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The investigation and quantitative ethnobotanical evaluation of medicinal plants used around Izmir province, Turkey

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In this paper, 108 traditional medicinal plants from Izmir Province in Turkey have been reported. One hundred eight plant species belonging to 54 families and among them 94 species were wild and 14 species were cultivated plants. The informant consensus factor (F_{ic}) and the fidelity level (FL) of the species were determined. The category that has the highest F_{ic} value is Cold and Influenza (0.82) followed by Cough (0.73). The lowest is Hemorrhoids and Enteritis (0.33). *Allium cepa* and *Urtica dioica* (100%) has the highest fidelity level and *Nigella segetalis* (33%) has the lowest. Most used families were Lamiaceae, Asteraceae, Fabaceae, Rosaceae, Apiaceae. The traditional medicinal plants have been mostly used for the treatment of kidney ailments (43,5%), stomach (31.4%), cough (17.6%), wounds (17.4%), hemorrhoids and enteritis (15.7), cold and influenza (13,8%), gall bladder ailments (10,2).

Key words: Informant consensus factor, fidelity level, therapeutic plants, izmir.

INTRODUCTION

Since ancient times humans have used various natural materials as sources of medicines (Ghorbani, 2005). More than 25% of medicines used by humans are extracted from tropical plants (Yorek et al., 2008). The use of plants to cure diseases and relieve physical sufferings has started from the earliest times of mankind's history (Hill, 1989). Nowadays, the use of plants as a way of treatment is still very important for human beings (Kultur, 2007). Many researches have been done on plants which provide humans with extensive and fundamental uses (Kargioglu et al., 2008).

Turkey has a very extraordinary rich flora and a great knowledge of folkloric medicines, and consequently represents a potential resource for such studies (Hudson et al., 2000). About 800.000 plant species are found in the world, with about 10.000 of them found in Turkey (Ozgokce and Ozcelik, 2004). 30% of 10.000 plant species of Turkey are endemic (Davis, 1988; Guner et al., 2001). Endemism is one of the most important indicators to evaluate environmental value of an area. In Turkey, the rate of endemism in plant species is relatively high when compared with other European countries (Ugulu et

al., 2008). Nevertheless, medicinal plants constitute an important component of flora and are widely distributed in different floristic regions of Turkey because of its geographic location, climate, and the presence of nearly 10,000 native plant species (Baytop, 1999; Ates and Erdogru, 2003).

The traditional use of medicinal plants has played an important role in Turkey (Baytop, 1999). The large number of research studies we found on medicinal plants is proof of the interest in this type of work. Several studies have been published on the ethnomedicine of Turkey (Kultur, 2007; Ozgen et al., 2004; Sezik et al., 1991; Sezik et al., 1997; Simsek et al., 2004; Tabata et al., 1994; Tuzlacı and Erol, 1999; Yesilada, 2001). Recently, a number of ethnomedicinal and ethnobotanical studies are being carried out realizing the benefit of traditional medication to promote the health care services. The outcomes of these researches are greatly playing roles in attitudinal changes. In this reason, many more detailed studies are needed to obtain a comprehensive picture of plant-human interactions in the World and also in Turkey.

This study aimed to look into medicinal plants that are used by Izmir people for curing various ailments. Objectives of the study were: (1) to identify and document medicinal plant species usage by Izmir people, (2) to record traditional knowledge of the use of these plants

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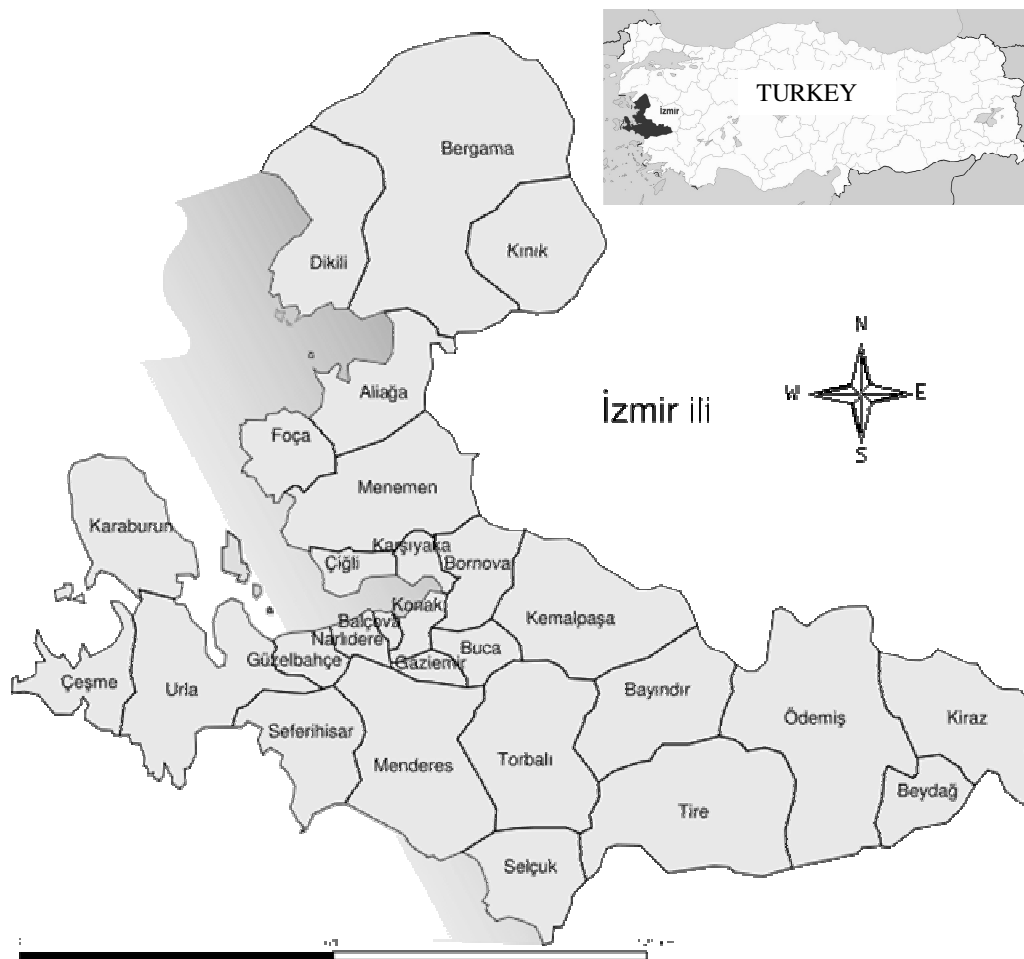


Figure 1. Province of Izmir, Turkey.

and (3) to evaluate traditional knowledge of Izmir people with quantitative ethnobotanical point view. It is important to document the valuable information because the transmission of knowledge from the old to the new generation is declining.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study area

Izmir Province, which is located ($26^{\circ} 15' - 28^{\circ} 20' E$ and $37^{\circ} 45' - 39^{\circ} 15' N$) in the Aegean subdivision (one of seven subdivisions of Turkey) is comprised of 28 districts (Table 5). Turkey's third largest city of Izmir's population is 3.370.866 persons and the country's largest port after Istanbul. Izmir city has approximately 11.973 km² space located in the West Anatolian part of Turkey (Figure 1). The city is surrounded by Aegean Sea in the West, Balıkesir in the North, Manisa in the East and Aydın in the South.

