes. On the basis of family wise citations, we found that Fabaceae (n=15) family is the largest where having citations (267); informants (190); use reports (31); ailments (21) followed by Euphorbiaceae (n=5) including citations (154); informants (83); use reports (13); ailments (9), Menispermaceae (n=3) citations (124); informants (92); use reports (14); ailments (12), then Asteraceae (n=9) containing (117); informants (108); use reports (13); ailments (9) and lamiaceae (n=3) having citations (117); informants (72); use reports (11); ailments and smallest family Papveraceae (n=1) including citations (5); informants (5); use reports (3); ailments (3) (Figure-3). This analysis showed that which family lower number of plants recorded with more citations has meant as commonly utilised by the people for their necessities and their information is communicated among the peoples.

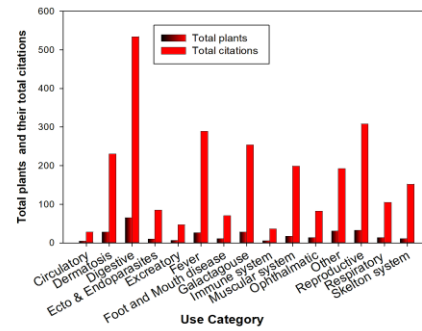


Figure 4. Total number of plants and their citations involved under major use category of ethno-veterinary purposes.

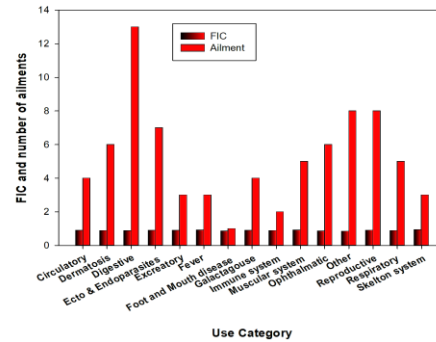


Figure 5. Factor informant consensus and total number of ailments under major use category of ethno-veterinary purposes

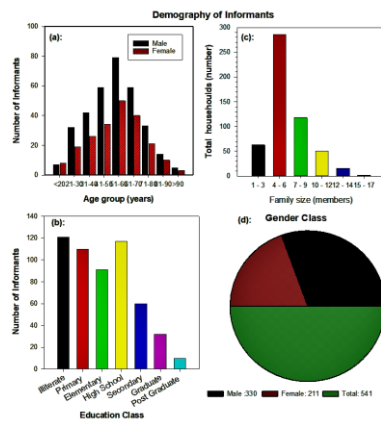


Figure 1. Demography of the informants such as number of informants under with age group (a), Education class (b), total households in family size (c) and Gender class (d) of the total informants were involved for study of medicinal plants for ethno-veterinary purposes.

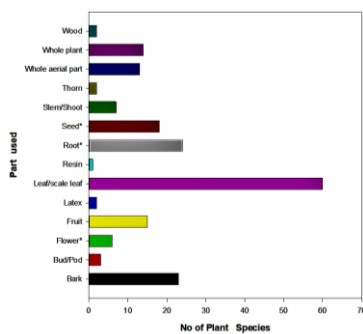


Figure 2. Plant parts used for their ethno-veterinary purposes

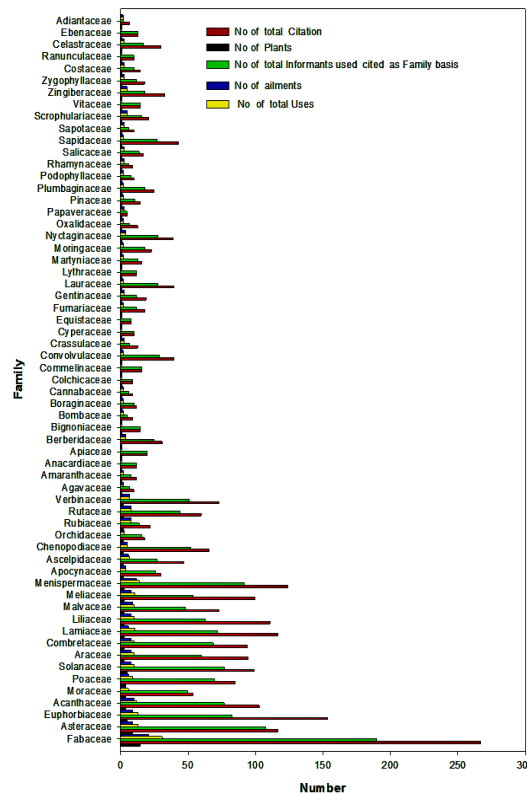


Figure 3. Family-wise analysis showing total citations, Number of plants, Number of total informants used cited as family basis, Number of ailments and Number of total uses.

