A NARRATIVE REVIEW OF APIACEAE FAMILY PLANTS IN USADA NETRA FOR EYE DISEASE TREATMENT

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ABSTRACT

Background: Eye health really needs to be maintained so as to avoid diseases such as red-eye (conjunctivitis) and stye (hordeolum). Conjunctivitis and hordeolum are caused by bacteria, and their treatment is generally using antibiotics. However, if antibiotics are used irrationally it can be dangerous to health, therefore at this time, people are more interested in traditional medicine. One of them is Balinese traditional medicine, Usada Netra. Usada Netra is a science that deals with the prevention, treatment and recovery of eye diseases. Objective: This review discusses conjunctivitis, hordeolum and its treatment, processing of herbs for eye diseases in Usada Netra, botanical aspects, phytochemical and pharmacological effects of three plant Apiaceae family based on the results of scientific research as well as the correlation with eye treatment in pharmaceutical sciences. Methods: Search data in this article review with the help of search engines namely Google Scholar, and online journal provider sites, including PubMed, Biomed, NCBI, and primary data obtained from international journals, national journals and usada Bali books that have been published. Result: Based on the pharmacological effects produced by the Apiaceae family plant can inhibit the growth of bacteria that cause conjunctivitis and hordeolum. Conclusion: The use of plant Apiaceae family can be recommended for treatment of the eye such as conjunctivitis and hordeolum, with due regard to the safety requirements for eye treatment preparations.

Keywords: Antibacterial, Apiaceae Family, Conjunctivitis, Hordeolum

INTRODUCTION

Eye health is very important to avoid disease. Eye disease is often the case that the red-eye (conjunctivitis) and stye (hordeolum). Conjunctivitis and hordeolum are caused by bacteria, so their treatment is generally using antibiotics[1,2]. However, the irrational handling use of an antibiotic can cause bacteria to become resistant, which can certainly be harmful to health. So that now the Indonesian people are increasingly heading towards the paradigm of back to nature by choosing to use natural ingredients to overcome health problems[3].

WHO (World Health Organization) also recommends the use of traditional medicines or herbal medicines in maintaining public health and for the prevention and treatment of diseases[3]. One of the traditional treatments found in Bali is Usada Bali. Usada Bali is a derivative of Ayurveda. Ayurveda is part of Upaveda, while Upaveda is part of Vedic Smerti coming to Bali in the tenth century in the era of King Udayana Government. The Usada Bali System is basically a Religious Magical Empiricist. The traditional treatment system by WHO is recognized as Traditional Medicine / Complementary and Alternative Medicine (TM / CAM)[4].
One part of Usada Bali is Usada Netra. Usada Netra discusses various diseases that can occur in humans and its treatment. Usada Netra's treatment is based on experience, word or revelation by utilizing plants, mantras and rajahan or paintings to treat various diseases. Usada Netra is a medical treatment for eye diseases[5]. Many plants contained in Usada Netra are useful in the treatment of eye diseases, one of which is from the Apiaceae family.

Apiaceae family is one of the plant families with the most types of plants found and used by the Balinese people. The Balinese use plants from the Apiaceae family such as Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare Mill.), Gotu Kola (Centella asiatica L.), and Coriander (Coriandrum sativum) as a treatment for eye diseases[6,5].

This review discusses of conjunctivitis, hordeolum and its treatment, processing of ingredients for eye diseases in Usada Netra, botanical aspects, phytochemicals and pharmacological effects of the Apiaceae plant based on the results of scientific research and correlations with eye treatment in pharmaceutical science. It is hoped that the review of this article can be scientific information about the plant of the Apiaceae family in Usada Netra, which has the potential as a standardized herbal medicine for eye diseases.

METHODS

The writing of this article review was preceded by searching plants for the treatment of eye diseases in the Usada Netra book, then using the help of search engines to search for plant species and families. Then all plants are grouped into the same family. Traced general review of plants from the source and the pharmacological effects of plants by searching using the help of search engines namely Google Scholar, and online journal provider sites, including PubMed, Biomed, NCBI, and so on. A literature search was carried out with the keywords "antibacterial activity", "antibacterial plant", and "herbal medicine". Primary data were obtained from international journals, national journals and usada Bali books that had been published. The selection of inclusion criteria for articles/journals except for the reference book of usada Bali is a research article published in the last ten years (2010-2020).