Izmir Province is subject to the influence of the Mediterranean climate, characterized by hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. According to the data of the State Meteorology Department, July and August are the hottest and driest, while January and February are the coldest months. Most of the annual precipitation occurs in December and January in the form of rain. According to long-term

climate data for Izmir, average annual precipitation is 950 mm and 77% of that falls during the winter. The average maximum temperatures during the winter months vary between 12-14°C, the summer months, June through September, bring average daytime temperatures of 28°C degrees or higher (Akman, 1990) and relative humidity 58% (Regional Directorate of Meteorology 1990).

Data collection

The study was carried out by interviewing resource persons in different villages under various districts of Izmir between the periods 2007 - 2008. In this reason, semi-structured interviews were applied to 574 informants to gather information about medicinal plants around Izmir Province. The information, including the various data such as local names, ailments and diseases treated, therapeutic effects, parts of plants used, methods of preparation, methods of administration, doses, duration of the treatment were obtained from local people through individual interviews. Two inhabitants were selected every villages based on one of the following criteria: that they have been living in the region for more than 10 years, use plants as the main medicine or identified as medicinal plant extractors or traditional healers. The information was checked with other areas, neighboring villages, to verify the accuracy. Informants were asked how, when, in which cases, both the harmful and useful effects of the used plants in detailed questions.

All settlements (28 districts, including 287 villages) were visited in different seasons of the year. Districts and villages are listed Table 5 and shown on the Figure 1. The recorded species were collected and taxonomically identified according to 'Flora of Turkey and the East Aegean Islands' (Davis, 1965 - 1985; Davis et al., 1988; Guner et al., 2001) and compared to the specimens kept in the Herbarium of Buca Educational Faculty, Dokuz Eylul University (DEBB). Voucher herbarium specimens were deposited in the DEBB Herbarium.

Data analysis and quantitative ethnobotany

The level of homogeneity between information provided by different informants was calculated using the Informants' Consensus Factor, F_{ic} (Trotter and Logan 1986). It is calculated as

$$F_{ic} = N_{ur} - N_t / (N_{ur} - 1)$$

where N_{ur} is the number of use reports from informants for a particular plant-usage category and N_t is the number of taxa or species that are used for that plant usage category for all informants. Values range between 0 and 1, where "1" indicates the highest level of informant consent. For instance, if few taxa are used by informants, then a high degree of consensus is reached and medicinal tradition is thus viewed as well-defined (Heinrich, 2000).

The fidelity level (FL), the percentage of informants claiming the use of a certain plant species for the same major purpose, was calculated for the most frequently reported diseases or ailments as:

$$FL (\%) = (N_p / N) \times 100$$

where N_p is the number of informants that claim a use of a plant species to treat a particular disease, and N is the number of informants that use the plants as a medicine to treat any given disease (Alexiades, 1996).

RESULTS

Five hundred seventy four people were interviewed in this study and 783 voucher specimens were collected in the research area. The plants used for medicinal purposes in Izmir are presented in Table 1 arranged in alphabetical order of their family and botanical names, with the relevant information. According to the results of the identification, 108 taxa are being used for medicinal purposes in Izmir. Among them, 94 taxa are wild and 14 taxa are cultivated species. As a result of this study, medicinal uses against 125 different diseases of the 108 taxa have been recorded.

The traditional medicinal plants have been mostly used for the treatment of kidney ailments (43.5%), stomach (31.4%), cough (17.6%), wounds (17.4%), hemorrhoids and enteritis (15.7%), cold and influenza (13.8%), gall bladder ailments (10.2%).

Further analysis on the families has shown that family Lamiaceae is represented by highest number of species (11 species). Asteraceae and Fabaceae are represented by ten and seven species, respectively. These are followed by Rosaceae and Apiaceae, each represented by six species. Liliaceae is represented by four and Rhamnaceae and Scrophulariaceae are represented by three

species each. The rest are represented by two species each (12 families) and one species each (34 families).

Informant consensus of medicinal plant usage with the Izmir resulted in informant consensus factor (F_{ic}) values between 0.30 and 0.82 per illness category. The category that has the highest F_{ic} value is Cold and Influenza (0.82) followed by cough (0.73). The lowest is *Hemorrhoids* and *Enteritis* (0.30) (Table 2). *Allium cepa* and *Urtica dioica* had the highest fidelity level (100%) and *Nigella segetalis* (33%) had the lowest (Table 3).

All parts of various plant species are used in the traditional medication of different diseases, however, the most frequently used parts are leaves (Table 4). Sometimes, local people also used other ingredients, such as sugar, honey, oil to prepare the remedies. Decoction and infusion are the methods mostly used for the preparation of the remedies.

Among the recorded species, *Artemisia absinthium*, *Calendula officinalis*, *Matricaria chamomilla*, *Scolymus hispanicus*, *Borago officinalis*, *Lepidium sativum*, *Samolus nigrus*, *Juniperus oxycedrus* L. subsp. *oxycedrus*, *Lavandula stoechas*, *Thymus vulgaris*, *Ocimum basilicum*, *Paeonia mascula*, *Urtica dioica*, *Viola tricolor* are the most popular plants used in the treatment of many ailments. For example, *Matricaria chamomilla* (15 different usages), *Thymus vulgaris* (13 different usages), *Lepidium sativum* (12 different usages). Generally these plants are commonly distributed in the area and all of these plants are wild harvested. A big threat for some of these medicinal plants collected from wild is the tread of these plants in large scale. Some medicinal plants in the area are collected from wild for sale in markets. *Ecballium elaterium*, *Scolymus hispanicus*, *Capparis spinosa* and *Peganum harmala* are widely and in high amounts collected from wild and this could be a big threat for these species. It is revealed that some of the plants are collected for commercial purposes by local people: *Apium graveolens*, *Juglans regia*, *Mentha piperita*, *Salvia officinalis*, *Allium cepa*, *Malva sylvestris*, *Ficus carica*, *Zea mays*, *Cerasus avium*, *Rosa canina* and *Rosa damascena* are largely cultivated for harvesting. These plants have great economic importance in Turkey and *Ficus carica*, *Malva sylvestris* and *Cerasus avium* are also exported abroad. *Anethum graveolens*, *Foeniculum vulgare*, *Pimpinella anisum*, *Lepidium sativum*, *Cerastium siliqua*, *Hypericum perforatum*, *Elaeagnus angustifolia*, *Thymus vulgaris*, *Morus nigra*, *Eugenia caryophyllata*, *Nigella segetalis*, *Rubus canescens*, *Rubus idaeus*, *Tilia rubra*, *Scolymus hispanicus* and *Urtica dioica* are wild harvested and these plants are sold bazaars and markets.

DISCUSSION

In the present study, the data provided from our informants and analyzed in the present paper clearly show that the elder people of the study area are knowledgeable about the plants that provide remedies to humans and

Table 1. Medicinal plants of Izmir province.

