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## REVIEW OF CURRENT DATA ON GOLDEN HARE'S EAR (BUPLEURUM AUREI FISCH.) AND PROSPECTS FOR ITS USE IN PHARMACEUTICAL PRACTICE

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**Relevance.** Medicinal plants are a valuable source of biologically active substances (BAS). Among them, a promising object is golden hare's ear (*Bupleurum aurei* Fisch.), traditionally used in the treatment of liver and gastrointestinal diseases. Modern studies confirm its rich chemical composition and pharmacological potential.

**Purpose of the study.** To summarize data on the phytochemistry and pharmacological properties of *Bupleurum aurei*, as well as to assess the prospects for its use in pharmacy.

**Materials and methods.** An analysis of dissertations, patents, and articles from PubMed, Scopus, and RSCI databases was carried out, with evaluation of the chemical composition and pharmacological activity of the plant.

**Results.** In the herb of *B. aurei* flavonoids (2.1-2.8 %), saponins (up to 4.5 %), and phenolic compounds ( $8.0 \pm 0.5$  % in dry extract) were identified. Plant extracts showed hepatoprotective, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant effects. At a dose of 100 mg/kg, the ethanol extract reduced ALT and AST activity in animals by 30-35 %; the flavonoid fraction reduced inflammation by 28 %; and antioxidant activity reached 70-75. Polysaccharide complexes stimulated the immune response [9]. At the same time, potential toxicity risks of certain saikosaponins are noted.

**Conclusions.** *Bupleurum aurei* Fisch. is a promising source of BAS. Its further study, standardization, and development of extracts may contribute to the creation of domestic herbal medicines, especially with hepatoprotective and immunomodulatory activity.