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A Review Literature on Ginger

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Abstract

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Key Words

Zingiber officinale, Rhizome, Ginger, Anti- inflammatory,

Introduction

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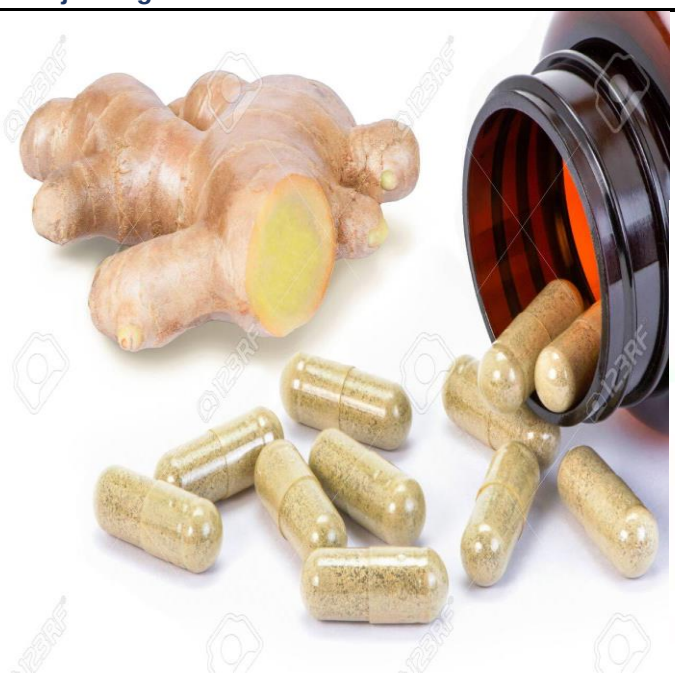


Synonyms

Ginger root, Black Ginger, Zingiberic rhizome, Zingiber, Zingiberis

Biological source

The dried rhizomes of Zingiber officinale Roscoe are used as a biological source for ginger.

Botanical Classification

- Kingdom: Plantae
- Subkingdom: Tracheobionta
- Superdivision: Spermatophyta
- Division: Magnoliophyta
- Class: Liliopsida-Monocotyledons
- Subclass: Zingiberidae
- Order: Zingiberales
- Family: Zingiberaceae
- Genus: Zingiber P. Mill
- Species: Zingiberofficinale Roscoe.

History & Origin

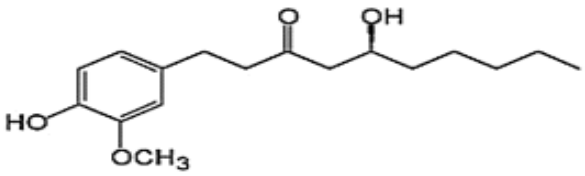
Chinese southern provinces are where ginger initially became popular. From there, it migrated to West Africa, India, and the Maluku Islands, also known as the Spice Islands. In the first century, when the Romans were trading with India, ginger was first seen in Europe. Its aromatic, pungent rhizome (underground stem), which is used as a spice, flavouring, food, and medicine, is ginger (Zingiber officinale) A herbaceous perennial plant of the family Zingiberaceae that is likely native to southeastern Asia. Ancient Greeks and Egyptians who employed it for ceremonial purposes are the first known users of a sort of gingerbread. As a result of the Crusaders' return from the Middle East with ginger in the 11th century, the chefs of the aristocracy were able to experiment and create gingerbread. In the Analects of Confucius, which were composed in China during the Warring States era (475-221 BC), ginger is mentioned for the first time in writing. Confucius is credited for eating ginger with each meal in it. Ginger was cultivated in pots and transported aboard Chinese ships, according to the writings of the monk Faxian in 406 AD, to ward against scurvy. In China, ginger was being brought in from southern nations throughout the Song Dynasty (960–1279). Chinese southern provinces are where ginger initially became popular. It then spread to West Africa, the remainder of Asia, and the Maluku Islands, also known as the "Spice Islands." In the first century, when the Romans were trading with India, ginger was first seen in Europe. In Maritime Southeast Asia, ginger first appeared. It is an authentic cultigen and does not exist in the wild. The Austronesian peoples have the earliest evidence of its domestication, where it was one among several kinds of ginger that were long ago

farmed and used for many purposes. The ginger plant itself is a perennial and can reach heights of one to three feet. Its luxuriant green spears emerge from substantial subterranean rhizomes.