RESULTS

Review Of Eye Disease And Its Treatment

A. Conjunctivitis

Conjunctivitis is inflammation of conjunctival tissue that can be caused by an invasion of microorganisms, hypersensitivity reactions or degenerative changes in the conjunctiva. The symptoms are caused by vascular dilatation, cellular infiltration and exudation. Patients usually complain of red-eye, conjunctival oedema and excessive secretions[11].

Conjunctivitis can be grouped based on the time of occurrence, namely acute and chronic. Acute conditions that occurrence of symptoms up to four weeks, while the chronic conjunctivitis symptoms are more than four weeks. Conjunctivitis often occurs along or after respiratory infections, and generally, there is a history of contact with patients with viral conjunctivitis[1]. Acute infective conjunctivitis and viral conjunctivitis are more common in adults and men[7].

The pathophysiology that causes conjunctivitis is microorganisms (viruses, bacteria, fungi), allergens, irritants causing the eyelids to become infected so that the eyelids can not be close and open completely so that the eyes become dry and cause conjunctivitis. The most common bacterial causes of acute conjunctivitis are Staphylococcus aureus, Staphylococcus epidermidis, Haemophilus influenzae, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Streptococcus viridans, Moraxella catarrhalis and gram-negative bacteria[8,9].
Treatment for Conjunctivitis:

1. **Moxifloxacin**
   Antibiotics are commercially available for the treatment of bacterial conjunctivitis is moxifloxacin. The mechanism of action of Moxifloxacin is by inhibition of topoisomerase II (DNA gyrase) and topoisomerase IV that are needed for replication, bacterial transcription, repair, and bacterial recombination. Moxifloxacin has been shown to be active against most bacterial isolates, both gram-positive, gram-negative or anaerobic bacteria.

2. **Ciprofloxacin**
   Ciprofloxacin is a broad-spectrum antibiotic that is used for the treatment of various eye infections. The dose of the drug ciprofloxacin 3 mg / mL for bacterial conjunctivitis is 1-2 drops every 2 hours for two days, then 1-2 drops every 4 hours for the next five days.

3. **Chloramphenicol**
   Chloramphenicol 1% ointment applied 3-4 times daily. The mechanism of action as a broad-spectrum antibiotic and strongly inhibits protein synthesis.

4. **Gentamicin**
   Gentamicin is an antibiotic of the aminoglycoside group has a broad spectrum against gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. Dose Gentamicin eye drops 0.3%, 1-2 drops into the conjunctival sac every 4 hours.

5. **Sulfacetamide sodium**
   Sulfacetamide sodium works antagonist competitively against para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA) by disrupting bacterial DNA synthesis. A dose of sodium sulfacetamide 10%, which is 4 x 1-2 drops daily, is used at night. Sulfacetamide sodium belongs to the sulfonamide antibiotic class.

B. Hordeolum

   Hordeolum is an acute bacterial infection found on the eyelids. Symptoms of hordeolum are painful inflammation of the eyelids and erythematous. Infection in Hordeolum occurs due to thickening, drying, or stasis in Zeis, Moll, or in the Meibomian gland. The Zeis gland secretes sebum and has antiseptic properties that can prevent bacterial growth. The Moll gland produces immunoglobulin A, mucin, and lysosomes which are important in immune defence against bacteria in the eye.

   There are two types of hordeolum namely external Hordeolum (stye) that occurs due to infection of the superficial sebaceous glands (eyelash follicles) and internal Hordeolum that occurs due to infection of the meibomian gland (acute meibomianitis). External Hordeolum can last one to two weeks, can heal itself. There are reports that about 90% of hordeolum is caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* infection.

Treatment for Hordeolum:

1. **Warm compresses**
   External hordeolum can be treated with warm compresses and massage therapy. This warm compress is intended to soften the granulomatous tissue and facilitate drainage by removing eyelashes. Special attention is needed when compressing and massaging internal hordeolum, as this can cause irritation or deformation of the cornea.