Family	Botanical Name	Local Name	Plant Part Used	Preparation	Ailments treated, Therapeutic Effect	Route of Administration, Dosage, Duration of Treatment
Anacardiaceae	<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i> L. subsp. <i>terebinthus</i> (DEBB. 451)	Menengiç	Leaves	Decoction	Stomach Ache	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 1 week
			Leaves	Decoction	Antifungal	Ext., twice a day for 1 week
Apiaceae	<i>Anethum graveolens</i> L. (DEBB. 439)	Dereotu	Seeds	Decoction	Stomachache, Digestive, Enteritis, Carminative	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 6 days
			Seeds	Decoction	Antihypertensive	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 7-8 days
Apiaceae	<i>Apium graveolens</i> L. (DEBB. 359)	Kereviz	Seeds	Decoction	Nephritis, Urinary Diseases	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 8-10 days
Apiaceae	<i>Conium maculatum</i> L. (DEBB. 456)	Baldıran	Aerial Parts	Poultice	Rheumatism	Ext., applied twice a day until recovery
				Decoction	Diuretic, Cholagogue, Expectorant	O., drink one teacup 1-2 times a day for 6 days
Apiaceae	<i>Coriandrum sativum</i> L. (DEBB. 419)	Kişniş	Seeds	Infusion	Appetizer, Digestive, Carminative	O., drink one teacup three times a day before meals for 5-6 days
Apiaceae	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Miller (DEBB. 459)	Rezene, Arapsaçı	Leaves	Infusion	Stomachache, Appetizer, Digestive, Carminative	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 8 days
			Seeds	Decoction	Bronchitis, Cough, Cold	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-6 days
Apiaceae	<i>Pimpinella anisum</i> L. (DEBB. 370)	Anason	Seeds	Powdered, decoction	Stomachache, Cough, Flu	O., drink one teacup 3-4 times a day for 8-10 days
			Fruits	Decoction	Sedative, Insomnia	O., drink one teacup everynight
Araliaceae	<i>Hedera helix</i> L. (DEBB. 458)	Duvar sarmaşığı	Leaves	Decoction	Splenitis, Stomachic Ulcer	O., drink one teacup 3 times a day before meals for 5-6 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Diabetes, Blood Depurative	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 7-8 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Cold, Flu, Pharyngitis	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 1 week
			Leaves	Decoction	Insomnia	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 6 days

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Asteraceae	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L. Subsp. millefolium (DEBB. 432)	Civan perçemi	Flowers	Decoction	Diuretic, Urinary Antiseptic, Menstrual Regulari, Dizziness	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 6 days
			Flowers	Decoction	Hemorrhoids	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 6-7 days
			Leaves	Salve	Wounds, Furuncle	Ext.
Asteraceae	<i>Arctium tomentosum</i> Miller (DEBB. 341)	Dulavrat otu	Seeds	Infusion	Blood Depurative, Diuretic, Laxative, Digestive, Cholagogue	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 9-10 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Wounds, Eczema, Psoriasis	Ext., wrapping once a day until recovery
Asteraceae	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i> L. (DEBB. 366)	Pelin otu	Aerial Parts	Decoction	Appetizer, Digestive, Stomachache, Gall Bladder Ailments	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 15 days
			Aerial Parts	Decoction	Antipyretic, Infections, Vasodilator, Rheumatism, Gout, Diabetes	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 15 days
Asteraceae	<i>Calendula officinalis</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 438)	Aynısafa	Aerial Parts	Decoction	Blood Depurative, Antihypertensive	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-6 days
			Aerial Parts	Decoction	Diuretic, Stimulant, Cholagogue, Antiseptic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 6 days
			Aerial Parts	Infusion	Cancer	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 6 days
			Aerial Parts	Salve	Wounds, Eczema, Psoriasis	Ext., applied twice a day for 1 week
Asteraceae	<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L. (DEBB. 386)	Hindiba	Peduncle	Fresh	Gall Bladder Ailments, Hepatitis, Stomach Ailments	Chew, 5-6 peduncle a day
			Roots	Decoction	Appetizer, Diuretic, Laxative	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 6 days
Asteraceae	<i>Doronicum orientale</i> Hoffm. (DEBB. 342)	Sari papatya	Aerial Parts	Decoction	Diuretic	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 7-8 days
Araliaceae	<i>Hedera helix</i> L. (DEBB. 458)	Duvar sarmaşığı	Leaves	Decoction	Splenitis, Stomachic Ulcer	O., drink one teacup 3 times a day before meals for 5-6 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Diabetes, Blood Depurative	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 7-8 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Cold, Flu, Pharyngitis	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 1 week
			Leaves	Decoction	Insomnia	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 6 days

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Asteraceae	<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i> L. (DEBB. 358)	Şevketibostan	Seeds	Decoction	Nephritis, Diuretic, Digestive, Choleric	O., drink one teacup 3 times a day for 8-9 days
			Seeds	Decoction	Stomachache, Hemorrhoids, Diarrhea, Appetizer	O., drink one teacup 3 times a day for 6-7 days
			Seeds	Decoction	Hemostatic	Ext.
Asteraceae	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> L. (DEBB. 362)	Solucan otu	Aerial Parts	Infusion	Appetizer, Digestive	O., drink one teacup 1-2 times a day for 10 days
			Aerial Parts	Infusion	Menstruation Facilitative, Tonic	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 1 week
Asteraceae	<i>Tussilago farfara</i> L. (DEBB. 387)	Öksürük otu	Leaves	Decoction	Cough, Asthma, Expectorant, Bronchitis	O., drink one teacup 3-4 times a day for 6-7 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Tonic, Diuretic	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 1 week
			Leaves	Poultice	Furuncles, Panículas	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Boraginaceae	<i>Borago officinalis</i> L. (DEBB. 347)	Hodan	Leaves And Flowers	Infusion	Blood Depurative, Diuretic, Sudofiric, Antipyretic, Sedative	O., drink one teacup 3 times a day for 6 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Expectorant, Laxative	O., drink one teacup 3 times a day for 6 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Wounds, Burns	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Brassicaceae	<i>Capsella bursapastoris</i> Medik. (DEBB. 371)	Çoban çantası	Leaves	Decoction	Disturbance Of Blood Circulation, Antihypertensive, Menstrual Regulari	O., drink one teacup 3 times a day for 8 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Hemorrhoids, Wounds	Ext.
Brassicaceae	<i>Lepidium sativum</i> L. (DEBB. 365)	Tere	Leaves	Infusion	Anemia	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 1 week
			Leaves	Infusion	Cold, Flu, Cough, Pharyngitis	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 4-5 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Appetizer, Digestive	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 6-7 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Blood Depurative, Diuretic, Nephritis, Urinary Diseases, Hepatitis	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 10 days

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Caesalpiniaceae	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 418)	Keçiboynuzu, harnup	Fruits	Fresh	Lung Edema, Expectorant, Asthma	O., eaten twice a day before meal for 1 week
			Fruits	Fresh	Impotence, Prostatitis	O., eaten twice a day before meal for 10-15 days
Capparaceae	<i>Capparis spinosa</i> L. (DEBB. 393)	Kebere, gebreotu	Buds	Decoction	Splenitis, Hepatitis	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 7-8 days
			Buds	Decoction	Diarrhea	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 1 week
			Buds	Decoction	Appetizer, Gastric Ulcer	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 1 week
Caprifoliaceae	<i>Sambucus nigra</i> L. (DEBB. 380)	Mürver, Kara mürver	Leaves And Flowers	Infusion	Diuretic, Expectorant, Sedative, Laxative	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 6 days
			Leaves And Flowers	Infusion	Sudofiric, Flu, Cold	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 4-5 days
			Stem Bark	Decoction	Laxative, Diuretic, Antiemetic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 6 days
Caryophyllaceae	<i>Saponaria officinalis</i> L. (DEBB. 389)	Sabun otu	Leaves	Decoction	Diuretic, Bronchitis, Expectorant, Sudofiric	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5 days
Clusiaceae	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> L. (DEBB. 340)	Kantaron otu	Leaves	Keeped in olive oil	Wounds	Ext., applied twice a day until recovery
			Leaves	Decoction	Gastric Ulcer, Stomachic	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 8 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Soporific, Depression	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 10-12 days
Crassulaceae	<i>Sedum album</i> L. (DEBB. 360)	Damkоруğu	Aerial Parts	Poultice	Corn	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
			Aerial Parts	Salve	Hemorrhoids	Ext.
Cucurbitaceae	<i>Ecballium elaterium</i> (L.) A. Rich. (DEBB. 348)	Eşek hıyarı	Fruits' Juice + Water	Snuffing	Sinusitis	Dropped into the nostrils, 1–2 drop(s)
			Fruits' Juice + Water	Snuffing	Hepatitis	Dropped into the nostrils, 1–2 drop(s)
			Fruits' Juice + Water	Drop	Earache	Dropped into ear, 1–2 drop(s)