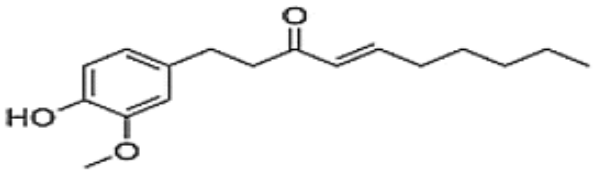
Chemical Composition

According to a chemical studies, ginger includes more than 400 distinct components. The three main active ingredients of ginger are 6-gingerol, 6-shogaol, and 6-paradol. Zingiberene and bisabolene are among the aromatic compounds, whereas gingerols and shogaols are among the pungent ones. For a variety of bacteria, including those Gram-positive (such as Staphylococcus aureus and Bacillus megaterium) and Gram-negative (such as Escherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa), ginger extract decreases the formation of biofilm. For a variety of bacteria, including those Gram-positive (such as Staphylococcus aureus and Bacillus megaterium) and Gram-negative (such as Escherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa), ginger extract decreases the formation of biofilm. Carbohydrates (50–70%), lipids (3–8%), terpenes, and phenolic chemicals are the main components of ginger rhizomes.

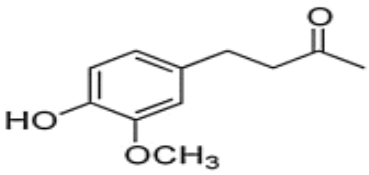
Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) rhizome



6-Gingerol (Pungent compound in fresh ginger)



Shogaol (Pungent constituent of ginger produced on drying or cooking)



Zingerone (Pungent constituent of ginger produced on drying or cooking)

Zingiberene, bisabolene, farnesene, sesquiphellandrene, and curcumene are among the ginger's terpene constituents. Gingerol, paradols, and shogaol are among its phenolic constituents.Monoterpenes, including phellandrene, camphene, cineole, linalool, limonene, citral, geraniol, citronellol, and borneol, as well as sesquiterpenes, including zingiberene, arcurcumene, bisabolene, zingiberol, and zingiberenol, are among the constituents of ginger oil (12).One to three percent of the weight of fresh ginger is made up of volatile oils, which are predominantly composed of zingerone, shogaols, and gingerols with [6]-gingerol (1-[4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxyphenyl]-5-hydroxy-3-decanone]) being the main pungent ingredient. The enzyme zingibain, a cysteine protease with characteristics resembling those of rennet, is also found in fresh ginger.

Pharmacological Activities of Ginger

The primary pharmacological effects of ginger and the chemicals derived from it include immuno-modulatory, anti-tumorigenic, anti-inflammatory, anti-apoptotic, anti-hyperglycemic, anti-lipidemic, and anti-emetic activities.

Lowering cancer risk

Ginger is an excellent source of antioxidants but does not include protein or other essential elements. For this reason, ginger has been demonstrated in studies to be able to lessen different forms of oxidative stress. Too many free radicals accumulate in the body, which causes oxidative stress. Free radicals are harmful compounds that are created by various processes, including metabolism. Inhibiting the spread of prostate cancer cells, researchers discovered that ginger was particularly efficient. But it can lower your chances of getting cancer because of its anti-inflammatory properties.

Reduces Cold and Flu

The best period of year to have a hot cup of ginger tea is during the winter, when it will naturally improve your physical condition and keep you warm. After consuming it, it causes you to sweat, which is supposedly healthy for your body. So, if you have a severe cold or the flu, all you need to do is make some ginger tea, and you will feel better in no time.

