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An overview of Mentha pulegium – A versatile Unani drug

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Email Id: <u>serviceheb@gmail.com</u> ABSTRACT:

*Menthapulegium*L.(*Mushktramashi*) are growing wild in Egyptian flora, they have many biological activities and commonly used as traditional herbal medicines. It is commonly known as (European) pennyroyal, or pennyrile, also called squaw mint, mosquito plant and pudding grass. Pennyroyal is a traditional culinary herb, folk remedy, and abortifacient. The essential oil of *M. pulegium*has been shown to have several biological properties such as cytotoxicon SK-OV-3, Hela and A549 cell lines, antimicrobial, antioxidant, insecticidal.*Menthapulegium* have a significant place in alternative medicine, has pharmacological effect. It is used to treat colds, sore throats, cough, bronchitis, lung infections and all kinds of cold. It is also an excellent digestive agent. In this review paper both modern and unani aspects of *menthapulegium*have been covered.

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