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Abstract: Oral candidiasis, caused by *Candida* spp., is a prevalent opportunistic infection of the oral cavity. Conventional antifungal therapies are associated with adverse effects and the development of drug resistance, necessitating alternative treatments. Medicinal plants have demonstrated antifungal effects against *Candida* spp., making them potential candidates for oral candidiasis therapies. This review aimed to explore the extent of the literature and summarize the evidence on the use of various plants for oral candidiasis therapy. Searches were conducted until 2023 in Scopus, PubMed, EBSCOHost, Google Scholar, and through citation searching. Inclusion criteria were clinical studies examining the effects of plant extract preparations as a treatment for oral candidiasis, published in the English language between 2012 – 2023, and available in full text accessible to the author. Twelve randomized controlled trials (RCTs) met the criteria, investigating the effects of *Camellia sinensis*, *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*, *Uncaria tomentosa*, *Ricinus communis*, *Satureja hortensis*, *Zataria multiflora*, *Punica granatum*, *Zingiber officinale*, *Allium sativum*, and *Curcuma longa*. The results revealed that these plant extracts significantly reduced the clinical symptoms and/or *Candida* colonies count in patients with oral candidiasis. However, due to some limitations, these findings are not enough to attest the efficacy of medicinal plants for oral candidiasis treatment. Further research, including well-designed clinical trials, is needed to confirm the effectiveness and safety of medicinal plants as a viable treatment option for oral candidiasis

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