2. **Antibiotics**
   Topical antibiotic use can also be indicated for the treatment of Hordeolum. Persistent or larger lesions may require antibiotic therapy. This treatment can help shorten the duration and severity. Macrolide antibiotic ointments such as erythromycin ophthalmic ointment can be used for 7-10 days.
3. Topical steroids

If the swelling enlarges and causes pressure on the cornea, it can be treated with topical steroids that are used for a short duration of 2-3 days. If the infection spreads and develops into a periorbital or orbital cellulitis, systemic antibiotics is required\(^2\),\(^2\).\(^7\)

Usada Netra

Usada Netra is a medical science for eye diseases. In usada Netra there are approximately 17 types of plants for the treatment of eye diseases, swollen eye disease, red eyes, itchy eyelids, eye discharge, and blurred eyes\(^5\). Many plant families are contained in Usada Netra such as Fabaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Rubiaceae, Amaryllidaceae, Acoraceae, Lamiaeae, Rutaceae, Acanthaceae, Anacardiace, Apocynaceae and also another family plant with the most plants in the Apiaceae family. The following table discusses the Apiaceae tribal plants for eye treatment in Usada Netra, which can be seen in Table 1.

**Plant Review**

1. **Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare)**

   a. **Botanical Aspects of Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare)**

   Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare) is an annual herbaceous plant originating from the Mediterranean and Southern Europe. Fennel grows wild on the coastlines of the Mediterranean, and Egypt. This plant is cultivated throughout the world. Fennel is divided into two subspecies, namely piperitum and capillaceum and includes three varieties, namely var. vulgare (Mill.), Thell., var. Dulce (Mill.) Thell, and var. Azoricum (Mill.) Thell\(^2\).\(^3\) Following is the taxonomy of Fenniculum vulgare which can be seen in Table 2\(^2\).\(^4\).

   The fennel plant is known by different names in each region as in India under the name Fennel, Canada: Doddasompu, China: Hui xiang, England: Bitter Fennel, Japan: Fenneru, Korea: Sohoehyang, and Indonesia: Adas\(^2\).\(^4\) Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare Mill) has small yellow flowers on stalks are small, thin green leaves downy can grow up to 40 cm and a width of about 0.5 mm, hollow stems, dried fruit with a length of 4-10 mm. Fennel can grow to a height of 2.5 m\(^2\).\(^5\)^{26}. Fennel plants are shown in Figure 1.

   Fennel has been widely used in traditional medicine for various diseases. Fennel is used in various traditional systems such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, in India, and Iran's traditional system as an alternative and complementary medicine\(^2\).\(^7\). Fennel plant in the area of Turkey and Pakistan used as a drug for myopic eyes and itching\(^2\).\(^8\)^{29}.

   b. **Chemical compound**

   Fennel contains saponins, flavonoids, cardiac glycosides, sterols, triterpenes, coumarin and essential oils. Fennel contains 42.3% carbohydrates, 18.5% fiber, 13.4% minerals, 10% fat, and 9.5% protein.

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| Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare) | Treatment of common eye pain (conjunctivitis) | As much as 3 seeds of Fennel are added with 3 pieces of apite wood leaves then crushed. How to use it smeared on the eyelid\(^6\).
| Gotu Kola (Centella asiatica L.) | Treatment of red eyes and swollen eyes (conjunctivitis) | paishah leaves (gotu kola) were crushed and dropped into the eyes 3-4 times a day\(^7\).
| Coriander (Coriandrum sativum L.) | Treatment of “ketumbuhan” (hordeolum) | Coriander, white kecammec, pulasari, sindrong wayah, miana cemeng, and palm sugar, are processed into loloh (to be drunk), then the pulp is used to boreh (smeared) on the skin of the diseased eyelid\(^8\). |

Table 1. Overview of Apiaceae for the Treatment of Eyes in the Usada Netra

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Table 2. Taxonomy Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare)

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The minerals and vitamins contained in Fennel are phosphorus, niacin, iron, potassium, calcium, sodium, thiamine, riboflavin, and vitamin C\[^{30,31}\].

Flavonoids are phenolic compounds that are strong antioxidants. The total phenolic content in the Fennel essential oil is 262.59 ± 15.5 mg. Fennel is also famous for its essential oil content. The main components of Fennel essential oils are trans-anethole, fenchone, estragole (methyl chavicol), and alpha-phellandrene\[^{32,33,25}\].

Following is the chemical structure of Fennel essential oils in Figure 2.

