

EXTRACTION OF ESSENTIAL OIL FROM ROSA DAMASCENA

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Abstract

Rosa damascena, also referred to as the Damask rose, has captivated people's attention with its alluring scent for generations. Beyond its enticing perfume, the essential oil buried inside its exquisite petals has a plethora of bioactive chemicals with interesting therapeutic and commercial applications. This project dives into the complexities of extracting and analyzing this valuable essence, resulting in a thorough grasp of its unique composition and varied significance.

Keywords: *Rosa damascena*, rose oil, essential oil, pharmacological properties, antibacterial activity, antioxidant activity, neuroprotective activity, anti-diabetic effect, anti-inflammatory effect, anti-cancer effect, gastrointestinal effect, respiratory effect, anti-HIV activity, anti-depression, analgesic activity, anti-ageing effect, cosmetic properties, traditional medicine, Ayurveda, unani medicine.

I. INTRODUCTION:

Herbal medicine is one of the most commonly used ancient methods of treating diseases, and it has been studied scientifically. The rose (*Rosa damascena*) is more famous than any other flower in the world. It is part of the Rosaceae family. Its natural habitat is India, but due of its beauty and aroma, it is grown all over the world [1]. This shrub is known as the Damask rose since it originated in Damascus. It is a perennial shrub of one or two meters in height and is cultivated in Turkey, Bulgaria, Iran, India, Morocco, South France, China, South Italy, Libya, South Russia, and Ukraine.[2], [3].

Roses have been utilized for centuries in rituals, cosmetics, fragrances, medications, and aromatherapy [2, 3]. It has been used as an ethnomedicine in our culture from ancient times, in addition to being a symbol of love and beauty. It has been employed in the Ayurvedic and Unani systems of medicine since antiquity. *Rosa damascena* is becoming increasingly popular worldwide due to its therapeutic characteristics and health advantages [4]. Rose species have been used for a variety of important pharmacological properties, including astringency, mild laxativeness, antibacterial, antifungal, anti-HIV, antidiabetic, antidepressant, analgesics, hypnotics, anti-hepatitis, anticancer, anti-aging, antioxidant, antitussive, anti-inflammatory, neuroprotective, and respiratory effects [4], [5].

According to pharmacological and phytochemical research, the presence of polyphenolic chemicals, essential oils, flavonoids, glycosides, terpenes, and anthocyanins is primarily responsible for the Rose plant's numerous health advantages [6], [7].

II. BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION:

Rosa damascena is a shrubby perennial plant with uneven sharp prickles [10] that grows to a height of 1 to 2 meters and produces enormous, brilliant blooms. The leaves are imparipinnate with 5-7 leaflets [10], and the sepals are deflexed after flowering, revealing an open pulpy calyx and peduncle. Fruits are round and turn crimson when mature [11]. Stems have many thick and hooked prickles, which are sometimes combined with glandular bristles. Flowers are usually corymbose, double, red, pink, or white, and occasionally striped; pedicels and receptacles are glandular-hispid [11], [12].

III. GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION:

Rose petals have been utilized for flooring since ancient times, and they were also used to fill baths and scatter roses at feasts and under chariot wheels. *Rosa damascena*, the most significant species, is a hybrid of *Rosa gallica* and *Rosa phoenicia* [8]. This plant is grown all over the world, especially in India, Turkey, and Bulgaria. In Iran, Kashan, Fars, and Azerbaijan are the main *Rosa damascena* cultivation regions [9]. There is ample proof that Iran is one of the countries that first introduced rose culture to the world, with a lengthy history of cultivation. According to research, Iran was the primary producer of rose oil in the 16th century [9], [10].

IV. TRADITIONAL USES:

Rosa damascena was believed to have the greatest medicinal benefits in ancient medicine when it came to treating digestive issues, menstrual flow, chest and stomach pain, and reducing inflammation, particularly in the neck [12]. Rose oils aid in the treatment of tension, stress, and depression. It also aids in the healing of chronic coughs, women's specific concerns, wound healing, and skin health [12]. Certain headaches, migraines, and allergies can all be relieved with rose oil [12], [13].

Rosa damascena is an Indian herb widely used in Ayurvedic medicine as gulk and for treating blood abnormalities and stomach issues. It prevents depressive effects and uplifts mood.

It helps in digestion and increases bile production [13], [14]. Rose tea helps to prevent infection of the digestive system. It treats uncomfortable and irregular menstruation. It relieves pain and heavy bleeding caused by uterine congestion, *Rosa damascena* is also used in cosmetics, creams, hand lotions, and perfumes [14], [50]. Rose water was used to sanitize the lips and wash the eyes since it is an antiseptic agent. It was also used to treat pulmonary and chest area congestions because it has antispasmodic properties.