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Cucurbitaceae	<i>Momardica charantia</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 372)	Kudret narı	Fruits	Keeped in Olive oil	Gastric Ulcer, Colitis, Hepatitis	O., drink once a day one spoonful for before meal 7 days
			Fruits	Crushed with Olive oil	Wounds, Burns, Cuts	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Cupressaceae	<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> L. subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i> (DEBB. 388)	Ardıç	Fruits	Infusion	Blood Depurative , Diuretic	O., drink one teacup four times a day before meals for 12 days
			Fruits	Infusion	Stomachic, Enteralgia	O., drink one teacup four times a day before meals for 12 days
			Fruits	Infusion	Menstrual Regulari	O., drink one teacup three times a day before meals for 7-8 days
			Fruits	Infusion	Cough, Sudofiric, Antiseptic, Expectorant	O., drink one teacup three times a day before meals for 7-8 days
Elaeagnaceae	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 357)	İğde	Fruits	Decoction	Kidney Stones	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 15 days
Fabaceae	<i>Lupinus angistifolius</i> L. (DEBB. 336)	Yahudi baklası	Fruits	Roasted and crushed + hot water	Diabetes	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 5-6 days
			Fruits	Infusion	Diuretic, Urinary Antiseptic	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 8 days
Fabaceae	<i>Ononis spinosa</i> L. (DEBB. 395)	Kayışkıran	Roots	Infusion	Kidney Stones, Nephritis, Urinary Diseases	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 10 days
			Roots	Infusion	Rheumatism	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 8 days
			Roots	Infusion	Gout, Tonsillitis	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 10 days
Fabaceae	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 381)	Yalancı akasya	Leaves	Decoction	Antiseptic, Sedative	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 5-6 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Cholagogue	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 1 week
			Flowers	Infusion	Stomachic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 10 days

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Fabaceae	<i>Spartium junceum</i> L. (DEBB. 443)	Katırtırnağı	Leaves	Decoction	Expectorant, Digestive	O., drink one teacup with honey three times a day before meals for 7-8 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Rheumatism	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 20 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Cardiac Diseases	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 20 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Nephritis, Kidney Stones, Diuretic, Urinary Diseases	O., drink one teacup with honey three times a day before meals for 15 days
Fabaceae	<i>Trigonella foenum-graecum</i> L. (DEBB. 436)	Çemenotu, boyotu	Seeds	Decoction	Bronchitis, Expectorant, Stomachic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 6 days
			Seeds	Poultice	Wounds, Furuncle	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Fabaceae	<i>Vici aervilia</i> Rafin L. (DEBB. 383)	Burçak	Seeds	Powdered + hot water	Blood Pressure, Diabetes	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 6 days
Fumariaceae	<i>Fumaria officinalis</i> L. (DEBB. 452)	Şahtere	Aerial Parts	Decoction	Gall Bladder Ailments, Bile Stone, Hepatitis	O., drink one teacup four times a day before meals for 8-10 days
			Aerial Parts	Decoction	Psoriasis	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Hamamelidaceae	<i>Liquidambar orientalis</i> Mill. (DEBB. 390)	Sığla Ağacı	Gum	Chew	Enuresis Nocturna	O., chewed once a day
Hippocastanaceae	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 373)	At kestanesi	Leaves	Infusion	Antitussive, Sedative	O., drink one teacup four times a day for 6 days
			Fruits	Decoction	Hemorrhoids, Cold, Diarrhea	O., drink one teacup four times a day for 6 days
			Seeds	Decoction	Rheumatism	O., drink one teacup four times a day for 8-9 days
			Seed Bark	Decoction	Digestive, Cold	O., drink one teacup four times a day for 7-9 days
Juglandaceae	<i>Juglans regia</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 361)	Ceviz	Leaves	Decoction	Astringent, Tonic, Anthelmintic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 6-7 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Syphilis	Ext.
			Leaves	Infusion	Eczema, Herpes, Pimples	Ext.
			Fruits	Fresh	Hemorrhoids	O., Eaten with honey 3-5 fruits a day for 1 week

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Lamiaceae	<i>Lamium album</i> L. (DEBB. 382)	Ballıbaba	Leaves	Decoction	Vasodilator, Antipyretic, Diuretic	O., drink one teacup three times a day before meals for 5-7 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Mumps, Hemorrhoids	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
			Leaves	Salve	Burns	Ext., applied twice a day until recovery
Lamiaceae	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> Miller (DEBB. 335)	Lavanta	Dried Flowers	Infusion	Dyspepsia, Stomachic, Carminative, Diuretic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 6-7 days
			Dried Flowers	Infusion	Insomnia, Stress	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-10 days
Lamiaceae	<i>Lavandula stoechas</i> L. (DEBB. 421)	Karabaş otu	Leaves	Infusion	Cancer	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 15-30 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Expectorant, Pharyngitis	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Urinary Diseases, Antiseptic, Analgesic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-7 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Disturbance Of Blood Circulation, Vasodilator, Cardiac Deficiency	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 15-20 days
Lamiaceae	<i>Mentha piperita</i> L. (DEBB. 356)	Nane	Leaves	Decoction	Nausea , Appetizer	O., drink one teacup 3-4 times a day for 5 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Gall Bladder Ailments	O., drink one teacup 3-4 times a day for 7-8 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Cough, Flu, Cold, Pharyngitis	O., drink one teacup 3-4 times a day for 3-5 days
Lamiaceae	<i>Mentha pulegium</i> L. (DEBB. 346)	Yarpuz, filiskin	Leaves	Infusion	Cardiac Diseases	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 10-15 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Stomachic, Herpes, Diuretic, Carminative	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 6-7 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Expectorant	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 6-7 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Menstruation Facilitative	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 1 week