![Figure 2. Molecular structure of essential components of Fennel oil. (a) Trans-anethole, (b) Fenchone, (c) Estragol, (d) Para-anisaldehyde, (e) Alpha-phellandrene\[^{25}\]](image)

**c. Pharmacological Effects**

i. **Antimicrobial Effects**

The antibacterial effects of methanolic extracts of 23 fennel samples were evaluated against many bacterial isolates. The seed extracts of two samples showed moderate to good inhibitory activities (MIC: 62.5-125μg/ml) against three bacteria\[^{35}\]. The fennel seed extract was tested for antimicrobial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Micrococcus* spp and *Entecococcus* spp. The results showed that the ethanol extract of *Foeniculum vulgare* had greater activity against *Micrococcus* spp. (MIC = 250μg / ml)\[^{36}\].

Antimicrobial effects of methanol, ethanol, diethyl ether, and hexane extracts from *Foeniculum vulgare* seeds were also tested against *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus flavus*. Extracts with methanol solvents showed higher antimicrobial activity than other extracts. The results showed that *Bacillus cereus* and *Aspergillus flavus* were the most sensitive microorganisms, showing the largest inhibitory zone and the lowest MIC value. The least recorded antimicrobial activity against *Escherichia coli*\[^{33}\].

![Figure 1. Fennel plants (a) in native habitat. (b) Flowers, (c) Fruits, (d) Seeds\[^{24}\]](image)
The antibacterial activity of the essential oil of Fennel was tested against three Gram-positive bacteria namely *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, and *Staphylococcus aureus* and six Gram-negative bacteria namely *Morganella morganii*, *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *S.enteritidis* serovar Typhimurium, *Salmonella enteritidis*, and *Pseudomonas* infusion. The results showed the essential oil of Fennel proved effective against antibiotic-resistant strains, namely *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Escherichia coli*, *M. morganii*, *Salmonella enteriditis* and *S. centiritidis* serovar Typhimurium. Fennel essential oils also have antibacterial activity against *S.epidermidis*, *S. aureus*, although the level of inhibition is still low when compared with antibiotics ampicillin (10 μg), cephalothin (30 μg), and tetracycline (30 μg)[37].

Besides having been tested for Fennel's pharmacological activity as an antibacterial, Fennel also has anti-fungal activity. The in vitro antifungal activity of the essential oil *Foeniculum vulgare* was investigated for three strains of *Candida albicans* from different places using disks, the well diffusion method, microdilution, and compared with standard antimycotics drugs namely Nystatine and Fluconazole. The results showed that the essential oils studied showed antifungal activity against all *C. albicans* isolates (MIC value: 0.06 mg / ml - 0.23 mg / ml)[38].

**ii. Antioxidant Effects**

Antioxidant molecules capable of correcting the oxidative stress imbalance are becoming increasingly crucial to the prevention and treatment of various eye diseases. Eye drops made from *Foeniculum vulgare* seed water extract have a protective and therapeutic effect in rats induced by sodium selenite, which causes cataracts. This is seen in decreasing the lens's turbidity score and increasing scanning electron microscopy. The antioxidant effect of Foeniculum vulgare extract allows for therapeutic and protective effects on the eyes[39].

Fennel extract (70% ethanol) at doses of 100 and 200 mg/kg given for 5 days, intraperitoneally in female mice, the results showed that Fennel extract could reduce serum levels of oxidative factors in female rats. [40] The antioxidant activity of essential oils contained in Fennel is measured in terms of the ability to contribute to hydrogen or radical cleaning, using DPPH. Fennel essential oil showed radical cleansing ability at all concentrations tested. % Inhibition DPPH 11.24-21.88, IC50: 45.89g / l. Fennel ferric oil reduction capacity of 0.19-0.37 mmol / l Trolox[32].

**iii. Antiinflammatory and Analgesic Effects**

A methanol extract of *Foeniculum vulgare* showed the highest analgesic / antinociceptive activity at a dose level of 2000 mg/kg, whereas the activity indicated by ethyl acetate extract was (800 mg/kg). On the other hand, n-hexane extract (700 mg/kg) and methylene chloride extract (500 mg/kg) showed the same antinociceptive activity, when compared with acetylsalicylic acid (200 mg/kg) activity was lower. The results also revealed that the extract investigated showed significant anti-inflammatory activity. The methanol extract of *Foeniculum vulgare* has the highest activity, which significantly reduces the weight of oedema caused by carrageenan in rat feet at dose levels of 1500 and 2000 mg/kg, each having a protective effect of 28 and 47%, compared to the control value, while ibuprofen (35 mg/kg), used as a standard drug shows a protective effect of 52.23%. Anti-inflammatory effects of Fennel can restore the body's homeostasis so as to prevent and treat eye diseases[41].