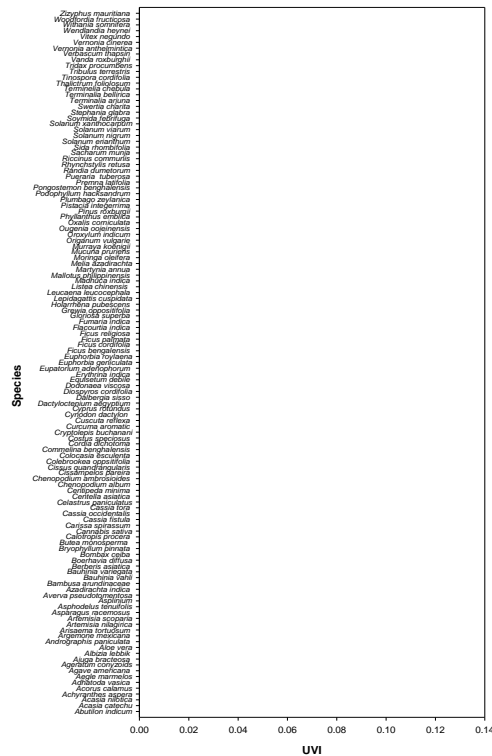


Figure 6. UVI values of each recorded species for ethno-veterinary purposes from Hamirpur District, Himachal Pradesh.

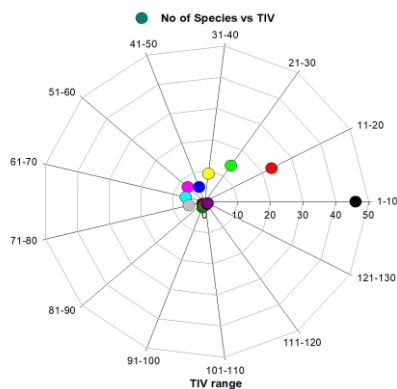


Figure 7. Total importance value (TIV) of total recorded species (number) for ethno-veterinary purposes from Hamirpur District. Values given in the figure as under placed in different classes at interval of 10.

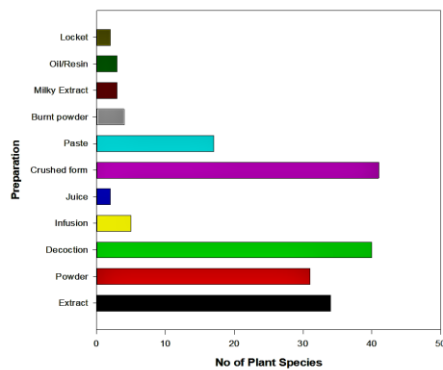


Figure 8. Mode of preparation of ethno-veterinary medicines used to cure ailments of livestock in the selected site Hamirpur district, Himachal Pradesh.

Major use category of Ethno-veterinary:

All recorded 121 plant species were used to treat about 78 different ailments which were categorized into 15 major categories of ailments are given in figure 2 and described with detail in Table 2. These are as follows: Circulatory system (n=4), Dermatitis (n=28), Digestive system (n=65), Ecto-parasites and Endo-parasites (n=10), Excretory system (n=6), Fever (Ephemeral, Malarial, fever) (n=27) Foot and Mouth disease (n=11), Galactagogue (n=28), Immune system (n=5), Muscular system (n=17), Ophthalmic (n=12), Other (n=34), Reproductive system (n=32), Respiratory system (n=13) and Skelton system (n=12) (Figure-4). On the basis of citations major use category digestive system was largest (534) followed by reproductive (308); fever (289); Galactagogue (254); Dermatitis (230) and lowest one was circulatory system (4) in Figure-4. In conformity with this, a similar type of study has been reported where digestive system having highest citations by Thakur *et al.*, (2016) from Chamba and Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh, by Gohre *et al.*, (2016) from northern Angola, Africa and Kumar and Bharati, (2013) from Uttar Pradesh, India reported reproductive followed by dermatosis and then digestive categories in their study.