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Lamiaceae	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> L. (DEBB. 429)	Fesleğen	Leaves	Infusion	Dyspepsia, Carminative, Diuretic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 7-10 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Cough, Expectorant, Pharyngitis	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 3-5 days
			Seeds	Infusion	Insomnia, Depression, Stress	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 1 week
Lamiaceae	<i>Origanum onites</i> L. (DEBB. 384)	Izmir kekiği	Aerial Parts	Decoction	Flu	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 6 days
Lamiaceae	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> L. (DEBB. 415)	Kuşdili, biberiye	Aerial Parts	Decoction	Digestive, Anemia, Palpitation, Dizziness	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 10 days
			Aerial Parts	Decoction	Bronchitis, Asthma	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 10 days
			Aerial Parts	Decoction	Digestive	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 1 week
			Aerial Parts	Decoction	Wounds	Ext., applied two times a day until recovery
Lamiaceae	<i>Salvia officinalis</i> L. (DEBB. 440)	Adaçayı	Leaves	Decoction	Cold, Bronchitis	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 3-5 days
			Leaves	Oil	Stomachic	O., drink one spoonful twice a day for 3-5 days
Lamiaceae	<i>Thymbra spicata</i> L. (DEBB. 461)	Zahter	Leaves	Decoction	Cardiac Diseases	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 7-9 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Hemorrhoids	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 6 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Eczema	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Lamiaceae	<i>Thymus vulgaris</i> L. (DEBB. 337)	Kekik	Aerial Parts	Decoction	Analgesic, Stomachic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5 days
				Decoction	Anthelmintic, Appetizer, Antispasmodic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5 days
				Decoction	Bronchitis, Pertussis, Asthma, Cold, Sore Throat	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-7 days
				Oil	Toothache, Expectorant, Diuretic	O., drink one spoonful twice a day for 3 days

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Lauraceae	<i>Laurus nobilis</i> L. (DEBB. 444)	Defne	Leaves	Infusion	Antipyretic, Analgesic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 3-5 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Hemorrhoids, Digestive	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day before meal for 5-7 days
			Fruits	Crushed	Antiseptic	Ext.
Liliaceae	<i>Allium cepa</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 396)	Mutfak Soğanı	Bulbus	Crushed + salt	Sprain, Edema, Bruise	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Liliaceae	<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i> Brot. (DEBB. 350)	Çiriş otu	Tuber	Powdered	Wounds	Ext.
			Tuber	Infusion	Hemorrhoids, Diuretic, Menstruation Facilitative	O., drink one teacup three times a day before meal with honey for 5-7 days
Liliaceae	<i>Convallaria majalis</i> L. (DEBB. 422)	İnciçiçeği, Müge	Leaves And Flowers	Infusion	Cardiac Diseases	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 10-15 days
			Leaves And Flowers	Infusion	Diuretic, Laxative	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5 days
Liliaceae	<i>Lilium candidum</i> L. (DEBB. 375)	Zambak	Leaves	Crushed with Olive oil	Wounds, Edema, Toothache	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Linaceae	<i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L. (DEBB. 408)	Keten	Seeds	Roasted and crushed	Bronchitis	O., eaten 1–2 spoonful with honey two times a day for 15 days
			Seeds	Infusion	Hemorrhoids, Enteritis	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 10-12 days
			Seeds	Infusion	Colon Cancer	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 25-30 days
			Seeds	Infusion	Cholesterol Lowering, Diabetes, Inflammatory	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 8-15 days
Loranthaceae	<i>Viscum album</i> L. (DEBB. 397)	Ökse otu	Buds	Infusion	Bronchitis, Antihypertensive, Sedative	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-7 days
			Buds	Infusion	Metabolism Regulatory	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-7 days
			Buds	Infusion	Arteriosclerosis	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 15-20 days

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Malvaceae	<i>Althaea officinalis</i> L. (DEBB. 343)	Hatmi, Tibbi hatmi	Leaves	Decoction	Enteritis, Stomachic, Diuretic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 1 week
				Decoction	Cold, Cough, Expectorant	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 3-5 days
				Infusion	Sedative	O.Ad., drink one teacup evenings
				Infusion	Mouth Diseases	Ext., as a gargle until recovery
Malvaceae	<i>Malva sylvestris</i> L. (DEBB. 364)	Ebegümeçi	Leaves	Infusion	Astringent, Expectorant, Diuretic, Sedative	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-7 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Wounds, Furuncle	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Moraceae	<i>Ficus carica</i> ssp. <i>carica</i> L. (DEBB. 410)	İncir	Latex	Crushed	Warts	Ext., applied once or twice a day until recovery
Moraceae	<i>Morus nigra</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 427)	Karadut	Fruit Juice	Crushed	Mouth Diseases	Ext., as a gargle until recovery
Myrtaceae	<i>Eugenia caryophyllata</i> Thunb. ^c (DEBB. 409)	Karanfil ağacı	Buds	Infusion	Antiseptic, Diuretic	O., drink one teacup 1-2 times a day as tepid for 4-7 days
			Buds	Infusion	Digestive, Inflammatory, Diarrhea	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 4-6 days
Myrtaceae	<i>Myrtus communis</i> L. (DEBB. 351)	Mersin	Dried Leaves	Infusion	Appetizer, Antiseptic, Hemostatic	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 8-10 days
			Dried Leaves	Infusion	Urinary Diseases	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 8-10 days
Orchidaceae	<i>Orchis</i> sp. L. (DEBB. 434)	Salep	Leaves	Decoction	Bronchitis, Diarrhea	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-7 days
			Tubers	Decoction	Cough, Bronchitis, Pharyngitis	O., drink one teacup 3-4 times a day for 5 days
			Tubers	Decoction	Laxative, Hemorrhoids, Anthelminthic	O., drink one teacup 3-4 times a day for 3-5 days
			Tubers	Decoction	Cardiac Deficiency	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 15-20 days
Oxalidaceae	<i>Oxalis acetosella</i> L. (DEBB. 345)	Ekşiyonca	Leaves	Infusion	Heartburn, Digestion Diseases	O., drink one teacup twice a day as cold for 6-7 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Jaundice, Nephritis, Anthelminthic	O., drink one teacup twice a day as hot for 6-7 days

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Paeoniaceae	<i>Paeonia mascula</i> (L.) Miller (DEBB. 367)	Şakayık	Roots	Infusion	Antihemorrhagic, Nikris	O., drink one teacup twice a day as cold for 3-7 days
			Roots	Infusion	Antispasmodic, Epilepsy, Sedative	O., drink one teacup twice a day as cold for 10-30 days
			Roots	Infusion	Cough, Pertussis, Tuberculosis	O., drink one teacup twice a day as cold for 5-15 days
			Roots	Infusion	Sore Throat	Ext., as a gargle until recovery
Papaveraceae	<i>Chelidonium majus</i> L. (DEBB. 338)	Kırlangıçotu	Leaves	Infusion	Hepatitis, Gall Bladder Ailments, Bile Stone	O., drink one teacup twice a day as cold for 10-15 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Bronchitis, Antispasmodic	O., drink one teacup twice a day as cold for 5-10 days
Papaveraceae	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i> L. (DEBB. 353)	Gelincik	Flowers	Infusion	Cold, Flu, Bronchitis, Pharyngitis	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 3-5 days
			Aerial Parts	Infusion	Soporific, Sedative, Stress	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 3-5 days
			Aerial Parts	Poultice	Wounds	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
			Aerial Parts	Poultice with olive oil	Burns	Ext., applied twice a day until recovery
Passifloraceae	<i>Passiflora incarnate</i> L. (DEBB. 404)	Çarkıfelek	Leaves	Infusion	Soporific	O., drink one teacup a day before sleeping
			Leaves	Infusion	Sedative, Stress	O., drink one teacup twice a day as cold for 3-5 days
Pinaceae	<i>Pinus brutia</i> Ten. (DEBB. 426)	Kızıl Çam	Cones	Infusion	Stomachache	O., drink one teacup twice a day as cold for 7-8 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Asthma	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 8 days
Pinaceae	<i>Pinus pinea</i> L. (DEBB. 423)	Fıstık Çamı	Gum	Decoction	Wounds	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Platanaceae	<i>Platanus orientalis</i> L. (DEBB. 376)	Çınar	Stem Bark Leaves	Decoction Decoction	Diüretic Edema	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 8-10 days Ext.
Plantaginaceae	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L. (DEBB. 416)	Sinir otu	Leaves	Decoction	Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, Chest Diseases, Tuberculosis	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-15 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Bee Bites, Heat Rash, Furuncle	Ext., applied once a day until recovery