2. Gotu Kola (*Centella asiatica* L.)

**a. Botanical Aspects of Gotu Kola (*Centella asiatica* L.)**
Centella asiatica is found throughout the tropics and sub-tropics of India. Centella asiatica can grow up to 600m tall. This plant originates from Southeast Asia, India and Sri Lanka, parts of China, Madagascar, South Africa, the Southeast United States, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, and Eastern South America. Centella asiatica L. is a medicinal plant that has long been used by the people of Java and Indonesia. Centella asiatica (L.) is known by various different names in each region such as Thankuni (Bengali), Mandukaparni (Hindi), Pegga (Malay), Gotu kola (Sinhala), Gedarai (Tamil), and Bekasianam (Telugu)\[42,43\]. The following is a taxonomy of Centella asiatica L. which can be seen in Table 3.

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*Centella asiatica* (L.) is a plant that grows vines, slightly scented, spreads, and can grow to heights of up to 15 cm (6 inches). *Centella asiatica* thrives in shady, swampy, damp and wet areas such as rice fields, and can also grow on sandy loam soils. Centella asiatica (L.) is found in fertile soils for regeneration. The trunk is bald, striated. The leaves, 1-3 from each stem knot, stem length 2-6 cm and width 1.5-5 cm, base of leaf sheath, hairy on both sides. The flowers are beautifully shaped umbles, each umbel consisting of 3-4 white to purple or pink flowers. *Centella asiatica* L. usually blooms in April-June. The fruit is about 2 inches long, oval, round and very thick pericarp\[42,44\]. The following is a Gotu kola plant shown shown in Figure 3.

![Gotu kola plants, (a) with flowers, (b) with roots][45]

b. Chemical compound

The main active compounds of *Centella asiatica* (L.) are pentacyclic triterpenes such as asiatic acid, madecassic acid, asiaticoside and madecassoside\[46,47\]. Quantification of *Centella asiatica* (L.) triterpenes has been successfully determined by some researchers using HPLC-UV. However, the triterpene component in *Centella asiatica* is known to vary depending on the conditions and location of its growth\[48\]. Following is the chemical structure of the triterpene content of *Centella asiatica* (L.) which can be seen in Figure 4.

Gotu kola plants consist of phenylpropanoids phenols such as rosmarinic acid, chlorogenic acid, 3,4-di-o-caffeoyl quinic acid, 1,5-di-o-caffeoyl quinic acid, 3,5-di-o-caffeoyl quinic acid, 4,5-di-o-caffeoyl quinic acid, isochlorogenic acid, tannin, and phylactic. In addition, *Centella asiatica* (L.) also contains flavonoids with high total phenolic content such as quercetin, kaempherol, catechin, rutin, apigenin and naringin and essential oils such as carophylene, farnesol and elements. P-cymene- (44%) and many other volatile compounds in *Centella asiatica* (L.) essential oils in analysis by GC-MS\[50\].

*Centella asiatica* (L.) is also rich in vitamin C, vitamin B1, vitamin B2, niacin, carotene and vitamin A. The total ash content of *Centella asiatica* (L.) contains chloride, sulfate, phosphate, iron, calcium, magnesium, sodium and potassium\[51\].
c. Pharmacological Effects

i. Antibacterial effect

Gotu kola plants were cultured on leaf explants with MS media and tested for their antibacterial activity against *B. cereus, E. coli, S. aureus*, and *P. aeruginosa*, which produced methanol extracts of leaves and callus which had maximum inhibitory effects on the organisms tested. Antibacterial activity tests can also be carried out with the method so that the largest diffusion well and disc plate inhibition zone (10.0 mm) is shown by *Centella asiatica* L. root ethanol extract against *S. aureus* while the values drop to 5.0 and 3.5 mm for extracts with chloroform solvents and water extracts when tested against *S. aureus*. The ethanol extract activity of 100% *Centella asiatica* L. shows a zone of inhibition of 15.4 mm against *A. niger*. The antifungal activity of *Centella asiatica* L. was also tested against *Candida albicans*, with an average inhibition zone yield of 5 mm, while the standard zone of miconazole nitrate inhibition showed 20 mm inhibition.