Rosa damascena flowers are the main element in many compound formulations used in Unani medicine;

Jawarish Tabasheer, Jawarish Tamer Hindi, Gulqand Gulab, Majun Dabeedulvard and Sherbat Vard Mukarrer, Anooshdaru Sada [15]. The Unani formulation is used to strengthen the liver (muqawwi-e- jigar), stomach, and intestines (ama), as well as to relieve palpitations (khafqan), syncope (ghashi), and cardiac debility (zof-e-qalb). Additionally, it is utilized as a general tonic (muqawi-e-badan) and a vital organ tonic (muqawi-e-aza-e-raeesa) [15].

V. PHYTOCHEMICAL COMPOSITION:

Citronellol, geraniol, and nerol are among the essential oils that are present in *Rosa damascena* Mill throughout the research articles [15], [16]. In addition, there are phenyl ethyl alcohol, linalool, geranyl acetate, eugenol, α -pinene, and β -pinene [15], [16]. Apart from these oxygenated terpenes, *Rosa damascena* also included hydrocarbons such Tricosane, Pentacosane, Heptacosane, Heneicosane, Eicosane, Heptadecane, and Nonadecane. Rose oil's waxy nature is caused by these hydrocarbons. Rose oil is thought to include three main ingredients: phenol-ethyl alcohol, citronellol, and geraniol [16].

Damascenone is a potently scented ketone found in trace amounts in rose oil. Methanol, ethanol, hexanol, heptanol, octanol, nonanol, linalool, Terpinen-4-ol, farnesol, acetaldehyde, cinnam Aldehyde, salicylaldehyde, hexylactate, linalyl Acetate, carvone, tran-damascenone, methylheptenone, eugenol, methyleugenol, alpha and Beta-pinene, camphene, myrcene, and propionic. Additionally, there are caproic, valeric, and butyric acids. Many components were extracted from *Rosa Damascena* flowers, petals, hips (seed pot), leaves, stalks, and roots [18].

Betadamascone, betadione, and beta-damascenone are flavoring chemicals found in *R. Damascena* essential oil. These molecules are often derived from the decomposition of carotenoid compounds. *R. Damascena* contains the following minerals: phosphorus, calcium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, iron, manganese, boron, and zinc. The majority of Rosaceae's therapeutic properties are attributed to phenolic chemicals, which are abundant in the family [18].

VI. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES:

- a) **Antimicrobial effects:** Wide-spectrum antibacterial activity of *Rosa damascena* has been demonstrated. Hydrosol, absolute, and essential oils are significant products that exhibited antibacterial action against strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*. The most susceptible bacteria to rose essential oils were *Escherichia coli* [19]. While rose hydrosol exhibited no antimicrobial action against any of the pathogens, rose absolute demonstrated antibacterial activity against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria as well. Fresh flowers and leftover/used flower extracts from *Rosa damascena* were found to have antibacterial activity against bacteria such as *B. cereus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Enterobacter aerogenes*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Mycobacterium smegmatis*, *Proteus vulgaris*, *Pseudo-Monas aeruginosa*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*. Fresh floral extracts outperformed wasted or dried flower extracts [20], [21].
- b) **Anti-oxidant activity:** *Rosa damascena* has antioxidant qualities, just as a lot of other fragrant and medicinal plants. Natural antioxidants can be obtained from phenolic compounds, which are present in all plant components, including fruits, vegetables, seeds, leaves, roots, and bark [22], [23]. Research has shown that *Rosa damascena* fresh flower extracts had a higher phenolic content and stronger antioxidant properties than spent or used flowers. The presence of flavonoid components and quercetin in the extract may be the cause of the impact [23], [24].
- c) **Neuroprotective effect:** To assess *Rosa damascena*'s effects on the central nervous system (CNS), pharmacological investigations have been conducted. *Rosa damascena* is said to have a wide range of effects on the central nervous system [25], [26]. It has been demonstrated that ethanol extracts of fresh flowers have strong depressive effects on mice [26]. Other effects shown by this plant include hypnotic, analgesic, anticonvulsant, and anti-anxiety properties [26].
- d) **Anti-diabetic effect:** Research has demonstrated the anti-diabetic properties of *Rosa damascena*. When normal and diabetic rats were given an oral dose of *Rosa damascena* methanolic extract, their blood glucose levels significantly decreased [26]. It is possible that the plant's antidiabetic properties stem from its inhibition of α -glucosidase, which inhibits the absorption of carbohydrates from the small intestine and lowers postprandial glucose levels [27].
- e) **Anti-inflammatory effect:** It has also been demonstrated that this herb contains anti-inflammatory properties [27]. Edema is significantly reduced when *Rosa damascena* hydroalcoholic extract is used. Essential oils did not exhibit any anti-inflammatory properties; nonetheless, flower extracts have the ability to decrease edema [28], [49].
- f) **Anti-cancer effect:** Rose oils and the methanolic extract of *R. damascena* have been shown in numerous studies to have significant anti-cancer properties. Oils and extracts both demonstrated anti-cancer cell line effects [28], [29]. Additionally, studies have shown that modest concentrations of oils and extracts have harmless effects on human lymphocyte cells and have effective anti-cancer action [28], [30], and [49].
- g) **Gastrointestinal effect:** It has been determined that *R. damascena* hydro-alcoholic extracts had effects on the gastrointestinal system. The contraction of the ileum's smooth muscle was stimulated by hydro-alcoholic extracts [31]. Furthermore, significant ileum relaxing activity was seen in the isolated geraniol and citronellol. Additionally, β -adrenergic and opioid receptors were stimulated for the inhibition of ileum contractions in guinea pigs and muscarinic receptors for the activation of ileum movements in rats by hydro-alcoholic extracts.