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Poaceae	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> L. (DEBB. 339)	Ayrik otu	Roots	Decoction	Diuretic, Blood Depurative	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 8-10 days
			Roots	Decoction	Sedative, Expectorant, Antipyretic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 3-5 days
			Roots	Decoction	Anthelmintic, Choleric	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 6-7 days
Poaceae	<i>Zea mays</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 403)	Mısır	Husks	Decoction	Diuretic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 10-12 days
Polygonaceae	<i>Rumex crispus</i> L. (DEBB. 398)	Kuzu kulağı	Leaves	Crushed	Hemorrhoids	Ext., cleaning with decoction twice a day for 10 days
			Leaves	Crushed	Rheumatism	Ext., wrapping
			Roots	Decoction	Diuretic, Laxative, Cholagogue	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 1 week
Polygonaceae	<i>Rumex patientia</i> L. (DEBB. 441)	Labada	Leaves	Decoction	Blood Depurative, Appetizer, Tonic, Anthelmintic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-7 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Wounds, Eczema, Furuncle	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
			Roots	Decoction	Laxative	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 2-3 days
Primulaceae	<i>Primula vulgaris</i> Huds. (DEBB. 462)	Çuha çiçeği	Roots	Infusion	Diuretic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 7-10 days
			Flowers	Infusion	Pertussis, Bronchitis, Pneumonia	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 10-15 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Furuncle	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Ranunculaceae	<i>Nigella segetalis</i> Bieb. (DEBB. 453)	Çörekotu	Shoot	Decoction	Diabetes, Ulcers	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 10-15 days
			Seeds	Crushed	Cough, Expectorant, Pharyngitis	O., eat one spoonful with honey twice a day for 5-7 days
Rhamnaceae	<i>Frangul alnus</i> Miller. (DEBB. 411)	Barut ağacı	Stem Bark	Decoction	Diuretic, Laxative, Anthelmintic, Choleric	O., drink one teacup twice a day before meal for 5 days
Rhamnaceae	<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i> Miller (DEBB. 445)	Karaçalı	Seeds	Decoction	Diarrhea, Gastritis, Diuretic	O., drink one teacup three times a day before meal for 5-7 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Wounds, Furuncle	Ext., applied once a day until recovery

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Rhamnaceae	<i>Zizyphus jujuba</i> Miller (DEBB. 413)	Hünnap	Leaves	Decoction	Bronchitis, Asthma	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 8-10 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Stomachic, Enteritis	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 10 days
Rosaceae	<i>Cerasus avium</i> (L.) Moench. ^c (DEBB. 463)	Kiraz	Fruit Stem, Seeds	Decoction	Nephritis, Diuretic	O.Ad., drink one teacup twice a day for 7–10 days
Rosaceae	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> Jacq. (DEBB. 464)	Aliç	Fruits	Fresh	Sedative	O., eaten
Rosaceae	<i>Rosa canina</i> L. (DEBB. 377)	Kuşburnu	Fruits	Decoction	Cold , Bronchitis	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-15 days
			Fruits	Decoction	Diuretic, Stomachic	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-20 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Cold, Flu, Cough, Pharyngitis	O.Ad., drink one teacup two times a day for 5–10 days
Rosaceae	<i>Rosa damascena</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 368)	Gül	Petals	Infusion	Diarrhea, Enteritis, Stomachic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5 days
			Petals	Juice	Skin Care, Adolescence Acnes	Ext., cleaning with cotton two times a day
			Petals	Juice	Mouth Wounds, Bruise, Cuts	Ext.
Rosaceae	<i>Rubus canescens</i> DC. (DEBB. 352)	Böğürtlen	Roots	Decoction	Diabetes, Cystitis	O., drink one teacup four times a day before meal for 7-10 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Diarrhea, Antihemorrhagic, Diuretic	O., drink one teacup three times a day before meal for 5-10 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Wounds, Burns	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Rosaceae	<i>Rubus idaeus</i> L. (DEBB. 465)	Ağaç çileği , Ahududu	Fruits	Fresh	Diuretic, Antiseptic	O., eat 4-5 fruits twice a day for 5 days
			Fruits	Fresh	Digestive, Appetizer	O., eat 4-5 fruits twice a day for 5 days
			Fruit Juice	Fresh	Conjunctivopathy	Ext., cleaning with cotton twice a day for 7-10 days
			Leaves	Infusion	Sudofiric, Antipyretic, Sedative	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 3-5 days

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Rutaceae	<i>Citrus medica</i> L. var. <i>bajoura</i> (DEBB. 401)	Ağaç kavunu	Fruit Bark	Fresh	to take away bad breath of mouth, Scurvy	O., chewed
			Fruits	Dried and crushed + hot water	Laxative	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 3-5 days
Rutaceae	<i>Ruta graveolens</i> L. ^c (DEBB. 457)	Sedef otu	Aerial Parts	Infusion	Sedative, Antispasmodic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5 days
			Aerial Parts	Infusion	Sudofiric, Menstrual Regulari	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-10 days
			Aerial Parts	Infusion	Anthelmintic, Appetizer, Digestive, Carminative	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-6 days
Scrophulariaceae	<i>Euphrasia officinalis</i> L. (DEBB. 446)	Gözlük otu	Aerial Parts	Decoction	Conjunctivopathy, Blepharitis	Ext., cleaning with cotton twice a day for 5-7 days
			Aerial Parts	Infusion	Sinusitis, Flu, Cold	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-10 days
Scrophulariaceae	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i> L. (DEBB. 466)	Sığırkuyruğu	Dried Leaves And Flowers	Decoction	Sore Throat, Expectorant, Abdominal Pain, Bronchitis, Sedative	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 3-10 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Wounds	Ext.
Scrophulariaceae	<i>Veronica officinalis</i> L. (DEBB. 454)	Çıbanotu, Yavşanotu	Leaves	Decoction	Cholesterol Lowering, Appetizer, Forgetfulness	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 5-8 days
			Leaves	Poultice	Wounds, Furuncle	Ext., applied once a day until recovery
Solanaceae	<i>Mandragora autumnalis</i> Bertol. (DEBB. 355)	Adamotu	Roots	Dried and Crushed + hot water	Inflammatory	O., drink one teacup 1-2 times a day for 3 days
Solanaceae	<i>Solanum nigrum</i> L. (DEBB. 378)	İtüzümü, kopek üzümü	Aerial Parts	Decoction	Antispasmodic, Antiallerjic, Sedative	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-7 days
			Aerial Parts	Poultice	Wounds, Rheumatism	Ext. wrapping
Tiliaceae	<i>Tilia rubra</i> DC. (DEBB. 363)	İhlamur	Flowers And Brakte	Decoction	Antispasmodic, Sedative, Sudofiric, Diuretic	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 3-5 days
			Flowers And Brakte	Decoction	Digestive, Expectorant	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-7 days
Ulmaceae	<i>Celtis australis</i> L. (DEBB. 447)	Çitlembik	Leaves	Decoction	Stomachache, Diuretic, Cough	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 5-8 days