ii. Antifungal Effects

Eye disease can also be caused by invasion from fungi. Antifungal activity test *Centella asiatica* L. has been carried out on several types of fungi. The ethanol extract of *Centella asiatica* L. was tested for antifungal activity against *Aspergillus flavus, and Penicillium citrinum* showed the strongest antimold activity (percentage of mycelia inhibition = 26.3 mm). The ethanol extract activity of 100% *Centella asiatica* L. shows a zone of inhibition of 15.4 mm against *A. niger*. The antifungal activity of *Centella asiatica* L. was also tested against *Candida albicans*, with an average inhibition zone yield of 5 mm, while the standard zone of miconazole nitrate inhibition showed 20 mm inhibition.

iii. Anti-inflammatory effect

Anti-inflammatory effects can inhibit pathological conditions and restore the body's homeostasis so as to prevent and treat eye diseases. *Centella asiatica* L. can inhibit the damage to human red blood cell membranes. At different concentrations, membrane stabilization was observed for diclofenac sodium and methanol extracts, and at a dose of 2000 μg / ml, the maximum membrane stabilization of *Centella asiatica* L extract was recorded at 94.97%. The asiatic acid content of Gotu kola was tested at the 4th and 5th hours, after the addition of λ-carrageenan (Carr), it was found that the asiatic acid content could reduce foot edema in mice through increased regulation of catalase activity, superoxide dismutase (SOD), and glutathione (GPx) in liver tissue.

The asiaticoside content tested in lipopolysaccharide-induced mice obtained results in inhibition of the fever process and inflammatory response, including serum TNF-α and IL-6 production, liver myeloperoxidase (MPO) activity, COX-2 brain protein expression and prostaglandin production. The asiaticoside G content is also reported to have anti-inflammatory properties on RAW 264.7 cells stimulated by lipopolysaccharides (LPS).

iv. Antioxidant Effects

Gotu kola plant extracts obtained from Turkey and India compared to standard plant extracts obtained from China. Three extracts at concentrations of 250, 500, 1000,
and 2000 μg / mL showed radical scavenging activity for testing at 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhidrazil (DPPH).[61] Polyphenolic compounds, flavonoids, β-carotene, tannins, vitamin C, which are found in Centella asiatica L significantly have antioxidant activity. The antioxidant activity of gotu kola can also improve oxidative stress which is important for the prevention and treatment of eye diseases.[62]

3. Coriander (Coriandrum sativum L.)
   a. Botanical Aspects of Coriander

   Coriandrum sativum L. is a herbal plant that has nutritional value and is used as a spice that is useful as traditional medicine.[63,64] Coriandrum sativum L. is believed to have originated in the Mediterranean and is known by various names such as in Arabic: kuzbara, Chinese: yuan sui, hu sui, Dutch: Coriander, English: coriander, collender, Chinese: parsley, Indian: dhania, Japan: Koendoro and Malaysia: Coriander.[65] The following is the taxonomy of the Coriander (Coriandrum sativum L.) plant in Table 4.

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   Coriandrum sativum L. is an annual plant, has taproots, and slender branched stems can grow to 20-70 cm tall. There are two varieties of Coriandrum sativum L.: vulgare and microcarpum; Vulgare has larger fruit (3-5 mm diameter) by producing essential oil 0.1% -0.35% (v / w) while microcarpum has smaller fruit (1.5-3 mm diameter) by producing oil volatile 0.8% - 1.8% (v / w). The leaves are lanceolate, green or dark green, and have varying shapes and lobes. The flowers grow in small umbles, white or pink, asymmetric. Dried schizocarp coriander fruit is almost ovoid with two mericarps and has a sweet, slightly pungent taste.[66,67] The following is a picture of coriander plants that can be seen in Figure 5.

   ![Coriander plants](https://example.com/figure5)

   b. Chemical compound

   Coriandrum sativum L. contains bioactive components such as flavonoids (quercetin and isoquercetin, rutin), terpenes (linalool), terpenoids, polyphenols (ferrulic acid, gallic acid, rutin, caffic acid, anethole, borneol, carotenoids), fatty acids rich in petroselinic acid, coumarin and hydroxy-coumarin, tannins, vitamin C sterols and tocopherols.[63,69] Following is a table of the composition of the chemical compound of Coriandrum sativum L. essential oils seen in Table 5.

   Based on the table above it can be seen that the highest chemical content in the alcohol group is Linaloolm hydrocarbons, namely g-terpinene, ketones namely Camphor and Esters, namely Geranyl...
acetate. 90% of essential oils which were identified using GC-FID and GC-MS showed that Linalool was the most commonly found component at 69.60%.

