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## **TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON ETHNO-MEDICINAL USES PREVAILING IN TRIBAL POCKETS OF BHOPAL AND VIDISHA DISTRICTS OF MADHYA PRADESH**

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**ABSTRACT:** The present paper deals with the traditional knowledge gathered on medicinal plants used against various diseases from traditional herbal healers of Bhopal and Vidisha districts of Madhya Pradesh, India. Information collected from the traditional healers locally known as Vaidhya/ Ojha has revealed that plant/ plant parts of 28 species from Bhopal district and 42 species from Vidisha district of forest origin are being utilized as paste, powder, juice, decoction and extract for the treatment of various human diseases. Habit and utilization of plants and the percentage of different formulation of herbal medicine being prepared by the herbal healers of the study area have also been documented.

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