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Urticaceae	<i>Parietaria judaica</i> L. (DEBB. 417)	Duvar fesleğeni, yapışkan otu	Leaves	Decoction	Urinary Diseases, Bile Stone	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day before meals for 5-10 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Cough, Sore Throat	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 3-5 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Rheumatism	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-7 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Goitre, Mouth Wounds	Ext., as a gargle until recovery
Urticaceae	<i>Urtica dioica</i> L. (DEBB. 455)	Isırgan	Leaves and seeds	Decoction	Cancer	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 30 days
			Leaves	Decoction	Rheumatism	Ext.
			Leaves	Decoction	Skin Diseases	Ext., wrapping
			Seeds	Fresh	Cancer	O., eat 1-2 spoonfuls twice a day with honey for 30 days
			Aerial Parts	Decoction	Bronchitis, Cough, Asthma, Pharyngitis	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 5-10 days
			Aerial Parts	Decoction	Kidney Stones	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 5-10 days
Verbenaceae	<i>Lantana camara</i> L. (DEBB. 448)	Mine	Aerial Parts	Infusion	Digestive, Cold, Flu, Expectorant	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 3-5 days
				Infusion	Menstrual Regulari	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 15-20 days
				Infusion	Scurvy, Tooth Decay	Ext., as a gargle until recovery
Verbenaceae	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i> L. (DEBB. 344)	Hayıt	Fruits	Infusion	Antiinflammatory	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-7 days
			Fruits	Infusion	Menstrual Regulari	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 15-30 days
Violaceae	<i>Viola tricolor</i> L. (DEBB. 369)	Hercai menekşe	Aerial Parts	Infusion	Diuretic, Cystitis	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 10-15 days
				Infusion	Blood Depurative	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-10 days
				Infusion Infusion	Eczema, Acne Pertussis, Bronchitis, Cough, Expectorant	Ext. O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-15 days

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Violaceae	<i>Viola tricolor</i> L. (DEBB. 369)	Hercai menekşe	Aerial Parts	Infusion	Diuretic, Cystitis	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 10-15 days
				Infusion	Blood Depurative	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-10 days
				Infusion	Eczema, Acne	Ext.
				Infusion	Pertussis, Bronchitis, Cough, Expectorant	O., drink one teacup three times a day for 5-15 days
Zingiberaceae	<i>Alpinia officinarum</i> Hance (DEBB. 385)	Havlıcan	Roots	Infusion	Headache, Dizziness	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 5-7 days
			Roots	Infusion	Diuretic, Rheumatism	O., drink one teacup 2-3 times a day for 10 days
			Roots	Infusion	Stomachic, Expectorant	O., drink one teacup twice a day for 5-10 days
Zygophyllaceae	<i>Peganum harmala</i> L. (DEBB. 402)	Üzerlik	Roots	Decoction	Hemorrhoids	Ext.

O: Oral Administration Ext: External uses ^c: Cultivated plants

Table 2. Informant consensus factor rates of the medicinal plants used around Izmir province by diseases.

Diseases Category	Number of Species (N_t)	All Species (%)	Number of Use Reports (N_{ur})	F_{ic}^*
Cold, Influenza	15	13.8	83	0.82
Cough	19	17.6	68	0.73
Stomach Ailments	34	31.4	105	0.68
Wounds	21	19.4	53	0.61
Kidney Ailments	47	43.5	97	0.51
Gall Bladder Ailments	11	10.2	18	0.44
Hemorrhoids, Enteritis	17	15.7	24	0.30

* Informant Consensus Factor, $F_{ic} = N_{ur} - N_t / (N_{ur} - 1)$, providing a value between 0 and 1, where "1" indicates the highest rate of informant consensus.

Table 3. Most commonly used medicinal plants and their major uses with their fidelity level, at Izmir province, Turkey (0 = the least, 100 = the highest efficiency) (N: 574).

Species and Family	Local Name	Uses	Fidelity Level (FL) (%)
<i>Allium cepa</i> L. Liliaceae	Mutfak soğanı	Sprain, Edema, Bruise	100
<i>Urtica dioica</i> L. Urticaceae	Isırgan, Dalagan, Gidişgen	Cancer , Rheumatism, Skin Diseases, Bronchitis, Cough, Asthma, Pharyngitis, Kidney Stones	100
<i>Salvia officinalis</i> L. Lamiaceae	Adaçayı	Cold, Bronchitis, Stomachic	97
<i>Thymus vulgaris</i> L. Lamiaceae	Kekik	Analgesic, Stomachic, Anthelminthic, Appetizer, Antispasmodic, Bronchitis, Pertussis, Asthma, Cold, Sore Throat, Toothache, Expectorant, Diuretic	94
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> L. Clusiaceae	Kantaron otu, Sarı kantaron, Mide otu	Gastric Ulcer, Stomachic, Soporific, Depression, Wounds	93
<i>Mentha piperita</i> L. Lamiaceae	Nane	Nausea , Appetizer, Gall Bladder Ailments, Cough, Flu, Cold, Pharyngitis	87
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i> (L.) A. Rich. Cucurbitaceae	Eşek hıyarı, Cırtlak, Şeytan keleş, Acı dülek	Sinusitis, Hepatitis, Earache	79
<i>Matricaria chamomilla</i> L. Asteraceae	Papatya	Flu, Cough, Sore Throat, Pharyngitis, Gall Bladder Ailments, Duodenum Diseases, Anthelminthic, Laxative, Hemorrhoids, Kidney Stones Soporific, Sedative, Tonic, To become scurfy, Alopecia	76
<i>Rosa canina</i> L. Rosaceae	Kuşburnu	Bronchitis, Diuretic, Stomachic, Cold, Flu, Cough, Pharyngitis	70
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i> L. Lamiaceae	Karabaş otu	Cancer, Expectorant, Pharyngitis, Urinary Diseases, Antiseptic, Analgesic, Disturbance Of Blood Circulation, Vasodilator, Cardiac Deficiency	61
<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i> L. Fabaceae	Meyan, Biyan	Bronchitis, Cough, Expectorant, Hepatitis, Laxative, Digestive, Gastric Ulcer, Diuretic	52
<i>Laurus nobilis</i> L. Lauraceae	Defne	Antipyretic, Analgesic, Hemorrhoids, Digestive, Antiseptic	43
<i>Pimpinella anisum</i> L. Apiaceae	Anason	Stomachache, Cough, Flu, Sedative, Insomnia	42
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> L. Lamiaceae	Fesleğen	Dyspepsia, Carminative, Diuretic, Cough, Expectorant, Pharyngitis, Insomnia, Depression, Stress	37
<i>Nigella segetalis</i> Bieb. Ranunculaceae	Çörek otu	Diabetes, Ulcers, Cough, Expectorant, Pharyngitis	33

livestock health problems. It was found that most informant (67%) continue to use traditional systems of health care including medicinal plants alone or in combination with other ingredients, such as flour, honey, oil.