Table 5. Chemical compound and composition of Coriandrum sativum L. essential oil

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<th>Chemical compound</th>
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<td>Alcohols</td>
<td>Linalool (60–80%), geraniol (1.2%–4.6%), terpinen-4-ol (3%), a-terpineol (0.5%)</td>
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<td>Hydrocarbons</td>
<td>g-terpinene (1–8%), r-cymene (3.5%), limonene (0.5%–4.0%), a-pinene (0.2%–8.5%), camphene (1.4%), myrcene (0.2%–2.0%)</td>
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<td>Ketones</td>
<td>Camphor (0.9%–4.9%)</td>
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<td>Ester</td>
<td>Geranyl acetate (0.1%–4.7%), linalyl acetate (0%–2.7%)</td>
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Other ingredients found were geranyl acetate (4.99%), ter-terpinene (4.17%), alpha-pinene (1.63%), anethol (1.15%) and p-cymene (1.12%) [70]. The following is the chemical structure of the compounds contained in Coriandrum sativum L. shown in Figure 6.

c. Pharmacological Effects  
i. Antibacterial effect  
The essential oil of C. sativum L. Effective antibacterial activity against Staphylococcus aureus and Gram-negative bacterial strains including E. coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Salmonella typhimurium, and P. aeruginosa as well as two Acinetobacter baumannii strains that are clinically resistant multi drug. The main mechanism of action of Coriander essential oil is to damage the cell membrane of bacteria, causing cell death [72]. Test antibacterial activity with different extraction solvents showed that only aqueous extract of C. sativum L has stable antibacterial activity under heating and has the best antibacterial effect at pH 6 with a concentration of NaCl 2.0% [73].

Test the activity of C. sativum L. essential oils in different bacterial isolates using the microdilution method. Essential oils of Coriandrum sativum L. showed good antibacterial activity against most strains of bacteria tested, including Streptococcus pyogenes (Lancefield group A) and methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), with a minimum average inhibitory concentration of 0.04 respectively % v / v and 0.25% v / v [74]. Coriandrum sativum L. essential oil activity was tested using a different method, namely the Kirby-Bauer disk diffusion method. Coriandrum sativum L. had a lower antibacterial activity for gram-positive bacteria than gram-negative bacteria [75].

Antibacterial activity against gram-positive namely Staphylococcus aureus obtained inhibition zone diameter of (8.67 ± 0.32) mm when compared with Ampicillin (10.37 ± 0.30) mm and Gentamicin (10.37 ± 0.25), while the highest activity against E. coli (10.73 ± 0.21) mm compared with the Gentamicin antibiotic (9.47 ± 0.45) mm. Coriander also inhibits the growth of Salmonella typhii (9.53 ± 0.40) mm which is slightly lower than Ampicillin (10.57 ± 0.21) mm and has little antibacterial activity against Klebsiella (7.20 ± 0.17) mm but
close to the antibacterial activity of ampicillin antibiotics (8.43 ± 0.25) mm[75]. The following table compares the antibacterial activity test of Coriandrum sativum L. essential oils which can be seen in Table 6.

Based on the pharmacological effects of the Apiaceae plants produced, namely Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare Mill.), Gotu kola (Centella asiatica L.) and Coriander (Coriandrum sativum) all plants have antibacterial activity, which bacteria are a common cause of conjunctivitis and hordeolum eye disease.

**Table 6. Comparison of inhibition zones Coriander, ampicillin, and gentamicin essential oils in different microorganisms**[75]

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<td>S. aureus</td>
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<td>E. Coli</td>
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<td>K. pneumoniae</td>
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<td>Pseudomonas</td>
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<td>S. typhi</td>
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**DISCUSSION**

The eye is an organ that is vital for life. Eye health is very important to avoid disease. An eye disease that often occurs is red-eye (conjunctivitis) and stye (Hordeolum). Conjunctivitis is an inflammation of conjunctival tissue that can be caused by the invasion of microorganisms. The most common bacteria that cause acute conjunctivitis are S. aureus, Staphylococcus epidermidis, H. influenzae, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Streptococcus viridans, Moraxella catarrhalis and gram-negative bacteria. Hordeolum is an acute bacterial infection found in the eyelid. The bacterium that causes hordeolum is Staphylococcus aureus[9,2,19].