- h) **Effect on respiratory system:** The respiratory system is impacted by *Rosa damascena*. Citric acid-induced cough in guinea pigs is greatly reduced by ethanolic and aqueous extracts of *R. damascena*, according to research [31]. Another study examined the effects of essential oil and ethanolic extract on the tracheal smooth muscle of guinea pigs that were constricted with methacholine and KCl. The findings demonstrated that the extract and essential oil had a strong relaxing effect similar to that of theophylline. It is unknown what mechanism the relaxing activity is based on [32].
- i) **The laxative effect:** *Rosa damascena*'s boiling extract shown a strong laxative effect in the Ayurvedic medical system. Both the frequency of defecation and the water content of the feces are increased [32].
- j) **Anti-HIV activity:** Aqueous and methanolic extracts of *R. damascena* were shown to have anti-HIV properties by researchers. It was demonstrated that 2-phenylethanol-O-(6-O-galloyl)- β -Dglucopyranoside, a novel chemical found in *Rosa damascena*, is what gives it its anti-HIV properties. Kaempferol is very effective against HIV-infected C8166 cells. Viral protease is slowed down, which lessens the development of infectious offspring viruses. Kaempferol derivatives prevent gp120 from attaching to CD4 to prevent HIV infection [31], [32].
- k) **Anti-depression and sexual effect:** In one study, it was demonstrated that giving depressed men with sexual dysfunction 2 milliliters of rose oil orally every day for two months lowers their feelings of depression and dramatically improves their sexual function [31]. Rose oil has also been demonstrated to have a minimally positive impact on women's sexual function but no effect on depression [33], [34].
- l) **Analgesic activity:** Six investigations looked into *Rosa damascena* Mill.'s analgesic properties, and 50 patients with extensive burn wounds were treated with essential oil inhalation therapy. After 15 to 30 minutes of wound dressing, patients who received aromatherapy reported experiencing significant pain reduction [35].
- m) **Anti-hyperlipidemic effect:** 50 patients with severe burn wounds received essential oil inhalation therapy as part of six studies that examined *Rosa damascena* Mill.'s analgesic qualities. Patients who received aromatherapy reported much less discomfort after treating their wounds for 15 to 30 minutes [35].
- n) **Hypnotic effect:** In comparison to diazepam, *Rosa damascena*'s ethanolic and aqueous extracts lengthen sleep duration [37].
- o) **Anti-ageing effect:** The anti-aging properties of *Rosa damascena* rose flower extract were demonstrated in an experiment. The findings revealed a noteworthy decline in mortality [38].
- p) **Cosmetic properties:** UV light is effectively absorbed by *Rosa damascena* hydro-alcoholic and ethyl acetate extracts [38], [39]. There have been reports on the antibacterial properties of essential oils against *Propioni bacterium* acne and their antiacne impact [34], [35].
- q) **Culinary uses:** Rose petals from damask are used as a spice or seasoning in food. Middle Eastern recipes use powdered rose petals and rosewater. For the most part, rose powder is added to sauces, and rosewater is sprinkled over meat meals. The most common use is in the flavoring of delicacies such ice cream, jam, Turkish delights, rice pudding, and yogurt in other Middle Eastern nations. It was and is a flavor found in traditional desserts, where it was most frequently employed [39].

VII. CONCLUSION:

Rosa damascena is an important species in the Rosaceae family, known mostly for its fragrance characteristics. Rose blooms have been used for centuries to treat a variety of ailments. The entire review has been centered on understanding the significance of *Rosa damascena* as not only an ornamental plant or its beauty, but also for its therapeutic properties. Its main products are essential oils and rose water, which are utilized in cosmetics and pharmaceutical formulations on the market. Terpenes, glycosides, flavonoids, anthocyanins, polyphenols, tannins, and other chemicals are responsible for the plant's pharmacological properties.

According to the literature, this plant possesses antibacterial, antifungal, and antioxidant properties, as well as a high vitamin and mineral content. Other effects of this plant include respiratory and gastrointestinal tract infections, laxative, neuroprotective, antiinflammatory, hepatoprotective, and anti-diabetic properties. The majority of traditional medicine's claims have been supported by scientific studies. However, more extensive

clinical trials appear to be required to fully investigate the plant's therapeutic potential and establish it as a conventional medicine.

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