Fidelity Level and Factor Informant Consensus:

The fidelity level is applied for recognizing most preferred plant species in use to cure different ailments by the indigenous people. In principle, maximum fidelity level (100%) indicates that all of the use reports cited by the all informants mentioned the same method for using the plant for treatment (Srithi *et al.*, 2009, Thakur *et al.*, 2016). In present study, thirty-four plant species were found with having of to have hundred percent fidelity level (Table-1), whereas, three plants were applied to cure prolapsed uterus, three digestion problems, three to regain successful pregnancy after conception, four to increase milk production, three to cure fever, two used for removal of placenta, two for bone fracture and others for curing other different ailments had the maximum hundred percent fidelity level.

FIC index was applied to calculate the consensus informants for the treatment of certain major use categories that included different ailments related to specific system (Heinrich *et al.*, 2009). In our study, value for FIC index ranged from 0.84 to 0.94, being maximum representing greater consent among informants for ethno veterinary uses of species for ailments of certain categories (Figure 5). Respiratory system had highest FIC 0.93 followed by muscular system and Fever 0.91, reproductive, galactagogue, ecto-parasite and endo-parasites and lowest Fic (0.84) was found in other category ailments (Figure-5). However digestive system included 13 types of ailments followed by reproductive (8); other (8); ecto and endo paracites (7); Skin (6) and foot and mouth was single ailments (Figure-5).

Use Value Index

In present study, on the basis of quantitative analysis, UVI of each species was calculated and given in Figure 6. Most commonly used plant species have higher use value (UVi) in *Phyllanthus emblica* (0.110) with 32 use reports by 65 informants, recognized to its use in the treatment of different diseases such as indigestion, constipation, anaemia (Suroowan *et al.*, 2017); *Acorus calamus* (0.11) with 35 use reports by 60 informants, attributed its uses to cure ailments like fever, joint pains, arthritis, cuddling;

another important species *Cassia fistula* (0.107) with use reports 36 and 58 informants endorsed its uses to treat diseases indigestion, stomach pain, constipation cough and cold; *Pogostemon benghalensis* (0.103) with 33 use reports by 56 informants, used in fever/malma, spot/patches on skin, digestion problems, swellings, cough and eye problems; *Aloe vera* (0.097) with 28 use reports and 53 informants credited to cure ailments skin allergy, constipation, stomach disorder, swellings, breathing problems and boils; *Chenopodium ambrosioides* (0.092) with 39 use reports and 50 informants, used to cure digestion, stomach pain, constipation, cudding; *Terminalia chebula* (0.088) with 30 use reports and 48 informants recommended to cure diseases like, digestion and constipation, *Achyranthes aspera* (0.086) with 32 and 47 informants helps in fever, wound worms, removal of retained placenta, for easy delivery, insect bite and discharge of ear pus. Similarly *Premna latifolia* (0.086), *Azadirachta indica* (0.085), *Stephania glabra* (0.081) were included in top ten species having highest range followed by *Dodonaea viscosa* (0.079), *Cynodon dactylon* (0.077), *Solanum viarum* (0.007), *Ricinus communis* (0.075), *Tinospora cordifolia* (0.075), *Cuscuta reflexa* (0.073), *Listea Chinensis* (0.073), *Boerhaavia diffusa* (0.073), *Cissampelos pareira* (0.072), *Sida rhombifolia* (0.072), *Colebrookea oppositifolia* (0.066), *Cryptolepis buchanani* (0.066) etc. and lowest UV_i range was found in *Wendlandia heynei* (0.0036) with 2 use reports and 2 informants attributed its use to treat the expelling leach and lice from animals skin followed by *Vernonia antbelmintica* (0.005) and *Erythrina indica* (0.005) with 3 use reports and 3 informants each. (Figure 6). Plants, which are having lowest use value indicates that the traditional knowledge about them are not communicated among the community itself might be that will be in risk or may be disappeared gradually from the society by some other environmental reasons (Chaudhary et al., 2006, R. Parthiban et al., 2016). However, plants with low use value may be important than the other plants having higher use value.

Total Importance Value (TIV_{is}):

This was calculated on the basis of different indices like UV_i , IF_{is} , MIV_{is} , $RMIV_{is}$, IFI_{is} , IIs (already explained in the section of materials and methods) and calculated data of each indices however not mentioned in this paper just because of exceeding page sizes except FL of each species is mentioned in Table 1 and values for UVI of each species given in Figure 7.

