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INFLUENCE OF PLANT EXTRACTS ON THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

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The lysis of rabbit erythrocytes by human serum utilising the alternative pathway of complement activity was used as a model system, to screen plants used in the ayurvedic medical system, for their influence on the immune system. The results were compared with that obtained for heparin, a known inhibitor of activity in the model system. A wide range of response was obtained from the 20 plant samples screened.

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