

Anti-Aging Potential of Catharanthus Roseus: Literature Review

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ABSTRACT

Catharanthus roseus, also known as Vinca rosea, is a member of the *Apocynaceae* family. *C. roseus* parts are used for a variety of medical purposes. Aging is a natural human “aging mosaic” that manifests and follows different trajectories in various organs, tissues, and cells over time. Previous study showed that *C. roseus* also has a high antioxidant capacity. Antioxidants are free radical scavengers that protect the human body from free radicals by suppressing oxidative chain reactions. Aging is a natural human “aging mosaic” that manifests and follows different trajectories in various organs, tissues, and cells over time. Thus, *C. roseus* could be used as anti-aging properties.

Introduction

Catharanthus roseus, also known as Vinca rosea, is a member of the *Apocynaceae* family (Genus catharanthus) [1]. Other common names include periwinkle, Madagascar periwinkle, and tapak dara in Indonesia. The plant is easy to grow and widely available in Indonesia [1]. It is a herbaceous plant or an evergreen subshrub that grows to a height of 32 in 80 cm [2]. It has glistening, dark green leaves and blooms all summer [2]. The flowers of the plant are naturally pale pink with a purple “eye” in the center [2]. To 1 m tall suffrutex with white latex. Stems are green and often tinged with purple or red [2]. Pink, purple, and white flowers are produced by these plants, which are planted for decorative purposes [2]. *C. roseus* parts are used for a variety of medical purposes [3]. The dried root, leaves, flowers, and stalks of the plant have all been used in regional herbal medicine [4]. *C. roseus* has traditionally been used to treat a variety of ailments including high blood pressure, infection, and diabetes mellitus [2]. *C. roseus* also has a high antioxidant capacity [3,5].

Anti-Aging

Aging is a natural human “aging mosaic” that manifests and follows different trajectories in various organs, tissues, and cells over time [6]. The ‘successful aging’ paradigm, which focuses on health and active participation in life, challenges traditional views of aging as a time of disease and is increasingly associated with minimizing age signs on the skin, face, and body [6]. Antioxidants, such as vitamins, polyphenols, and flavonoids, reduce collagen degradation and could be used as anti-aging properties [6]. Antioxidants are free radical scavengers that protect the human body from free radicals by suppressing oxidative chain reactions [1].

Catharanthus roseus contains a high concentration of volatile and phenolic compounds, such as caffeoylquinic acids and flavonol glycosides, which have antioxidant activity [7]. It is important in the body’s defense system because it acts as an antioxidant against reactive oxygen species (ROS) [7]. Alkaloids and phenolic compounds are the most important chemical compounds biosynthesized by *C.*

roseus, and the presence of several chemical groups such as polyphenols, alkaloids, steroids, flavonoid glycosides, anthocyanins, and iridoid glycosides is normally found in several plant structures [4,8]. The previous study also tested the antioxidant activity of *C. roseus* at various concentrations (200, 400, 600, 800, and 1000 g) [2]. *Catharanthus roseus* flower petals, seeds, and other parts have antioxidant properties [7]. As a result, phenolic compounds have redox properties that allow them to act as reducing agents, hydrogen donors, or singlet oxygen quenchers [7]. Thus, *Catharanthus roseus* could be used as anti-aging properties.

Conclusion

In this review, we highlight the amazing anti-oxidant properties of the plant *Catharanthus roseus*. Similarly, billions of medicinal anti-oxidant plants are waiting to be invaded and explored. With rapid advancements in treatment and extensive research into anti-aging, the anti-aging properties will become more prevalent.

Conflict of Interest Statement

We declare that we have no conflict of interest.

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