

Medicinal plants used among pregnant women in a tertiary teaching hospital in Jimma, Ethiopia: a cross-sectional study

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ABSTRACT: Background: Although around 80% of Ethiopians frequently use traditional medicine of which over 95% are of plant origin, little is known about the extent and types of medicinal plants used during pregnancy. The aim of this study was therefore to investigate and describe the use of medicinal plants during pregnancy among women admitted at the Jimma University Medical Center (JUMC) maternity and gynaecology

wards in Jimma city in the southwest Ethiopia. Methods: Data were collected through structured face-to-face interviews of pregnant women or postpartum women at the maternity and gynaecology wards at JUMC between February and June 2017. Twenty-five medicinal plants commonly used in Ethiopia and 24 conditions were specifically asked about. Furthermore, women were encouraged to list any other medicinal plant they used and the reasons for use. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics and logistic regression.

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