Total Importance value (TIV_{is}) of each species provided satisfactory information for the selection of most important species to harnessing for the purpose of ethno-veterinary purpose. Through, this index, importance of some species that was ignored has been appeared to score more values. In present study, across all recorded species, values for the same was ranged from 1.12 to 126.27 (Figure 7), being maximum in *Pogostemon benghalensis* (126.27) and minimum by several species. having highest value found in range 121-130 followed by again one plant *Acorus calamus* (114.28) in range 111-120; *Achyranthes aspera* (110.7) in 101-110; *Aloe vera* (98.25) and *Stephania glabra* (96.1) two plants in 91-100; again one plant *Tinospora cordifolia* (81.86) in 81-90; *Murraya koenigii* (78.3), *Terminalia chebula* (76.4) *Phyllanthus emblica* (75.8), *Sida rhombifolia* (74.5), *Cassia fistula* (71.8) five species in 71-80; *Solanum viarum* (69.6), *Azadirachta indica* (68.2), *Chenopodium ambrosioides* (66.3), *Boerhaavia diffusa* (64.7), *Cissampelos pareira* (62.4) *Curcuma aromatica* (61.7), six species in 61-70,

followed by *Premna latifolia* (59.7), and *Asparagus racemosus* (57.5) seven plants from 51-60; five plant species from 41-50; nine plants in 31-40, fourteen species in 21-30; twenty three species in 11-20 and 46 species from 1-10 (Figure-7). Similarly, some plants of having high importance value are mentioned by (Thakur et al., 2016, Chassagne et al., 2016, Gohre et al., 2016). Lowest value was found in *Wendlandia heynei* (1.21,) followed by *Vernonia antbelmintica* (1.82) and *Erythrina indica* (1.82). It was observed that approximate 68.5 % plant species are present in range 1-30. Addition to this, plant species of having lower value in one parameter as they were insignificant but some species were added in fifty species of significant category as when we calculated TIV_{is} . For Example, *Aegle marmelos*, *Bauhinia variegata*, *Butea monosperma*, *Celastrus paniculatus*, *Cryptolepis buchanani*, *Soymida febrifuga*, *Verbascum thapsus*, *Vitex negundo*, *Terminalia bellerica*, *Arisaema tortuosum*, *Mallotus philippinensis*, *Swertia chirata*, *Plumbago zeylanica*, *Artemisia nilagirica*, *Moringa oleifera*, *Flacourtia indica*, *Tribulus terrestris*, and *Acacia nilotica* etc. Some species of them are included only when total importance value was applied on them, so it is important to note that these plants are not accounted as important if we consider the single parameter, hence the calculation of Total importance value (TIV_{is}) of all parameters are significant to get actual hidden results (Table-4). Over the conclusion it is found that importance of plants species depends upon many factors such availability, use reports, awareness, communication among society, and it is concluded that plants included in lower range may be important but it is not applicable on all the species recorded.

Treatments:

In the present study area, common livestock (animal) ailments are foot and mouth diseases, fever, anorexia, placenta retention after delivery, prolapsed uterus, mastitis, indigestion, Stomach pain, Flatulence, Retaining pregnancy after successful conception. The people of remote villages have continued their faith on traditional medicines as facilities of modern pharmaceutical medicine is lacking due to non-availability of veterinary hospitals in the adjacent areas. But the role of pharmaceutical medicine has increased villages lying near the town and cities where the facilities are developing and easily available. However, some common ailments like expulsion of uterus, retention of placenta after delivery, cuddling, bone fracture, broken horn, eye redness, injury, swelling, flatulence, diarrhoea and dysentery, most of the villagers still desires the traditional medicine.

Similar thoughts have been mentioned from different parts of India by (Thakur et al., 2016; Kumar and Bharti 2013; Parthiban et al., 2016). It has been found that the ailments (13) pertaining to digestive system were most common for which maximum plants (n= 65) being harvested by the local people for the preparation of traditional medicine and this category had been most frequently cited one (534 times) followed by other ailments., It might be due to contaminated food chain and large number of micro-organisms (Fungi and Bacteria) associated with grasses and soil component o which majority of livestock survives. In agreement with this, Ali Shtayeh et al., (2016) reported similar information from West Bank Palestine where most of the livestock gets food through grazing.

Preparation and formulation for medicine:

In our study, it was observed that a major part of medicine preparation in India is plant source; therefore, substantial amount of plant sources have been utilized in pure form either used in decoction or extract or powder, juice, ash or in small pieces feed with fodder etc. According to local people perception, some minerals may be added to increase the potency of the medicine such as common salt, rock salt, Black salt and Sindh salt, Potassium alum, Sodium bi carbonate with clarified butter (Ghee), vegetable oil (generally mustard), and milk etc. were added for base and good application (Kumar and Bharti, 2013). For example, Rhizome powder of *Acorus calamus* mixed with powder of *Artemisia scoparia* in *Brassica campestris* (mustard) or *Sesamum indicum* (sesame) oil is used for massage in case of fever (Malma, vernacular language of Himachal Pradesh), joint pain and arthritics. About 22.53 % plants were used in crushed form medicine followed by decoction (21.98%) followed by extract (18.68%), Powder (17.03%) and rest with other forms (Figure 8).