The use of synthetic drugs, such as antibiotics can reduce the effects caused by conjunctivitis or hordeolum. Antibiotics that can be used for the treatment of conjunctivitis are Ciprofloxacin, and for the treatment of Hordeolum, one of them can use erythromycin. But the use of antibiotics that are irrational/improper can cause bacteria to become resistant, which can certainly be harmful to health. So many people have switched to using plants as herbal medicines. Herbal medicine is used for treatment throughout the world because it has been tested to have activity as an antimicrobial, immunomodulatory, which can prevent or treat diseases, both animal or human[76].

One of the rich culture of the community regarding traditional medicine using herbs is found in Usada Netra. Usada Netra is derived from the word "usada" meaning healing and "netra" means eyes or vision, Usada Netra is a medical treatment for eye diseases[6].

Many plants contained in Usada Netra play a role in the treatment of eye diseases; one of them is the Apiaceae plant. The Apiaceae is the most family species found and used by the Balinese people. Balinese people make use of the plants of the Apiaceae family such as Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare Mill.), Gotu kola (Centella asiatica L.) and Coriander (Coriandrum sativum) for treatment of eye diseases such as red eyes and hordeolum[6,5].

Normal eye disease, red eye or swelling in pharmaceutical terms can be associated with conjunctivitis, which can be caused by an invasion of microorganisms such as viruses, bacteria, or fungi. The bacteria that most commonly cause acute conjunctivitis are S. aureus, Staphylococcus epidermidis, H. influenzae, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Streptococcus viridans, Moraxella catarrhalis and gram-negative bacteria[9].

Fennel plants in Usada Netra are used for the treatment of ordinary eyes. Fennel is used to treating many bacterial, fungal,
viral, and mycobacterial infections. The content of essential oil of Fennel has antibacterial activity against *S.epidermidis*, *S. aureus*, although the level of inhibition is still low when compared with antibiotics ampicillin, cephalothin, tetracycline. Fennel also has anti-fungal activity. Fennel essential oil also has antifungal activity against all *C. albicans* isolates (MIC value: 0.06 mg / ml - 0.23 mg / ml). The antioxidant activity test of *Foeniculum vulgare* extract with Fennel extract has therapeutic and protective effects on the eyes. This is seen in the decrease in lens turbidity score and increase scanning electron microscopy. In addition, Fennel also has anti-inflammatory and analgesic activity. The fennel antioxidant activity can reduce the destructive cellular consequences of oxidative stress that are important for the prevention and treatment of eye diseases. So it can be concluded that the Fennel plant can be utilized for the treatment of eye diseases, namely Conjunctivitis (common eye disease) as stated on Usada Netra.

Gotu Kola (*Centella asiatica* L.) in Usada Netra is used for the treatment of red and swollen eyes. The ethanol extract of *Centella asiatica* L. root has antibacterial activity with the biggest inhibition zone yield (10.0 mm) against *S. aureus* bacteria. In addition, *Centella asiatica* L. ethanol extract was tested for antifungal activity against *Aspergillus flavus*, and *Penicillium citrinum* showed the strongest antifungal / antimold activity (percentage of mycelia inhibition = 26.3 mm). Gotu kola (*Centella asiatica* L.) also has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant activity. The antioxidant activity of gotu kola can also improve oxidative stress which is important for the prevention and treatment of eye diseases. So based on the pharmacological effects produced above it can be concluded that *Centella asiatica* (L.) can be used for the treatment of eye diseases namely conjunctivitis (red and swollen eyes) according to those listed on Usada Netra.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the review above it can be concluded that the plants of the Apiaceae family namely Fennel, Gotu Kola and Coriander which are listed in Usada Netra have pharmacological activities that have been tested as antibacterial, antioxidant, analgesic antifungal and anti-inflammation. So the use of plant Apiaceae family can be recommended for treatment of the eye such as conjunctivitis and Hordeolum, but with due regard to the safety requirements for making sterile preparations for the eyes. Making sterile preparations for the eyes must be done aseptically. The aseptic method is a working technique that attempts to prevent and avoid contamination from microorganisms and reduce the risk of exposure from dosage makers. Sterile preparations for eyes have the requirements to be sterile, free from microbial contaminants or foreign matter, and must be free of particles that can irritate the eye.

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eye treatment preparations. And it is hoped that the potential of the Apiaceae family plant contained in Usada Netra can be used as a standardized herbal medicine for eye diseases.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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