Good for Heart

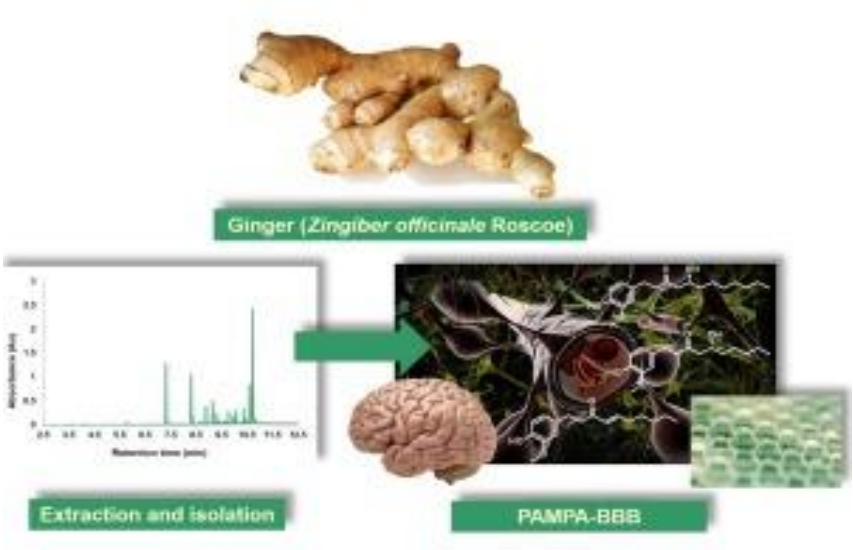
Ginger is healthy for your heart as it decreases cholesterol and lowers your risk of developing any kind of blood clots. Most notably, it controls blood sugar levels. In the future, ginger may play a significant role in the treatment of diabetes and heart disease. Therefore, including a small amount of ginger in your diet each day can help to maintain the health of your heart.

Treats Inflammation

It is believed that inflammation is the mechanism by which white blood cells defend ourselves against viruses and infections. But occasionally, things can go wrong and lead to things like severe joint pain. In the course of this process, your body's immune system starts to harm its own tissues, which leads to inflammation. Anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant properties of ginger can treat inflammation.

Ginger Improves Brain Functionality

Ginger's anti-inflammatory qualities may also help you stay awake and promote healthy brain function. In essence, it improves your mental clarity. According to a study by the Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine, ginger root can enhance cognitive performance



Treats Muscle Pain

Ginger is widely known to relieve muscle discomfort, and all you need to do is ingest 2 grammes of it, whether it be in the form of paste or powder. Within 11 days, you will notice a difference. You should also perform some easy elbow exercises to get quick relief. It might not have a quicker result, but it is a far safer alternative to avoid the negative effects that western drugs give.

Prevents Nausea

Ginger is a natural home cure you ought to consider if you feel like you might vomit. It only takes a few minutes to relieve nausea and lower your risk of developing cancer by chewing some raw ginger or simply drinking a hot cup of ginger tea. Ginger is effective once more if you are experiencing motion sickness-related nausea. The nice thing about ginger is that it works well to combat nausea and is safe to use even when pregnant.

Side Effects & Risk

Gas

Heartburn

Upset stomach

Mouth irritation

Diarrhea

Burping

Nausea

Unsafe During Pregnancy

Causes bleeding

Affects heart

Conclusion

Due to its numerous natural medical benefits, particularly as an antiemetic, ginger has been utilized extensively throughout history. According to the best available research, ginger is a safe, affordable, and efficient medication for nausea and vomiting. The breeder is only left with the options of clonal selection or induced mutations, each of which has its own risks and restrictions, when it comes to this amazing spice and medicinal plant, ginger, which is severely hampered by the lack of seed set.

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