Information about usage of plants has always been passed on inter-generationally orally however in the opinion of contemporary elders, the younger generation has neither the same opportunity nor the desire to acquire this knowledge (Kargıoğlu et al., 2008). This is largely because rural out-migration of younger families prevents the transmission of local ethnobotanical

information. Moreover, traditional medication has been ignored in the past by educated and modern societies. They are using large numbers of medicinal plants efficiently even though the plants used and the methods of preparation are often closely guarded secrets. Due to lack of interest by the modern society and the way elders transfer their knowledge, there were many misconceptions on the efficacy of medicinal plants (Wilson and Woldo, 1979).

The fidelity level (FL) calculated for each medicinal plant agrees with F_{ic} value. Obviously, the remedies for frequently reported ailments have the highest FL value

Table 4. Parts of medicinal plants used to treat human ailments in the Izmir province, Turkey.

Plant parts used	Number of species	Percentage (%)
Root	12	8.82
Aerial Parts (Stem, leaves, flowers)	17	12.5
Leaf	49	36.02
Fruit	17	12.5
Seed	17	12.5
Flower	10	7.35
Bark	3	2.20
Gum	2	1.47
Bud	3	2.20
Tuber	2	1.47
Others	4	2.94

Table 5. Districts and villages of Izmir.

Number	Districts	Villages
1	Balçova	Central District
2	Bornova	Central District
3	Buca	Central District
4	Çiğli	Central District
5	Gaziemir	Central District
6	Güzelbahçe	Central District
7	Karşıyaka	Central District
8	Konak	Central District
9	Menderes	Central District
10	Narlidere	Central District
11	Aliağa	Aşağışakran, Bahçedere, Bozköy, Çıtak, Çoraklar, Güzelhisar, Hacıömerli, Horozgediği, Kalabak, Karaköy, Samurlu, Uzunhasanlar, Yüksekköy
12	Bayındır	Alankıy, Alanköy, Buruncuk, Çamlıbel, Çiftçigediği, Çınardibi, Dereköy, Elifli, Fırınlı, Gaziler, Hasköy, Karahalılı, Kızılağaç, Sarıyurt, Turan, Yakacık, Yakapınar, Yusufu
13	Bergama	Alacalar, Balaban, Cevaplı, Çamköy, Dağıstan, Eğrigöl, Gaylan, Karaveliler, Kurfalı, Küçükkaya, Narlıca, Ovacık, Pireveliler, Rahmanlar, Saridere, Tepeköy, Tırmanlar
14	Beydağ	Alakeçili, Bakırköy, Çamlık, Çiftlikköy, Çomaklar, Eğridere, Erikli, Halıköy, Karaoba, Kurudere, Mutaflar, Palamutçuk, Sarıkaya, Tabaklar, Yukarıaktepe, Yukarıtosunlar
15	Çeşme	Germiyan, Ildırı, Karaköy, Ovacık
16	Dikili	Bademli, Bahçeli, Çağlan, Çukuralan, Deliktaş, Esentepe, Gökçeağıl, İslamlar, Kabakum, Kızılcukur, Kocaoba, Mazılı, Merdivenli, Nebiler, Salihler, Samanlıkköy, Uzunburun, Yahşibey, Yaylayurt
17	Foça	Ilıpınar, Kozbeyli, Yenibağarası, Yeniköy
18	Karaburun	Ambarseki, Bozköy, Eğinhoca, Hasseki, İneçik, Kösedere, Küçükbahçe, Parlak, Saip, Salman, Sarpıncık, Tepeboz, Yaylaköy
19	Kemalpaşa	Akalan, Ansızca, Aşağıkızılca, Bayramlı, Beşpınar, Cumalı, Çambel, Çınalıköy, Dereköy, Gökyaka, Halilbeyli, Kuyucak, Ovacık, Örnekköy, Sarıçalı, Sütçüler, Vişneli, Yenikurudere, Yeşilköy, Yeşilyurt, Yiğitler
20	Kınık	Çaltıdere, Taştepe, Arpaseki, Azizye, Taşmağar, Hamzahoca, Cumalı, Bağlan, Örtülü, Arpadere, Karadere, Elmadere, Kocaömer, Köşeler, Arpadere, Dermenceli
21	Kiraz	Ahmetler, Akpınar, Arkacılar, Başaran, Ceritler, Cevizli, Çanakçı, Çömlekçi, Doğançılar, Emenler, Gedik, Haliller, Hisarköy, İğdeli, Kaleköy, Kibar, Mavidere, Örencik, Saçlı, Sarıkaya, Suludere, Taşlıyatak, Uzunköy, Veliler, Yağlar
22	Menemen	Alanıçi, Ayvacık, Bağcılar, Belen, Buruncuk, Çaltı, Çavuşköy, Çukurköy, Doğa, Görece, Haykıran, İğnedere, Karaorman, Musabey, Süleymanlı, Süzbeyle, Telekler, Yahşelli, Yanıkköy

Table 5. Contd

23	Ödemiş	Alaşarlı, Artıcak, Bayırlı, Bıçakçı, Bozcakaya, Büyükkavulcuk, Çayırköy, Cevizalan, Derezunyer, Elmabağı, Gerçekli, Horzum, İlkurşun, Köşeler, Kurucaova, Mescitli, Mursallı, Ocaklı, Seki, Veliler, Yenice, Yeniköy, Yılanlı
24	Seferihisar	Beylerli, Çamtepe, Düzce, Gödençe, İhsaniye, Kavakdere, Orhanlı, Turgut, Ulaş
25	Selçuk	Acarlar, Barutçu, Çamlık, Gökçealan, Havutçulu, Sultaniye, Şirince, Zeytinköy
26	Tire	Akçaşehir, Alaylı, Başköy, Boynuyoğun, Çayırli, Dağdere, Derebaşı, Dereli, Doyranlı, Eskioba, Hasançavuşlar, Kaplan, Mehmetler, Musalar, Osmancık, Peşrefli, Saruhanlı, Somak, Yeğenli, Yenioba
27	Torbali	Ahmetli, Arslanlar, Bulbuldere, Çakırbeyli, Çamlıca, Çapak, Dağteke, Eyerçi, Göllüce, Helvacı, Karaot, Kırbaş, Kuşçuburnu, Özbey Pamukyazı, Sağlık, Saipler, Taşkesik, Tulum, Yeniköy, Yeşilköy, Yoğurtçular
28	Urla	Bademler, Balıklıova, Barbaros, Birgi, Demircili, Gölcük, Gülbahçe, Kadiovacık, Kuşçular, Nohutalan, Ovacık, Özbek, Uzunkuyu, Yağcılar, Zeytinler

and those with low number of reports have lowest FL values. The remedies such as *Nigella segetalis* (33%) have low FL value because the majority of the informants do not know the dosage and the methods of preparation of the remedies. The average F_{ic} value for all illness categories was 0.58, indicating a relatively high level of informant consensus compared with similar studies (Heinrich, 2000).

The fact that most of the medicinal plants (87%) are from the natural vegetation indicates that there is very little practice of keeping medicinal plants in cultivated areas or home gardens. This is in agreement with former studies by Wondimu et al. (2007) where 92% of the medicinal plants collected from their study area belong to the category of non-cultivated plants. Giday et al. (2003) also recorded only six medicinal plants species from the cultivation areas.

Finally, unfortunately, native people throughout the world are fast losing some of their most important traditions; and this includes the knowledge of how to recognize and use economically valuable wild plant species (Ozgen et al., 2004). This indicates that ethnobotanical studies constitute a valuable first step in the bioprospection process, which may lead to the development of new plant-based medicines. It is hoped that the present study conducted in Turkey would provide new treatment methods for future.

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