We found that some local informants agreed that they use some particular plants together with for a specific ailment if be required for treatment of a specific ailment. In general, there are many evidences given in the earlier literature as well as from scientific documents that combined form of a plant species can be a better and effective remedy for the treatment of ailments (Chand et al., 2016). In present study, Powder of dried aerial whole part of *Aloe vera* plant is mixed with equal amount of *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Terminalia bellarica* and *Terminalia chebulla* fruit powder and required amount of black salt to cure the constipation and stomach disorder. Leaf decoction of *Adbatoda vasica*, *Cuscuta reflexa*, *Vitex negundo* and *Murraya koenigii* is prepared in water and used to take bath and may be taken orally for swelling. Leaves of *Artemisia nilagirica* are grounded along with the leaves of *Vitex ne-gundo*, *Adbatoda vasica*, *Pogostemon benghalensis*, *Murraya koenigii* in equal amount are mixed well with four types of salt (Black, Sindh, Sea and rock salts) in it and is given handful daily in morning in empty stomach to the animal to cure digestive problem or disorder. Seeds powder of *Cassia tora* and *Cassia occidentalis* mixed in 1-2 litres Lassi (diluted curd) is orally given to the rabies animal which causes vomiting. Decoction of *Cuscuta reflexa*, *Dodonaea sp.*, *Murraya koenigii*, *Vitex negundo* leaf is used for bathing and prepared paste applied on the fractured bone part of the body till recovery. Powder of dried roasted fruits, *Trachyspermum ammi* (Ajwain), *Terminalia bellarica*, *Terminalia Chebula*, *Phyllanthus emblica* and *Colebrookea oppositifolia* in equal amount and four types of salts (Sindh, Black, rock and normal) in required in equal amount is mixed. Then one handful is given to animal in empty stomach to treat respiratory, digestive problems and swelling and poisoning at alternate day. So, plants in combination of two or more plants to cure the specific disease and they might be used to cure different more diseases. On the other hand, many informants reported that two or more plants are used to cure same or specific disease. *Vitex negundo*, *Adbatoda vasica* and *Acorus calamus* are used in combination to cure diseases like fever, stomach. In general, one plant is also used to cure one or more disease for example *Achyranthes aspera* species is used to cure different ailments like fever, wound worm, expulsion of retained placenta after delivery, for easy delivery and ear discharges, *Ajuga bracteosa* is used to cure single ailment

foot and mouth disease. With this different plant parts of same plant are used to cure different type of ailments.

Non-documented ethno-veterinary uses:

Based on literature survey, we found that information collected in our study has been reported by various workers are more or less similarly described which confirms good level of authenticity (Table 3). However, some information reported by the indigenous people is not documented yet in the literature; these are perhaps a new one for ethno-veterinary purposes (Table 4).

Conclusions

In this study, many new traditional ethno-veterinary medicines used by indigenous people to cure different ailments of plants were found which are not documented yet in the literature. The informants desired to treat ailments like expulsion of retained placenta, as coolant to retain pregnancy after successful conception, flatulence, foot and mouth disease, bone fracture, bones dislocation, diarrhoea and dysentery, nipple cracks, mastitis and for heat to retain pregnancy by using local traditional medicine. Most of the local people depend upon their traditional health care system especially in the remote areas where facility of veterinary hospital is not available. On the basis of quantitative data analysis, there is great consent among the informants for the use of *Pogostemon benghalensis*, *Acorus calamus*, *Achyranthes aspera*, *Aloe vera*, *Azadirachta indica*, *Asparagus racemosus*, *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Tinospra cordifolia*, *Adbatoda vasica*, *Sida rhombifolia*, *Plumbago zelanica*, *Ricinus communis*, *Randia sp.*, *Boerhaavia diffusa*, *Terminalia chebula*, *Terminalia bellarica*, *Terminalia arjuna*, *Solanum xanthocarpum* etc. to cure different type of ailments. In conclusion, present study, documenting the veterinary medicine and indigenous knowledge could be used for conservation and for the validation of these plant preparations for the treatment of different ailments. Moreover, it may provide the base line for phytochemical and pharmacological analysis to find out the medicinal properties of important plants.

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