

## A Brief Review on Euphorbia Hirta

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### ABSTRACT

Euphorbia hirta, a traditional medicinal plant, has been extensively studied for its phytochemical and pharmacological properties. This review aims to summarize the current knowledge on the plant's chemical constituents, biological activities, and therapeutic applications. The plant's alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenoids, and phenolic acids have been identified as key bioactive compounds responsible for its antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and anticancer. Anti-dengue is also a pollution indicator. Euphorbia hirta  
**Keywords** :- anti-inflammatory, anti-dengue, antioxidant, anti-microbial, anti-cancer, pollution indicator.

### I. INTRODUCTION :-

It is also known as the Asthma plant (India, Southeast Asia), Tawa-Tawa (Philippines), Snake wood (Africa), a medicinal plant found in the surrounding environment in farms, gardens, and hills. The asthma weed is easily recognized. Traditionally, it is used for respiratory disorders, asthma, and fever. Leaves decoction or infusion to relieve symptoms. In fever condition, tea is made. This article provides an exploration of the plant's potential in treating specific diseases.[1]

#### I. Scientific classification [2,3,5]

1. Kingdom: Plantae
2. Division: Magnoliophyta
3. Class: Magnoliopsida
4. Subclass: Rosidae
5. Order: Malpighiales
6. Family: Euphorbiaceae
7. Subfamily: Euphorbioideae
8. Tribe: Euphorbieae
9. Genus: Euphorbia
10. Species: E. hirta

### II. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF EUPHORBIA

Leaves: The leaves are long, with the margins and purplish tints. It is 3 cm long. The hairs are present on the surface. Leaves are green but turn red in nutrient-poor soil.[6]



Fig no 1-euphorbia hirta leaves

Flowers: The flower is produced in leaf axils. It is tiny in shape, greenish to brownish in color.[7]



Fig no 2 – euphorbia hirta flower

ROOT :-



Fig no 3 euphorbia hirta root

1. Shape: Taproot, cylindrical or slightly tapering
2. Size: 5-15 cm long, 0.5-1.5 cm in diameter[8]

### III. PHARMACOLOGICAL USES :

Antibacterial

It to be effective against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria .it act against pseudomonas pseudoalcaligenes ,E-coli bacteria tannins, gallic acid shows antibacterial activity. [9]

Antioxidant:-

The chemical constituent present is favonoid and phenol responsible for the anti-oxidant properties. [9]

Anticancer

Inhibits cancer cell proliferation and induces apoptosis .The dichloromethane extract inhibit effect of cancer cell.[10][11]

Pollution Indicator :-This herb not grow in pollutant area.

### OTHER USES:

1. Skin infections
2. Respiratory issues
3. Fever
4. Pain relief
5. Cancer treatment
6. Diabetes management
7. Hypertension management
8. Wound care
9. Immune system support

1.5)Phytochemical Constituents: [6,7,8]

Alkaloids:-

1. Euphorbonine -Present in (Roots, Seeds)
2. Euphorbine - Present in (Roots, Seeds)
3. Euphorbinol -Present in (Roots)
4. N-Methyltyramine -Present in (Roots)
5. Tyramine - Present in (Roots)

Flavonoids

1. Quercetin - Present in (Leaves, Flowers, Stem)

2. Kaempferol -Present in (Leaves, Flowers, Stem)
3. Isorhapontigenin Present in (Leaves)
4. Rhamnetin Present in (Leaves)
5. Lute olin Present in (Leaves)

Terpenoids

1.  $\alpha$ -Pinene (Roots, Leaves)
2.  $\beta$ -Pinene (Roots, Leaves)

Chemical test,:

Alkaloids :

- 1 Mayer's test: white or yellow precipitate
- 2 Wagner's test : brown or precipitate
- 3 Dragendorff's Test :reddish orange precipitate
- 4 HCL : white or yellowish precipitate [9,10]

Flavonoids

- 1 Shinoda Test : yellow or orange red color
- 2 Ferric Chloride Test :green,blue, or purple color
- 3 Lead Aceated Test : yellow or orange precipitate
- 4 Alkaline Reagent Test : yellow,orange,red color [8]

Tannins:-

- 1 Ferric chloride test :- blue, green or purple color
- 2 Gelatin Test :- precipitate or gelation indicates the presence of tannin[11,12,13]

### IV. CONCLUSION :

Euphorbia hirta is a valuable medicinal plant and easily available with a rich phytochemical profile and diverse pharmacological activities. Further research is necessary to fully explore its therapeutic pote

Future Consideration :-

1. Cancer research: Investigate the anticancer properties of Euphorbia hirta's bioactive compounds.
2. Antimicrobial resistance: Study the plant's antimicrobial activity against antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
3. Wound healing: Explore the plant's potential in wound healing and tissue repair.
4. Neuroprotective effects: Investigate the plant's neuroprotective properties and potential in neurodegenerative diseases land ensure safe usage.

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