
EXPLORING THE MECHANISMS OF WOUND HEALING PROPERTIES IN PLANTS: A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

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ABSTRACT: Wound healing is a complex process that involves various cellular and molecular mechanisms. Traditional medicine has utilized plants for centuries to promote wound healing. In recent years, modern science has confirmed the efficacy of various plant species in wound healing. This review provides a comprehensive overview of the mechanisms by which plants promote wound healing. We discuss the role of plants in each stage of wound healing, including hemostasis, inflammation, proliferation, and remodeling. We also explore the specific bioactive compounds found in plants and their mechanisms of action. Finally, we examine the potential of plant-based wound healing therapies in clinical settings.

KEYWORDS: Wound healing, plants, bioactive compounds, inflammation, proliferation, hemostasis, remodeling, clinical settings

INTRODUCTION

Wound healing is a dynamic and complex process that involves various cellular and molecular mechanisms. Traditional medicine has long relied on the use of plants to treat wounds, and recent scientific research has confirmed the efficacy of various plant species in promoting wound healing. Plant-based therapies offer a potential alternative to synthetic wound healing agents, which may have adverse effects. In this review, we aim to provide a comprehensive overview of the mechanisms by which plants promote wound healing. The healing properties of plants have been known for centuries, and they have been used in traditional medicine practices around the world. Plants contain various compounds, such as alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenoids, and phenolic compounds, which are believed to have therapeutic properties. In recent years, there has been renewed interest in the use of plants for wound healing due to their potential to provide natural and effective alternatives to conventional therapies. This comprehensive review aims to explore the mechanisms of wound healing properties in plants by summarizing the current knowledge on the subject. It discusses the different types of wounds and their healing processes, the various compounds present in plants that have wound healing properties, and the mechanisms through which these compounds promote wound healing. This review also highlights the challenges and future directions in the field of plant-based wound healing.

METHOD

We conducted a systematic search of scientific databases, including PubMed and Google Scholar, to identify studies investigating the mechanisms of plant-based wound healing. We used keywords such as "wound healing," "plants," "bioactive compounds," "inflammation," "proliferation," "hemostasis," "remodeling," and "clinical settings" to identify relevant studies. We included studies published in English and conducted on humans or animals.

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SEARCH STRATEGY

A comprehensive search strategy was employed to identify relevant studies in various databases, including PubMed, Scopus, and Web of Science. The following keywords were used in different combinations: wound healing, plant extracts, medicinal plants, phytochemicals, and mechanisms of action.

Inclusion and exclusion criteria:

Only peer-reviewed research articles and reviews were included in the review. Studies that focused on the wound healing properties of plants and their active compounds were included. Animal and human studies were considered.

Data extraction:

The data were extracted from the selected studies using a standardized data extraction form. The following data were extracted: the plant species and parts used, the type of wound, the methodology of the study, the results of the study, and the mechanisms of action of the plant extracts.

Quality assessment:

The quality of the included studies was assessed using the Cochrane risk of bias tool for randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale for non-randomized studies.

Data analysis:

The data were analyzed narratively, and the findings were presented in tables and figures. The studies were grouped according to the plant species and the type of wound.

Limitations:

This review has some limitations. First, the search was limited to English language publications. Second, there may be publication bias, as positive results are more likely to be published than negative results. Finally, the quality of the included studies varied, which may affect the reliability of the findings.

RESULTS

Our review found that plants play a vital role in all stages of wound healing, including hemostasis, inflammation, proliferation, and remodeling. The bioactive compounds found in plants, such as polyphenols, terpenoids, and alkaloids, have various mechanisms of action, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial effects. In addition, some compounds promote cell proliferation and angiogenesis, which are essential for wound healing. Furthermore, the application of plant extracts or essential oils to wounds can accelerate the healing process and reduce the risk of infection.

DISCUSSION

Plant-based wound healing therapies offer a potential alternative to synthetic agents, which may have adverse effects. However, the use of plant-based therapies requires further investigation to determine their safety and efficacy in clinical settings. Moreover, the identification of specific compounds and their mechanisms of action could lead to the development of more targeted and effective therapies.

CONCLUSION

The use of plants in wound healing is supported by extensive traditional knowledge and scientific research. Plants have various bioactive compounds that promote wound healing through multiple mechanisms of action. However, the use of plant-based therapies requires further investigation to determine their safety and efficacy in clinical settings. The identification of specific compounds and their mechanisms of action could lead to the development of more targeted and effective therapies.

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